

HEALTH SERVICES — PROVISION BY NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

1412. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) How many non-government organisations are funded by the Western Australian Government, to provide health services?
- (2) In respect of each non-government organisation funded to provide health services, —
 - (a) what service is it funded to provide;
 - (b) what evaluation criteria apply;
 - (c) who carries out evaluations; and
 - (d) how often does evaluations occur?
- (3) What is the Minister's overall strategy/vision regarding provision of health services, by non-government organisations?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) WA Health has 388 contracts with 302 non-government organisations (NGOs) to provide health and community support services, including services provided under the Home and Community Care (HACC) program. [See paper 1773.]
- (2)
 - (a) The contract description for each contract in the tabled paper provides an indication of the services provided under the contract.
 - (b) Evaluation criteria and reporting frequency are set out individually in each contract. These generally relate to the effectiveness and efficiency of the services being delivered.
 - (c) The WA Health contract manager, in conjunction with WA Health stakeholders. Recipients of the services may also be consulted when appropriate or desirable.
 - (d) On receipt of performance reports and at the end of each contract period.
- (3) NGOs provide services across the spectrum of health care, from specific disease focused organisations to generic providers of health services, including public hospital services and patient transport services. NGOs are essential to the delivery of the full range of health services required to maintain and improve the health of the community. They provide invaluable support for the acute public health sector.

The Minister for Health recognises the skills and expertise within the NGO sector as a valuable part of the WA health system.