

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**From:** Mr Bill Yan

**To:** Hon Natasha Fyles MLA

**Portfolio:** Minister for Health

**Agency:** Department of Health

**Subject:** PCR Tests

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### **QUESTION:**

How many PCR tests are you doing per day? What number of tests are PCR saliva, and what number are PCR nasopharyngeal?

### **ANSWER:**

The number of tests undertaken per day varies significantly. For example, during the recent lockdown, up to 3,500 were undertaken in one day. However, on average, there are around 1000 per day.

The only saliva screening is the daily quarantine staff screens (Alice Springs and Darwin), accounting for approximately 15% of the total.