

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — VACANCIES IN NEWMAN

629. Hon JON FORD to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many Department of Health vacancies are there in each of the following areas in the town of Newman —
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) midwives; and
 - (c) physiotherapists?
- (2) Have any of these positions been advertised; and, if yes, when were they advertised and when are they likely to be filled?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Have any ante, neo or postnatal services been affected; and, if yes, what action is the government taking to address the needs of pregnant women and new mothers in the town?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)
 - (a) Two.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) One.
- (2) There are current pool advertisements for nurse/midwives on www.jobs.wa.gov.au. The physiotherapist position has been advertised to backfill for a period of parental leave. No suitable applicants were identified. The physiotherapy service is now provided through fortnightly outreach from Port Hedland.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) No.