

**Estimates Committee 2005**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 23/06/2005 to 01/10/2005 )

Date: 06/07/2005

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Subject: Nursing - Territory Hospitals

**From:** Ms Jodeen Terese CARNEY to Honourable Dr Peter TOYNE  
Minister for Health

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**Question:** How many extra hours of work was purchased in the area of nursing in Territory hospitals from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, including overtime for hospital staff and hours worked by agency staff? Please provide a breakdown.

**Answer:**

Answered On: 06/07/2005

Answer: Hours of Nursing Overtime by Hospital  
Alice Springs Hospital 21,575  
Gove District Hospital 3,329  
Katherine District Hospital 5,005  
Royal Darwin Hospital 31,575  
Tennant Creek Hospital 3,141

Hours worked by agency staff broken down by each hospital:

Alice Springs Hospital 9,880  
Royal Darwin Hospital 63,232

Gove District Hospital, Katherine District Hospital and Tennant Creek Hospital employ agency nurses through the use of a placement fee and the nurse becomes an employee of the Department of Health and Community Services. This also occurs at Alice Springs Hospital which is evidenced by the small number of hours purchased compared with Royal Darwin Hospital.