



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA** on 21 November 2023: **DR DINESH ARYA** took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: Patients absconding from care

1. Yes, just a quick one. Minister, you said that the number of people that absconded, only two of them are from section 309. Where are the others from?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Consumers absconding could be from any one of the following units:
 - Adult Mental Health Unit
 - Ward 12B
 - Mental Health Short Stay Unit
 - Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit
 - Dhulwa Mental Health Unit
 - Gawanggal Mental Health Unit

Due to some of these units having a low number of AWOLs, a specific data breakdown cannot be provided as consumers may be able to be identified.

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By the Acting Minister for Mental Health, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA