

DOCTORS EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS - NUMBER, RATIO TO POPULATION AND
VACANCIES

1743. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many doctors are employed in Western Australia public hospitals?
- (2) What is the ratio of doctors to population in Western Australian public hospitals and how does this compare to other State and Territories?
- (3) How many medical staff (doctors and nurses) are working at each of Western Australia's public hospitals?
- (4) What is the current number of doctors' positions required but not filled for -
 - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
 - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
 - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
 - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) 2,517 FTE as at November 2006 (excludes dentists and agency staff).
- (2) The number of public hospital full time equivalent salaried medical officers per 100,000 population in Western Australia and in other States and Territories are as follows:

| State & Territory | Rate ¹ |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| NSW | 107 |
| Vic | 111 |
| Qld | 96 |
| SA | 110 |
| WA | 99 |
| Tas | 91 |
| NT | 130 |
| ACT | 115 |
| Australia | 105 |

¹ Per 100,000 population. Source data from Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Medical Labour Force 2004. AIHW cat. no. HWL 39. Canberra: AIHW National Health Labour Series no. 38, p20. Report released 20 December 2006.

- (3) See attached Table 1. [See paper 2302.]
- (4) Vacant positions as at 19 December 2006:

| Site | Vacant positions (FTE) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Royal Perth Hospital | 13.3 |
| (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital | 7.0 |
| (c) Fremantle Hospital | 17.0 |
| (d) Princess Margaret Hospital | 3.0 |