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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 17 October 2013

Hon Sue Ellery to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the 155 extra school nurses for WA schools announced during the election and I ask;


1. What is the timeline of the rollout of the additional 155 full-time equivalent school nurses in the next three years, and what schools will they go to?
2. To date, how many school nurses have been appointed since the election?

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

(1) The 2013/14 State Budget provided \$38 million dollars for 155 school health staff over 4 years.

In the metropolitan area in 2013/14 a total of 19.1 FTE school health nurses are to be appointed as well as 1FTE nurse manager.

Metropolitan area	Total school health nurse FTE Increase 2013/14
Canning	1.06
Central	1.06
Gosnells	1.45
Riverlands	1.39
Valley & Hills	1.54
Hepburn	1.18
Jackadder Lake	1.81
Neerabup	1.13
Reabold	1.38
Yellagonga	1.35
Fremantle/ Cockburn	1.17
Kwinana	0.35
Melville	0.81
Peel	0.86
Rockingham	1.63
Wungong	0.84
Total	19.01



Allocations in other years are not yet confirmed.

In the WA Country Health Service (WACHS), school health staff will be employed throughout the four year funding period. All country regions will benefit from increased FTE in school health over the 4 years. They will boost capacity in the existing school health workforce. In country WA, school health staff cover multiple schools within regional areas. The allocations of school health nurse FTE are presented in tabular form and I seek leave to have the table incorporated into Hansard.

WA Country Health Service region	Total school health nurse FTE Increase 2013/14
Kimberley	1.00
Pilbara	1.00
Midwest	1.00
Goldfields	1.00
Southwest	2.00
Great Southern	1.00
Total	7.00

(2) The 19.1FTE school health nurses and 1FTE nurse manager in the metropolitan area have been appointed since the election. Recruitment is underway for the staff in the WA Country Health Service.