

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Health

### Mid-Wives

1. Detail how many mid-wives were employed in Territory Hospitals as at 1 July 2004 and provide their locations.
2. Detail how many mid-wives were employed in Territory Hospitals as at 1 July 2005 and provide their locations.

### ANSWER

The following numbers of midwives were employed at the given locations as at 1 July 2004:

Royal Darwin Hospital	66	(56.4 FTE*)
Alice Springs Hospital	63	
Tennant Creek Hospital	3	
Gove District Hospital	14	
Katherine District Hospital	14	(13.5 FTE)

The following numbers of midwives were employed at the given locations as at 1 July 2005:

Royal Darwin Hospital	71	(58.44 FTE)
Alice Springs Hospital	56	
Tennant Creek Hospital	4	
Gove District Hospital	14	
Katherine District Hospital	12	(11.5 FTE)

Notes:

1. Every nurse who is a qualified midwife has been counted, not just those who are working in a Maternity Ward. For example, at Alice Springs Hospital, approximately half the midwives were stationed outside a maternity ward on both the given dates.
2. Although the number of midwives was less in 2005 for some hospitals than they were in 2004, the numbers were sufficient to meet staffing needs.

\* FTE = full-time equivalent