

RESIDENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS — VACANT POSITIONS

**260. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) Are there any state-funded residential occupational therapist positions currently vacant in Broome, Karratha, Port Hedland or Newman?
- (2) If yes, where and for how long have the positions been vacant?
- (3) Why have the positions not been filled and what has been done to rectify these vacancies?
- (4) What is the estimated number of people requiring occupational therapy services for each town?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.
- (4) The estimated number of people requiring occupational therapy services for each town is as follows: Broome, 50; Karratha, 65; Port Hedland, 60; and Newman, 25.