

ALCOHOL-RELATED HARM AND DISORDER REPORT — KALGOORLIE–BOULDER

5777. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer the Minister to page 16 of the Kalgoorlie/Boulder Report on Alcohol-related Harm and Disorder presented by WA Police Report to the Director of Liquor Licensing, dated May 2012, and ask —

- (1) Of the 246 times when residents were hospitalised in 2010 for conditions related to alcohol, how many were admitted more than once?
- (2) How many of the 897 bed days referred to in the report were taken up by people who were admitted more than once?
- (3) Of the 336 client episodes referred to on page 4 where alcohol was the primary drug of concern —
  - (a) how many attended more than once; and
  - (b) how many clients who were seeking or required to engage in counselling and treatment attended more than once?
- (4) Are statistics kept that show a breakdown of numbers into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island patients and others?
- (5) If yes to (4), by category of condition, how many of the patients referred to in that table are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait descent?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1) The alcohol-related hospitalisation data in question does not allow analysis of how many residents were admitted more than once.
- (2) The alcohol-related bed-days data does not allow analysis of how many of the bed-days were taken up by people who were admitted more than once.
- (3) Between January 2009 and September 2011, of the 336 client episodes where alcohol was the primary drug of concern:
  - (a)–(b) 16 were repeat episodes.
- (4) Yes, though for hospitalisations, the data is only available to present for a 10 year period because the numbers for some conditions for a smaller period are low enough to be potentially identifying.
- (5) [See paper 5003.]