

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

**Medical Staff on Contracts**

1. Please advise how many medical professionals, broken down to Doctors, Nurses and all other Healthcare Practitioners, such as Physio/Occupational/Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists:
  - a. are currently employed by your department on contractual terms of 12 months or less, as at 31 October 2018;
  - b. were employed by your department on contractual terms of 12 months or less over the past three years, as at 30 June.

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**RESPONSE**

No. of Health Care Practitioners on 12 Month Contract or Less		31 Oct 2018	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>Medical</b>		237	228	194
<b>Nurses</b>		247	221	112
<b>Practitioners</b>	Accredited Practising Dietician	8	6	2
	Audiologist	2	4	1
	Dentist, Oral Health Therapist and Dental Prosthetists	6	3	
	Diagnostic Radiographer	9	6	1
	Environmental Health Professional	1	1	
	Med Lab Scientist	2	2	
	Nutritionist		1	2
	Occupational Therapist	15	14	3
	Oral Health Therapist			2
	Orthoptist			
	Pathology	6	2	2
	Pharmacist	14	16	1
	Physiotherapist	7	10	4
	Prosthetist or Orthotist		1	
	Registered Psychologist		1	
	Social Worker	4	2	4
	Sonographer	2		
	Speech Pathologist	3	5	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>563</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>332</b>

The data has been collated as accurately as possible however it is not fully reliable for the following reasons:

- The data is presented as at a point in time only per column titles.
- Employees are counted in both financial years where their employment contract carries from one financial year to another.
- Data for 2016 has not been provided as it has been superseded by employment contract changes in subsequent years and is not accurate when extracted several years later.