

KALGOORLIE REGIONAL HOSPITAL — DIALYSIS TREATMENT

**500. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) How many people are on the waiting list for dialysis treatment at Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital and how long have they been waiting?
- (2) Does the Kalgoorlie hospital have enough places available to accommodate the number of people across the Goldfields who require dialysis treatment?
- (3) How many people have been registered to obtain dialysis treatment in Kalgoorlie in each of the following years—2008, 2009, 2010 and to date in 2011?
- (4) Have there been instances in which people have been turned away from treatment at Kalgoorlie hospital; and, if yes, when and how many?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

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

- (1) There are 10 people on the waitlist for Kalgoorlie dialysis. Two clients have been waiting since August 2010. The extended period was due to a client currently residing in Perth requiring a nursing home placement in Kalgoorlie. Eight clients have been waitlisted for various lengths of time since June 2010 to the current time.
- (2) No.
- (3) In 2008, 24 people registered for haemodialysis and six registered for home therapies, making 30 in total; in 2009, 28 people registered for haemodialysis and six for home therapies, making 34 in total; in 2010, 28 people registered for haemodialysis and 10 for home therapies, making 38 in total; and in 2011 to date, 28 people registered for haemodialysis and 15 for home therapies, making 43 in total.
- (4) Yes. In the past 12 months, six people were requested to return to their own dialysis services as all chairs were fully utilised.