

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

(16/6/2009 to 19/6/2009)

Date: 17/06/2009

Output: 2.0 - Acute Services

Sub Output: 2.1 - Admitted

Patient Services

Subject: NT hospitals - bed occupancy rates

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Question: What is the bed occupancy rate for each of the Territory hospitals?

Answer:

Answered On: 17/06/2009

Answer: Royal Darwin Hospital - 102.89%
Alice Springs Hospital - 107.59%
Katherine Hospital - 68.21%
Gove District Hospital - 102.71%
Tennant Creek Hospital - 47.45%

Average(???) - 99.16%

A full set of data is not yet available for 2008-09. The measurement above of authorised bed occupancy as in any public hospital is a complex process as the amount of available beds varies on a daily basis. Some beds are opened and closed depending on demand. These extra beds are commonly referred to as 'overflow beds' and are not included in these figures.