



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by **MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA** on 1 November 2022: MR DAVE PEFFER took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Nurse Practitioners in Walk-in-Centres

- 1) How many of the 5 additional Nurse Practitioners have been employed?
- 2) What was the total funding/cost of the additional Nurse Practitioners?

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

- 1) To date no additional nurse practitioners funded in the 2022-23 Budget have been employed. The two additional nurse practitioners mentioned at the Annual Report Hearing are expected to commence employment in February 2023. These new recruits will fill existing vacancies outside the additional five positions being funded through the 2022-23 budget initiative for the forward four year period.
- 2) The total funding for the additional nurse practitioners is \$2,561,000 over the four-year period from 2022-23 to 2025-26. This is part of the broader commitment for community health resourcing of \$3,050,000 over the four-year period.

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