

PEEL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, FUNDING

91. Hon J.A. COWDELL to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) What is the current staff complement of the Peel community mental health service?
- (2) What is the budget for the service this financial year?
- (3) What was the budget last financial year?
- (4) Has any additional funding been allocated for the regionalisation of emergency psychiatric services in the Peel region?
- (5) Is the Peel region covered by the Metropolitan Psychiatric Emergency Service for all psychiatric emergencies? Does this cover out-of-hours emergencies or just backup for local service providers during office hours?
- (6) What is the current funding of the Metropolitan Psychiatric Emergency Service, and is this likely to increase?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The current staff complement of the Peel community mental health service is 22.2 full-time equivalents.
- (2) The budget for the service has not yet been determined.
- (3) The budget for the 1999-2000 financial year was \$1.39m.
- (4) Additional funding has been allocated to the psychiatric emergency team to provide service for the Peel region.
- (5) At present, only telephone service is available to the Peel region by the psychiatric emergency team. In the near future the service will be expected to include backup to local service providers during office hours and direct service provision out of hours.
- (6) The current budget for the psychiatric emergency team is \$1 434 240. An additional \$866 000 has been allocated for expansion of services.