

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS — SOUTH WEST REGION

2947. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to General Practitioner (GP) numbers in the South West region, and ask —

- (1) What is the ratio of GPs to population in each of the South West districts as at 1 October in each of —
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009; and
 - (c) 2010?
- (2) With reference to (1), how does this compare to other districts in Western Australia for the same dates?
- (3) How many FTE GPs worked in each of the South West districts as at 1 October in each of —
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009; and
 - (c) 2010?
- (4) How many FTE GP positions remain unfilled in each of the South West districts as at 1 October 2010?
- (5) How many of the FTE GPs working in each of the South West districts are aged —
 - (a) 40 to 50 years;
 - (b) 50 to 60 years;
 - (c) 60 to 70 years; and
 - (d) 70 plus years?
- (6) How many locum GPs currently service each of the South West districts?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1)-(6) In the current format, this group of questions from the Member is not able to be answered as this relates to private general practitioners, which is outside the jurisdiction of Western Australian Department of Health. This information needs to be sought from the Commonwealth Government.