

HOSPITALISATIONS AND DEATHS — 2008–09

**184. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) I refer to the chronic disease loading on Western Australian hospitals for asthma, heart attack and diabetes in the 2008–09 financial year. How many hospitalisations and how many deaths were attributable to each of these chronic diseases?
- (2) What are the top 10 leading causes of death in children in Western Australia?
- (3) What are the top 10 leading causes of death among adults in Western Australia?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question and provide the following answer —

- (1) In 2008–09 the number of hospitalisations attributable to asthma, heart failure and diabetes in Western Australia were for asthma, 2 934; for heart failure, 3 971; and for diabetes, 9 475. These figures include separations from hospital where the principal diagnosis was coded with one of the following ICD-10 codes—asthma, J45 and J46; heart disease, I50, I11; I13, I13.2, I51.5; or diabetes, E10, E11, E13 and E14.  
  
In 2007 the number of deaths attributable to asthma, heart failure and diabetes in Western Australia were 30, 66 and 371 respectively. Death data is available for only 2007 as the data for 2008 and 2009 is not yet available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (2) The top 10 leading causes of death in children aged 0–14 years in 2007 were certain conditions originating in the perinatal period; congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities; unknown causes of morbidity and mortality; abnormal findings and ill-defined conditions; transport accidents; brain cancer; accidental drowning; leukaemia; interpersonal violence; and fire, burns and scalds.
- (3) The top leading causes of death in adults aged 15 years and over in Western Australia in 2007 were ischaemic heart diseases; cerebrovascular diseases; cancer of the lung, bronchus or trachea; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema and bronchiectasis; impaired glucose regulation and diabetes mellitus; acquired and congenital brain disorder; colorectal cancer; Alzheimer's; cancer of unknown primary site; and breast cancer.