

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
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To: Hon Steve Edgington

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Health

Subject: NT Health nurse vacancies

QUESTION

How many funded positions are vacant across the Department of Health?

ANSWER

As at the end of March 2026 there were 390.61 FTE nursing vacancies across the Department of Health. The breakdown of each region: the variance in the Barkly region is 33.79; Big Rivers region, 22.36; Central Australia region is 147.18; East Arnhem region 18.94; and the Top End 154.66; The whole of the system is 1; commissioning and system improvement 2.02; enabling services, one. National critical care trauma response centre is 1.81; NT-wide services, 2.57; Public Health Division 5.27;

This vacancy rate does not account for the agency labour hire which is 278.44 year to date which equates to a true vacancy rate of 144.58.