



Inquiry into endometriosis and other pelvic pain conditions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

Addressed to: Endometriosis Australia

In relation to: Nursing scholarships

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Ms Bowring took on notice the following question(s):

MS TOUGH: I also want to pick up on the training thread. With the partnership between Endometriosis Australia and the College of Nursing with the scholarships for nurses across Australia, what is the take-up of that like for nurses?

Ms Bowring: It has been quite high. We have had the program now running for two years. It is coming towards the end of its second year now. We had a goal of 100 nurses endometriosis trained at the end of a three-year period. We are now sitting at 60 nurses fully trained. It is yet to be evaluated. It was a first pilot study for us to see how this worked and how successful it was. The full and formal evaluation is not yet complete. The University of Tasmania are conducting that for us and will be available next year. However, the qualitative feedback that we have had back from nurses so far is that it has been invaluable to their communities, particularly in regional and remote areas. For small primary health networks or local regional hospitals that do not have the specialists on board that are trained, having these individual nursing staff has made a huge difference to the community.

MS TOUGH: How are the nurses spread across the country right now? You said that some are in smaller health networks. Are there some in hospital? What is the kind of spread?

Ms Bowring: I do not have the exact data on that, but I can take it on notice and get back to you.

Endometriosis Australia: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Endometriosis Academy Nursing Scholarship – total 56 nurses

Location	Region		Workplace				
	Metro	Regional	Hospital	GP	LHN Clinic	Endometriosis & Pelvic Pain Clinic	Royal Flying Doctor Service
NSW	9	9	4	3	9	1	1
VIC	10	6	3	12	1		
QLD	3	7	2	3	5		
ACT	0	1			1		
SA	3	1	2	2			
TAS	2	2	1	1	2		
WA	3	0	1		1	1	
Total	30	26	13	21	19	2	1

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