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To: Hon Steve Edgington

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Subject: NT Health staff overtime and cost by region

QUESTION

How many staff worked overtime and what was the total overtime bill for NT Health by region?

ANSWER

As at the end of March 2026 there were 381 overtime FTEs across the Department of Health, which is \$43.8m.

The year-to-date overtime for the NT Regional Health Service is 379.75. To break that down further by regions and divisions it is 8.32 in the Barkly, 14.29 in the Big Rivers region, 99.28 in the Central Australia region, 8.13 in East Arnhem, 11.99 for NT-wide services and 237.74 for the Top End region. For commissioning and system improvement, 0.08; enabling services, 0.03; National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre, 0.34; Office of the CEO, zero; Public Health Division, 0.54; and whole of agency, zero. That is a grant total of \$380.75 in overtime per FTE.

The total expenditure was \$43.849m. For the NT Regional Health Service, the overall total was \$43,590; Barkly region, \$944,000; Big Rivers region, \$1.596m; Central Australia region, \$11.071m; East Arnhem, \$1.217m. NT-wide services, \$1.063m; Top End region, \$27.698m; commissioning and system improvement, \$28,000; enabling services, \$4,000; National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre, \$58,000; Public Health Division, \$69,000; and whole of agency, \$99,000. The total is \$43.849m in overtime for those 381 positions.