



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 February 2022

Asked by MS CASTLEY on 21 FEBRUARY 2022: MINISTER DAVIDSON took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Can you give us the exact number of how many nurses and psychiatrists you have working across all of the mental health units in the ACT over five years for psychologists, psychiatrists and nurses.

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

In October 2018, CHS separated from the ACT Health Directorate and as such, after October 2018, Canberra Health Services (CHS) can only report on facilities managed within our organisation.

Canberra Health Services:

The breakdown of staffing in the previous five years working in Mental Health facilities managed by CHS are listed below (where able to be sourced):

Month and Year	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021
Psychiatrists	46	46	45	54	50
Psychologists	-	-	42	44	45
Nurses	361	389	401	436	457

Please note the following caveats in regard to the data provided by CHS.

- All areas of Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol and Drug services have been included as there are some staff working across multiple areas
- Figures indicate headcount not FTE.
- Numbers include casual staff that were employed but may not have worked during the reporting period.
- Due to historical reporting constraints numbers may include individuals that ceased in previous pay periods but received cessation payments.
- Please note that the data provided does not include contracted staff including agency, locum or Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs).

ACT Health Directorate (including Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce)

ACT Health Directorate does not employ mental health nurses, psychologists, and psychiatrists in clinical or service provision roles. A psychiatrist is appointed to the position of Chief Psychiatrist.

Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) employs:

Month and Year	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021
Psychiatrists ^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Psychologists	3	3	3	1	3
Mental Health Nurses	48	51	49	48	58

Notes

- (a) Psychiatrists employed by Canberra Health Services also provide services at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Minister Davidson