

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney

to Minister for Health

Alice Springs Hospital, nursing staff shortages

1. Was the Alice Springs Hospital understaffed to the following extent:
 - On 30th December 2004 there was a shortage of 56 nurses.
 - On 13th January 2005 there will be a shortage of 65 nurses.
2. Is it true that from 13th January 2005 there will be a shortfall of approximately 10-20 nursing staff in the Emergency Department.
3. How many (if any) agency nursing staff have been offered employment, or presented their curriculum vitae for employment at the Alice Springs Hospital during the months of December 2004 and January 2005 and to date.
4. Of the number of nursing staff who either were offered employment or presented for employment, how many have actually been employed for the months December 2004 and January 2005 and to date.

ANSWER