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To: Hon. Natasha Fyles

Portfolio: Health

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QUESTION

How many patients in Galiwinku, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Yirrkala and Nhulunbuy received ongoing renal treatment in these facilities and how many of these sites have renal nurses attached to them?

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Answer

These are numbers just for East Arnhem, people using self-care renal-ready rooms. We have capacity, as the minister mentioned, in Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gove hospital, Umbakumba, Galiwinku, Angurugu and Yirrkala.

In regard to people using the renal-ready rooms for self-care, we have one person in Gove, one in Galiwinku, one in Angurugu with another interested, and two in Yirrkala.

We have an ongoing partnership developing with Miwatj in North East Arnhem to continue to develop the self-care capacity. That is an ongoing focus for us in the next six months or so to assist in getting full utilisation of the chairs we have. As the minister said, there is capacity in most of our clinics to provide self-care, and we are working with Miwatj to enable that to happen. The majority of those self-care areas are nurse assisted, and nurse assistance will depend on the capacity and confidence of the individual in terms of managing their renal care.