

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Steve Edgington MLA

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: Remote clinic staffing and vacancies

QUESTION:

What are the current full-time equivalent staffing levels and vacancy rates in remote clinics across the NT by role or service type?

ANSWER:

NT Health Remote Clinic FTE Count by profession: 1 July 2025 – 31 March 2026:

Region, Clinic, Classification Stream	YTD Actual FTE ¹	YTD Contracted Labour Hire FTE ²	Total Aggregate FTE ³	Approved FTE ⁴	YTD Variance FTE
Barkly Region	17.29	14.88	32.17	39.40	7.23
Medical	0.72	0.30	1.02	2.60	1.58
Ali Curung	3.37	6.76	10.13	10.00	-0.13
ADMINISTRATION	0.86	0.00	0.86	1.00	0.14
NURSING	1.74	6.76	8.50	7.00	-1.50
PHYSICAL	0.77	0.00	0.77	2.00	1.23
Canteen Creek	0.86	2.01	2.87	4.80	1.93
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
NURSING	0.60	2.01	2.61	2.00	-0.61
PHYSICAL	0.26	0.00	0.26	0.80	0.54
Elliott	4.70	3.61	8.31	7.50	-0.81
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.85	0.00	0.85	2.00	1.15
ADMINISTRATION	0.50	0.00	0.50	1.50	1.00
NURSING	1.99	3.61	5.60	3.00	-2.60
PHYSICAL	1.36	0.00	1.36	1.00	-0.36
Epenarra	2.64	0.54	3.18	4.50	1.32
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
NURSING	1.00	0.54	1.54	2.00	0.46
PHYSICAL	1.64	0.00	1.64	1.00	-0.64

Region, Clinic, Classification Stream	YTD Actual FTE ¹	YTD Contracted Labour Hire FTE ²	Total Aggregate FTE ³	Approved FTE ⁴	YTD Variance FTE
Lake Nash	5.00	1.66	6.66	9.00	2.34
ADMINISTRATION	2.78	0.00	2.78	2.50	-0.28
NURSING	2.00	1.66	3.66	5.00	1.34
PHYSICAL	0.22	0.00	0.22	1.50	1.28
Tara	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
NURSING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
PHYSICAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
Big Rivers Region	28.18	16.98	45.16	47.08	1.92
Medical	0.88	0.13	1.01	1.00	-0.01
Borroloola	15.26	5.87	21.13	23.13	2.00
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.99	0.00	0.99	4.00	3.01
ADMINISTRATION	4.38	0.00	4.38	8.00	3.62
NURSING	5.18	5.87	11.05	8.13	-2.92
PHYSICAL	4.72	0.00	4.72	3.00	-1.72
Numbulwar	6.73	5.41	12.14	13.12	0.98
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	1.48	0.00	1.48	4.00	2.52
ADMINISTRATION	1.88	0.00	1.88	2.00	0.12
NURSING	1.25	5.38	6.63	5.00	-1.63
PHYSICAL	2.13	0.00	2.13	2.12	-0.01
PROFESSIONAL	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	-0.03
Pine Creek	3.19	2.79	5.98	6.71	0.73
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	1.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.90	0.00	0.90	1.12	0.22
NURSING	1.00	2.79	3.79	2.24	-1.55
PHYSICAL	0.29	0.00	0.29	1.35	1.06
Robinson River	2.11	2.78	4.89	3.12	-1.77
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.00	-0.15
ADMINISTRATION	0.67	0.00	0.67	0.50	-0.17
NURSING	0.00	2.78	2.78	1.00	-1.78
PHYSICAL	1.30	0.00	1.30	1.62	0.32
Central Australia Region	49.54	38.65	88.19	113.85	25.66
Medical	14.49	0.07	14.56	16.61	2.06
Alcoota	0.70	0.00	0.70	1.54	0.84
ADMINISTRATION	0.50	0.00	0.50	1.04	0.54
PHYSICAL	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.50	0.30
Aputula	1.68	2.73	4.41	6.50	2.09
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.58	0.00	0.58	2.00	1.42
NURSING	0.45	2.73	3.19	2.00	-1.19
PHYSICAL	0.65	0.00	0.65	1.50	0.85
Haasts Bluff	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.80	1.80
ABORIGINAL HEALTH	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

Region, Clinic, Classification Stream	YTD Actual FTE ¹	YTD Contracted Labour Hire FTE ²	Total Aggregate FTE ³	Approved FTE ⁴	YTD Variance FTE
PRACTITIONERS					
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
PHYSICAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.30
Harts Range	4.96	1.59	6.55	7.00	0.45
ADMINISTRATION	0.51	0.00	0.51	1.00	0.49
NURSING	3.60	1.59	5.19	5.00	-0.19
PHYSICAL	0.85	0.00	0.85	1.00	0.15
Hermannsburg	5.99	3.60	9.59	12.00	2.41
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	2.75	0.00	2.75	5.00	2.25
ADMINISTRATION	1.08	0.00	1.08	2.00	0.92
NURSING	0.99	3.60	4.60	4.00	-0.59
PHYSICAL	1.17	0.00	1.17	1.00	-0.17
Kings Canyon	0.61	2.04	2.65	3.00	0.35
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
NURSING	0.00	2.04	2.04	2.00	-0.04
PHYSICAL	0.61	0.00	0.61	0.50	-0.11
Laramba	2.15	2.61	4.76	5.75	0.99
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.04	0.00	0.04	1.00	0.96
NURSING	0.94	2.61	3.55	2.00	-1.55
PHYSICAL	1.17	0.00	1.17	0.75	-0.42
Mt Liebig	1.70	2.63	4.33	3.10	-1.23
ADMINISTRATION	1.46	0.00	1.46	0.60	-0.86
NURSING	0.00	2.63	2.63	2.00	-0.63
PHYSICAL	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.26
Nyirripi	1.53	2.53	4.06	3.70	-0.36
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
NURSING	1.00	2.53	3.53	2.00	-1.53
PHYSICAL	0.53	0.00	0.53	0.20	-0.33
Papunya	0.93	6.49	7.42	11.00	3.58
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.63	0.00	0.63	2.00	1.37
NURSING	0.00	6.49	6.49	7.00	0.51
PHYSICAL	0.30	0.00	0.30	1.00	0.70
Ti Tree	7.03	4.46	11.49	13.00	1.51
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	3.50	0.00	3.50	5.00	1.50
ADMINISTRATION	1.32	0.00	1.32	2.00	0.68
NURSING	1.29	4.46	5.75	4.50	-1.25
PHYSICAL	0.92	0.00	0.92	1.50	0.58
Titjikala	3.78	1.47	5.25	7.50	2.25
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

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ADMINISTRATION	1.82	0.00	1.82	3.50	1.68
NURSING	0.20	1.47	1.67	2.00	0.33
PHYSICAL	1.77	0.00	1.77	1.00	-0.77
Willowra	0.60	2.77	3.37	3.00	-0.37
ADMINISTRATION	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.50	0.45
NURSING	0.44	2.77	3.21	2.00	-1.21
PHYSICAL	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.50	0.39
Yuelamu	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	1.20
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
PHYSICAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20
Yuendumu	3.38	5.66	9.04	17.15	8.11
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.25
ADMINISTRATION	1.03	0.00	1.03	4.90	3.87
NURSING	1.90	5.66	7.56	10.00	2.44
PHYSICAL	0.45	0.00	0.45	1.00	0.55
East Arnhem Region	28.12	14.47	42.59	49.10	6.51
Medical	1.60	0.86	2.46	2.00	-0.46
Alyangula	4.26	8.86	13.12	12.02	-1.10
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	1.04	0.00	1.04	2.50	1.46
NURSING	2.65	8.85	11.50	7.52	-3.98
PHYSICAL	0.57	0.00	0.57	1.00	0.43
PROFESSIONAL	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01
Angurugu	12.48	3.42	15.90	20.36	4.46
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.79	0.00	0.79	4.00	3.21
ADMINISTRATION	2.48	0.00	2.48	4.00	1.52
APPRENTICES	1.68	0.00	1.68	0.00	-1.68
NURSING	6.15	3.41	9.56	10.36	0.80
PHYSICAL	1.39	0.00	1.39	2.00	0.61
PROFESSIONAL	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01
Milyakburra	2.70	0.01	2.71	4.16	1.45
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
APPRENTICES	0.65	0.00	0.65	0.00	-0.65
NURSING	0.61	0.01	0.62	1.16	0.54
PHYSICAL	1.45	0.00	1.45	1.00	-0.45
Umbakumba	7.07	1.32	8.39	10.56	2.17
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	1.98	0.00	1.98	2.50	0.52
NURSING	4.61	1.32	5.93	5.56	-0.37
PHYSICAL	0.48	0.00	0.48	1.50	1.02
Top End Region	118.74	32.44	151.18	179.20	28.03

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Medical	40.08	3.27	43.35	49.18	5.83
Adelaide River	4.54	1.63	6.17	7.34	1.17
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.71	0.00	0.71	1.00	0.29
ADMINISTRATION	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
NURSING	2.05	1.63	3.68	3.34	-0.34
PHYSICAL	0.79	0.00	0.79	2.00	1.21
Batchelor	6.45	1.78	8.23	8.51	0.28
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.52	0.00	0.52	2.00	1.48
ADMINISTRATION	1.37	0.00	1.37	1.50	0.13
NURSING	2.88	1.78	4.66	4.01	-0.65
PHYSICAL	1.67	0.00	1.67	1.00	-0.67
Belyuen	3.94	0.51	4.45	5.34	0.89
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.11	0.00	0.11	1.00	0.89
ADMINISTRATION	1.36	0.00	1.36	1.00	-0.36
NURSING	1.99	0.51	2.50	2.34	-0.16
PHYSICAL	0.48	0.00	0.48	1.00	0.52
Gunbalanya	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.00	-0.20
ADMINISTRATION	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	-0.05
NURSING	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.00	-0.15
Milikapiti	7.55	2.87	10.42	10.84	0.42
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	3.16	0.00	3.16	4.00	0.84
ADMINISTRATION	1.41	0.00	1.41	3.00	1.59
NURSING	1.00	2.87	3.87	2.34	-1.53
PHYSICAL	1.98	0.00	1.98	1.50	-0.48
Naiyu Nambiyu	7.07	1.04	8.11	10.26	2.15
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	2.99	0.00	2.99	4.00	1.01
ADMINISTRATION	0.90	0.00	0.90	1.00	0.10
NURSING	1.85	1.04	2.89	3.51	0.63
PHYSICAL	1.33	0.00	1.33	1.75	0.42
Oenpelli	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00	-0.23
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	-0.05
ADMINISTRATION	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	-0.06
NURSING	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	-0.05
PHYSICAL	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.00	-0.08
Palumpa	4.65	0.69	5.34	7.51	2.18
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATION	1.01	0.00	1.01	1.50	0.49
NURSING	2.75	0.69	3.44	3.51	0.07
PHYSICAL	0.89	0.00	0.89	1.50	0.61
Peppimenarti	3.31	2.37	5.68	6.00	0.32
ABORIGINAL HEALTH	0.95	0.00	0.95	1.00	0.05

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PRACTITIONERS					
ADMINISTRATION	0.41	0.00	0.41	1.00	0.59
NURSING	0.21	2.37	2.58	2.00	-0.58
PHYSICAL	1.73	0.00	1.73	2.00	0.27
Pirlangimpi	5.62	2.10	7.72	9.84	2.12
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	1.20	0.00	1.20	4.00	2.80
ADMINISTRATION	2.89	0.00	2.89	2.00	-0.89
NURSING	0.00	2.10	2.10	2.34	0.24
PHYSICAL	1.54	0.00	1.54	1.50	-0.04
Wadeye (Port Keats)	14.99	7.70	22.69	33.19	10.50
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
ADMINISTRATION	3.94	0.00	3.94	8.00	4.06
NURSING	3.96	7.70	11.66	14.19	2.53
PHYSICAL	7.09	0.00	7.09	8.00	0.91
Wurrumiyanga	20.10	8.48	28.58	31.19	2.61
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS	1.10	0.00	1.10	4.00	2.90
ADMINISTRATION	6.87	0.00	6.87	10.00	3.13
NURSING	5.71	8.48	14.19	12.19	-2.00
PHYSICAL	5.41	0.00	5.41	4.00	-1.41
TECHNICAL	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Grand Total	241.86	117.42	359.28	428.63	69.35

¹ YTD Actual FTE is taken from the year-to-date paid FTE in the Payroll Information and Personnel System (PIPS)

² YTD Agency FTE is a conversion of expenditure on external agency labour to an FTE

³ Total Actual FTE is the sum of PIPS and Agency Labour Conversion FTE

⁴ Approved FTE is approved operating level of FTE, it does not reflect available funding