

HEALTH BUDGET

98. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to page 161 of the 2009–10 state budget.

- (1) In relation to the \$5 098 998 000 total cost of services, can the minister advise how much of this cost is quarantined for specific purposes and how much is available for the general provision of health services across Western Australia?
- (2) In relation to the \$4 816 754 000 estimated actual cost for the 2008–09 year, was this the final total cost of services for the 2008–09 financial year; and, if not, what was the figure?
- (3) How much of the final figure for the 2008–09 financial year was provided for specific purposes and how much was available for the general provision of health services across Western Australia?
- (4) What is the current total cost of services approved by the cabinet for WA Health in the 2009–10 financial year; how much is quarantined for specific purposes; and how much is available for the general provision of health services across WA?
- (5) What is the current estimated growth in expenditure of the health budget for the 2009–10 financial year?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question.

The term “specific purpose” is interpreted as referring to funding for state election commitments, commonwealth grants for specific purposes, and depreciation expenditure. Applying that definition —

- (1) The initial 2009–10 budget for Health included \$519.6 million in funding for specific purposes. A balance of \$4.579 billion was available for the general provision of health services.
- (2) The total cost of service for 2008–09 was \$4 905 909 million.
- (3) Expenditure on specific purposes in 2008–09 was \$569.8 million, with the balance of \$4.336 billion being available for general provision of health services.
- (4) The current estimate for expenditure on specific purposes in 2009–10 is \$494.6 million, with a balance of \$4.55 billion available for general provision of health services.
- (5) The current approved growth in expenditure is \$138.847 million.