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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Budget Paper C 2022-23 page 31

In relation to: CHS Estimated Employment Level

CHS is forecasting a decrease of 47 FTE staff which is linked to expected reduction in demand for COVID services in 2022-23.

- 1) Has CHS identified the 47 FTE it will let go as a part of this reduction in demand? If so, what is their classification/role?
- 2) CHSFOI21-22.22 pages 97, 98 reveal that 205 casual staff made up the COVID response team which included 122 RN's, 48 registered midwives, 28 AIN's, 7 EN's and 35 Student Nurses.
  - a) What are the updated figures for staff on the COVID response team?
- 3) Why are staff being reduced and not able to be reintegrated into the public health system?

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

- 1) No. Any FTE no longer required as part of the COVID-19 response will be given the opportunity to be redeployed to other parts of the organisation.
- 2) As of 20 July 2022, the paid Headcount is 151 working in COVID response roles.
- 3) Most of the Nursing and Midwifery staff from the COVID-19 response areas have been redeployed to other parts of the organisation. Some staff continue to work in the COVID-19 response areas noting the current ongoing impacts of COVID-19. All COVID-19 response administration staff have been transitioned.

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA