



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 MR PETERSSON on 21 FEBRUARY 2022: MINISTER DAVIDSON took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

I understand that very fair observation. But I have had reported to me that there has been an increase in code blacks. You also recruited new personnel into this space, the Adult Mental Health Unit, so I am just hoping that you can provide some data or measure, maybe not of how many of these incidents occur but what the staffing profile and the unit look like as a result.

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

A new reporting module was introduced in 2020. Prior to this reporting, specific location and true/false alarms were not recorded or differentiated.

The below table (Table 1) indicates the number of incidents notified to the security area which meet the criteria of a Code Black in the Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU).

Month	2020	2021	2022
Jan	2	7	2
Feb	2	8	
Mar	0	2	
Apr	9	8	
May	0	6	
Jun	4	8	
Jul	4	8	
Aug	1	4	
Sep	3	8	
Oct	3	8	
Nov	4	1	
Dec	1	3	
Total	33	68	

Since May 2019, a 24/7 Security Supervisor role has been embedded in the AMHU staffing profile to assist clinical leaders in the management of occupational violence.

The staffing profile for the AMHU as of January 2022

Classification	Budgeted FTE
Medical – consultants, registrars, and junior medical officers	11
Nursing – registered, enrolled, and assistants in nursing.	81.49
Allied Health – psychologist, social workers, occupational therapist, and assistants in allied health. (Across AMHU, Ward 12B, and Mental Health Short Stay)	22.24
Wards persons/ Health Services Officers (HSO)	2.50
Administration	8.55
Total	125.78

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Emma Davidson