

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Dr Lim to Minister for Health

### Nursing position allocations/administrative jobs

**1. How many equivalent full-time nursing positions are allocated to each Territory hospital?**

This table shows actual full-time equivalent hospital nursing staff on the DHCS payroll by each hospital as at the end of June 2006 (pay 26).

HOSPITAL	Nurse FTE as at Jun 2006 (Pay 26)
Royal Darwin Hospital	672.54
Alice Springs Hospital	319.20
Katherine District Hospital	86.73
Gove District Hospital	49.79
Tennant Creek Hospital	23.60

**2. Please list the number of nursing positions for each Territory hospital.**

See Above, Question 1.

**3. Please list the number of nurses actually occupying these nursing positions for each Territory hospital.**

The number of nursing positions is greater than the number of FTE as there can be more than one nurse contributing to one FTE.

HOSPITAL	Number of nurses
Royal Darwin Hospital	822
Alice Springs Hospital	381
Katherine District Hospital	99
Gove District Hospital	57
Tennant Creek Hospital	25

4. Please list the number of nurses employed according to job description, eg Midwives, RN and EN for each Territory hospital.

HOSPITAL	Number of Nurses		
	Midwives	RNs	Ens
Royal Darwin Hospital	63	661	98
Alice Springs Hospital	29	317	35
Katherine Hospital	11	76	12
Gove District Hospital	11	42	4
Tennant Creek Hospital	2	18	5

5. Please list the number of nurses who are employed in administrative jobs for each Territory hospital.

Note that administrative positions include Nursing Director, Executive Director of Nursing, Quality Coordinator, Infection Control Nurse/ Officer.

HOSPITAL	Number of administrative nurses
Royal Darwin Hospital	8
Alice Springs Hospital	5
Katherine Hospital	2
Gove District Hospital	3
Tennant Creek Hospital	1

6. Of the number of nurses who are actually employed in these positions according to job description (as in Questions 1 - 5) would you kindly -

- List the number of nurses by categories of full-time, part-time, and casual for each Territory hospital.

HOSPITAL	Number of nurses		
	Full-time	Part-time	Casual
Royal Darwin Hospital	388	401	33
Alice Springs Hospital	231	135	15
Katherine Hospital	61	32	6
Gove District Hospital	34	18	5
Tennant Creek Hospital	21	4	0

**7. How many nurses left nursing positions at Territory Hospitals during the last 12 months? Of these nurses,**

- (a) please list the number of nurses who have left Territory Health for each Territory hospital;**

Commencements and separations of hospital nurses during calendar year 2006. Note these are head count, not FTE figures.

<b>HOSPITAL</b>	<b>Separations</b>	<b>Commencements</b>
<b>Royal Darwin Hospital</b>	274	339
<b>Alice Springs Hospital</b>	212	279
<b>Katherine Hospital</b>	58	53
<b>Gove Hospital</b>	25	35
<b>Tennant Creek Hospital</b>	28	36

- (b) and, please list the number of nurses who have left Territory Health from government supported and government-run health clinics in urban and remote localities.**

The number of nurses who have left government supported clinics is not collected.

The number of nurses who separated from the Community Health or Remote Health streams during the 2006 calendar year was **109**. There were **119** commencements in the same period for these streams. Note these are head count, not FTE figures.