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QToNs No. 8

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into Recovery Plan for Nursing and Midwifery Workers ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE (QToN) 14 June 2023

Asked by **MR JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA** on 14 June 2023: MR DAVE PEFFER took on notice the following question:

Reference: *Hansard - Uncorrected Proof Transcript (UPT)*, 14 June 2023, pages 82-8

In relation to:

I would just like to get some data around nurses and midwives asking for leave and then subsequently getting leave approved in order to take part in professional development. How many requests have been made over the last year for nurses and midwives to take part in professional development, and of those requests, how many have been approved?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows

The below data is sourced from ProAct for the period 1 July 2022 to 27 June 2023.

Table 1 illustrates the number of hours nursing and midwifery staff have been coded on the roster as having accessed professional development leave, study leave or paid education. Table 2 is the total number of staff that have accessed this leave.

ProAct does not include all nursing & midwifery staff employed by Canberra Health Services, as some areas do not utilise this rostering system.

It is important to note that professional development leave is coded in ProAct inclusive of secondments, conferences, post graduate study, TAFE and short courses. Study leave includes organisation and unit specific education. The tables below do not include professional development attended during work hours or Digital Health Record (DHR) specific training undertaken in preparation for DHR Go Live in November 2022.

Table 1

	Hours
AIN	1,461.75
EN	4,564.50
RM	3,110
RN	47,870.25
Total	57,006.50

Table 2

	Number of staff
AIN	170
EN	215
RM	97
RN	2,073
Total	2,555

CHS does not hold information on how many professional development requests have been declined. CHS is unable to capture how many staff are completing their compulsory continuing professional development on personal time as this is managed by the individual as part of their professional registration with Ahpra.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:



Date:

6/7/23

By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA