

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

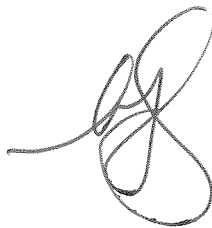
Hon NICK GOIRAN asked:

Question 14

- a) **The number of occasions legionnaires disease was identified at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) during the reporting period and then**
- b) **The number of occasions legionnaires disease was identified at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) since the reporting period?**

Answer

- a) 3 occasions of legionnaires disease at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021)
- b) 1 occasion of legionnaires disease at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (1 July 2021 to 28 March 2022).

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Hon Nick GOIRAN asked:

Question 15

- a) On how many occasions was legionnaire’s disease identified at any hospital in 2020-21 FY, include hospital locations
- b) On how many occasions was legionnaire’s disease identified at any hospital in July 2021 to date? Include hospital locations

Answer

There are multiple strains of Legionella. Data provided below is for the Legionella pneumophila species which is the pathogen most associated with exposure to contaminated built water systems such as cooling towers, fountains, plumbing, showerheads.

Table 1 provides figures for all occasions where L. pneumophila was notified during a hospital separation. Note that this includes cases acquired in the community that were then diagnosed following hospitalisation.

Table 1.

| Legionella pneumophila notifications by health service of diagnosing clinician and financial year, WA 1 July 2020-28 March 2022 | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Health Service | FY 2020/21 | 1 Jul 21- 28 Mar 22 |
| BROOME HOSPITAL | 1 | 1 |
| BUNBURY HOSPITAL | 2 | 2 |
| FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL | 2 | |
| GERALDTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL | 1 | |
| JOONDALUP CAMPUS* | 4 | 2 |
| KALGOORLIE HEALTH CAMPUS | | 1 |
| KUNUNURRA HOSPITAL | | 1 |
| PERTH CHILDRENS HOSPITAL | | 1 |
| PEEL HEALTH CAMPUS* | 1 | |
| ROCKINGHAM HOSPITAL | 1 | |
| ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL | 1 | 1 |
| SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITAL | 3 | 1 |
| FORENSIC PATHOLOGY** | 1 | 2 |
| SJOG HOSPITAL MIDLAND* | 2 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 19 | 14 |

Source: Data extracted from the WA Notifiable Infectious Disease Database (WANIDD) using Date of Specimen
 Information on WANIDD is collected during the course of public health investigation and may be incorrect.

Notes:

The health service affiliated with the requesting clinician indicates where the case was when initially tested for Legionella but not necessarily where the case remained for management.

* Data does not distinguish between public and private hospital

** Legionella notifications recorded against Forensic Pathology may subsequently be allocated to another hospital site.



Hon NICK GOIRAN asked:

Question 16

Provide if any, locations of other instances and when the families where notified?

Answer

All patients diagnosed with legionnaire's disease are advised of their diagnosis and consent to their treatment.

Family notification occurs in cases where a patient is deceased.

For the reporting period (1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021) no instances of legionnaire's disease resulting in family notification occurred.

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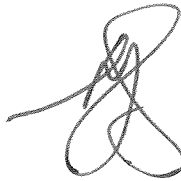
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20. What the mortality rate in Western Australia is as a result of any adverse effect of a COVID vaccine? (2020-21 FY)

The number of deaths attributed to COVID vaccinations in WA to date remains at 1. This is the only death attributed to COVID-19 vaccination in WA to date and more than 4.457 million doses have been administered to more than 2.251 million individuals in WA.

Therefore the mortality rate in Western Australia that is as a result of any adverse effect of a COVID vaccine to date in WA is:

- 1 per 4.4 million COVID vaccine doses administered
- 1 per 2.25 million persons vaccinated.

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