

Question on Notice
No. 640
Asked on 19 April 2007

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Charters Towers Eventide Aged Care facility for 2005-06 and currently—

- (1) How many residents are in the facility?
- (2) How many patients at the facility suffer from dementia?
- (3) How many of the patients in (2) are from Charters Towers?
- (4) How many of the patients in (2) are from Townsville?
- (5) How many residents from Charters Towers who have dementia are on the waiting list or were sent to other care facilities elsewhere?

ANSWER:

- (1) As at 23 April 2007 there were 103 residents at the Eventide Nursing Home. Three of these were respite clients.
- (2) Of the 103 residents, 49 have a diagnosis of dementia. These residents are managed safely within the open environment.
- (3) Of the 49 residents with a diagnosis of dementia, 26 (53%) are from Charters Towers.
- (4) Of the 49 residents with a diagnosis of dementia, nine (18%) are from Townsville.
- (5) Eventide does not currently have a waiting list. Residents from Charters Towers with low care level dementia can be placed immediately upon receipt of an application and current Aged Care Assessment Team assessment.

Eventide Nursing Home currently does not have the facilities or staffing to accommodate residents requiring dementia specific high level care. A record of those residents requiring dementia specific high level care who have been referred to other facilities has only recently been commenced. Eventide Nursing Home is aware of only three persons from the Charters Towers area permanently residing in Townsville Nursing Homes because of their need for dementia specific high care.