

PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES — SOUTH WEST REGION

2949. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to public dental health services in the South West, and ask —

- (1) How many people are on the public dental waiting lists in the South West region?
- (2) As at 1 September 2009 and at 1 September 2010, which towns in the South West region provide a public dental service?
- (3) In relation to (2), for each of the dates specified —
 - (a) what is the average waiting period for a dental appointment in each of these towns; and
 - (b) how many FTE dentists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dental nurses work in the public dental service in each town?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

(1) 1,824 people are on the public dental waiting lists in the South West region as of 1 October 2010.

(2) Busselton and Bunbury.

(3) (a) 1 September 2009

Busselton: 17.4 months

Bunbury: 8.5 months

1 September 2010

Busselton: 21.7 months

Bunbury: 11.9 months

(b) 1 September 2009

Dental Clinic	Position	FTE
Bunbury	Dentists	6.35
	Dental Therapists	0.00
	Dental Clinic Assistants	11.50
	Dental Nurses	0.00
	TOTAL	17.85
Busselton	Dentists	2.60
	Dental Therapists	0.00
	Dental Clinic Assistants	2.80
	Dental Nurses	0.00
	TOTAL	5.40

1 September 2010

Dental Clinic	Position	FTE
Bunbury	Dentists	3.60
	Dental Therapists	0.51
	Dental Clinic Assistants	8.71
	Dental Nurses	0.00
	TOTAL	12.82
Busselton	Dentists	0.80
	Dental Therapists	0.00
	Dental Clinic Assistants	2.70
	Dental Nurses	0.00
	TOTAL	3.50

Note: 2 FTE Dentists commenced at Bunbury Dental Clinic and 1 FTE Dentist commenced at Busselton Dental Clinic in October 2010. Also 3 FTE Dentists have been recruited to commence at Bunbury Dental Clinic in early 2011.