

Question: 144

Question: Department of Health and Community Services Positions

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Member: Mr BAILEY

To: MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. How many of the following personnel were employed by the Department of Health and Community Services -

- (a) enrolled nurses;
- (b) registered nurses; and
- (c) student nurses,

in the following financial years -

- (i) 1990-91; and
- (ii) 1991-92.

2. How many social workers are based at each of the following hospitals -

- (a) Alice Springs Hospital;
- (b) Tennant Creek Hospital;
- (c) Katherine Hospital;
- (d) Nhulunbuy Hospital; and
- (e) Royal Darwin Hospital.

3. Are any of the positions referred to in question 2 vacant; if so, for how long have they been vacant.

4. How many of the following specialist positions -

- (a) general surgeons;
- (b) ophthalmologists;
- (c) urologists;
- (d) psychiatrists;
- (e) physicians;
- (f) ENT specialists;
- (g) neurologists;
- (h) gynaecologists;
- (i) obstetricians;
- (j) paediatricians; and
- (k) gastroenterologists,

are based at the following hospitals -

- (i) Alice Springs Hospital;
- (ii) Tennant Creek Hospital;
- (iii) Katherine Hospital;
- (iv) Nhulunbuy Hospital; and
- (v) Royal Darwin Hospital.

5. If the specialist positions referred to in question 4 are not permanently based at a hospital, what arrangements are in place for the

specialists to be available to patients in each region.

6. Are any specialist positions currently vacant; if so, how long have these positions been vacant.

7. How many Department of Health and Community Services personnel are employed in the following positions -

- (a) physiotherapists;
- (b) speech therapists; and
- (c) occupational therapists.

8. Where are the personnel referred to in question 7 based.

9. How many anaesthetists are employed at Northern Territory hospitals.

10. Are private anaesthetists employed in public hospitals; if so, what arrangements are in place in the following regions -

- (a) Alice Springs;
- (b) Tennant Creek;
- (c) Katherine;
- (d) Nhulunbuy; and
- (e) Darwin.

ANSWER

1. (a) Enrolled Nurses

- (i) 208;
- (ii) 235;

(b) Registered Nurses

- (i) 940;
- (ii) 1251;

(c) Student Nurses

- (i) 15; and
- (ii) 16.

2. (a) 2 Social Workers at Alice Springs Hospital (one designated as Senior Community Welfare Worker in connection with Child Protection);

- (b) Nil;
- (c) Nil;
- (d) Nil; and
- (e) 5 positions.

3. (a) No;

- (b) Nil;
- (c) Nil;
- (d) Nil; and
- (e) 1 Senior Social Worker, vacant since 22/6/92.

- 4. (i) (a) 2;
- (b) 1;
- (c) Nil;
- (d) 1;
- (e) 2;
- (f) 1;
- (g) Nil;
- (h)/(i) 2;
- (j) 2; and
- (k) Nil.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) Nil. Services provided on a visiting basis or by referral under the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) to Royal Darwin Hospital or interstate.

(iv) Nil.

- (v) (a) 1;
- (b) 1;
- (c) Nil (visiting from Flinders Medical Centre fourth Thursday of month);
- (d) 3 (Darwin Urban District);
- (e) 3;
- (f) 1;
- (g) Nil (visiting from Flinders Medical Centre x 3 monthly);
- (h)/(i) 2;
- (j) 2;
- (k) Nil.

- 5. (i) (a) General Surgeon permanently based;
- (b) Ophthalmologist permanently based;
- (c) Urologist visits 3/4-monthly;
- (d) Psychiatrist permanently based;
- (e) Physician permanently based;
- (f) ENT permanently based;
- (g) Neurologist visits 3-monthly;
- (h) Gynaecologist permanently based;
- (i) Obstetrician permanently based;
- (j) Paediatrician permanently based; and
- (k) Gastroenterologist speciality covered by general physician and paediatricians.

- (ii) (a) General Surgeon visits 6-weekly;
- (b) Ophthalmologist visits 3-monthly;
- (c) Urologist (nil);
- (d) Psychiatrist visits monthly;
- (e) Physician visits 6-weekly;
- (f) ENT visits 3-monthly;
- (g) Neurologist (nil);
- (h) Gynaecologist visits 6-weekly - 2-monthly;
- (i) Obstetrician (nil);
- (j) Paediatrician visits monthly; and
- (k) Dermatologist visits 6-weekly.

- (iii) (a) General Surgeon visits monthly;
- (b) Ophthalmologist visits 3-monthly;

- (c) Urologists Royal Darwin Hospital be referred;
- (d) Psychiatrists Royal Darwin Hospital/Tamarind;
- (e) Physicians visit bi-monthly
- (f) ENT Specialists visits quarterly;
- (g) Neurologist Royal Darwin Hospital/interstate referral;
- (h) Gynaecologist monthly visits/6-weekly visits;
- (i) Obstetricians as for (h);
- (j) Paediatrician 6-weekly visits; and
- (k) Gastroenterologist Royal Darwin Hospital referral.

- (iv) (a) General Surgeon visits 2 days per month;
- (b) Ophthalmologist visits 5 days 3-monthly;
- (c) Nil;
- (d) Psychiatrist;
- (e) Physician visits every 2 months;
- (f) ENT quarterly;
- (g) Nil;
- (h) Gynaecologist visits 6 times per year;
- (i) Nil;
- (j) Paediatrician visits monthly; and
- (k) Nil.

- (v) (a) 1;
- (b) 1;
- (c) Nil (visiting from Flinders Medical Centre);
- (d) 1 (provides shared services to Darwin Rural, Katherine and East Arnhem Districts);
- (e) 3;
- (f) 1;
- (g) Nil (visiting from Flinders Medical Centre);
- (h)/(i) 2;
- (j) 2; and
- (k) Nil.

- 6. (i) 1 Paediatrician - 6 months;
- (ii) N/A;
- (iii) N/A;
- (iv) N/A; and
- (v) Nil.

7. (a) Alice Springs Hospital 2;
Tennant Creek Hospital 0.75;
Katherine Hospital 1;
Nhulunbuy Hospital 1; and
Royal Darwin Hospital 8.

(b) Alice Springs Hospital Nil;
Tennant Creek Hospital Nil;
Katherine Hospital Nil;
Nhulunbuy Hospital 0.3; and
Royal Darwin Hospital 2.

(c) Alice Springs Hospital Nil;
Tennant Creek Hospital Nil;
Katherine Hospital Nil;

Nhulunbuy Hospital 0.5; and
Royal Darwin Hospital 4.

8. (a) Alice Springs Hospital;
(b) Tennant Creek Hospital Campus;
(c) Katherine Hospital;
(d) Nhulunbuy Hospital; and
(e) Royal Darwin Hospital.

9. (a) Alice Springs Hospital 2;
(b) Tennant Creek Hospital Nil;
(c) Katherine Hospital Nil;
(d) Nhulunbuy Hospital
(Doctors with Anaesthetic
skills are employed) Nil;
(e) Royal Darwin Hospital 3.

10. (a) Alice Springs Hospital - No private specialist Anaesthetists;
(b) Tennant Creek Hospital Nil;
(c) Katherine Hospital Nil;
(d) Nhulunbuy Hospital Nil; and
(e) Royal Darwin Hospital 6 (sessional).