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To: Hon Steve Edgington

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Subject: Remote nursing employment data

QUESTION

Could you provide the data on the number of remote nurses that are Northern Territory Government employed versus agency nursing staff? What that is in the hospitals? As at 31 March, which is the closure of the reporting period.

ANSWER

This relates to the number of remote nurses that are government employed versus agency nursing staff in hospitals and what the government versus agency numbers are.

Primary Health Care has utilised, year to date, 105 FTEs of agency labour. This represents 23% of total nursing staff. The Alice Springs Hospital has utilised, year to date, 63 FTEs of agency labour. This represents 11% of total nursing staff. The Gove hospital has utilised, year to date, 4 FTEs of agency labour. This represents 6% of total nursing staff. The Katherine Hospital has utilised, year to date, 14 FTEs of agency labour. This represents 15% of total nursing staff. Palmerston has utilised one FTE of agency labour. This represent less than 1% of total nursing staff. The Royal Darwin Hospital has utilised 41 FTEs of agency labour. This represents 4% of total nursing staff. The Tennant Creek Hospital has utilised 16 FTEs of agency labour. This represents 30% of total nursing staff. Overall, NT Health has utilised, year to date, 139 FTE agency nurses across its hospitals. This represents 7% of our total nursing staff.