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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by **MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA** on 23 August 2022: MS DEBORAH ANTON took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Mr Peffer: Minister, I might be able to provide a greater level of detail in terms of numbers. For July, which I believe is the question, for our reporting period—I do just have to clarify that it is from 4 July to 31 July—73 per cent of shifts at Canberra Health Services were compliant against all three elements of the ratio's framework. 81 per cent of the elements were met across the CHS, so it might be that we met supernumery team leader and the staff-to-patient ratios but not the skill mix on some, for example.

THE CHAIR: Supplementary?

MS CASTLEY: Yes, I have got a couple. 55 people were supposed to be employed to get the ratios happening. Has that happened; the 55 staff, all 55?

Ms Stephen-Smith: Yes and in fact, it is 90 because we do not only have Canberra Health Services, we have another hospital in the ACT run by Calvary and they also were to employ 35 staff to deliver ratios. So, it was a total of 90 FTE positions and they also recruited to meet those positions. I do not think anybody here has got their most up-to-date ratio numbers?

Ms Anton: Deb Anton, Deputy Director General, ACT Health Director; I acknowledge the privilege statement. We had a meeting this morning with Calvary. Can I take that on notice so we can make sure that is accurate? We are just working on the July numbers now.

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

For the July reporting period (1 July to 31 July 2022), 35 per cent of shifts at CPHB were compliant against all three elements of the ratio framework. A shift is considered compliant if the following conditions are met:

- On a morning or an evening shift
 - 1 Nurse for every 4 patients
 - 1 Nurse Team Leader

- No more than 25 per cent Enrolled Nurse/Midwives used
- On a night shift
 - 1 Nurse for every 6 patients
 - No more than 25 per cent Enrolled Nurses/Midwives used

70 per cent of the elements were met across CPHB. This may mean that one or more of the elements were met and not another, for example, CPHB may have met supernumerary team leader and nurse to patient ratio but not the skill mix.

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA