

Government of  
Northwest Territories

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MR. KIERON TESTART  
MLA, RANGE LAKE**Oral Question 215-20(1): Use of Agency Nurses**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on May 29, 2024, regarding the number of agency nurse contracts in place in Northwest Territories health care facilities since 2021.

The Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority has used 267 agency nurse contracts for 109 individual nurses, since 2021. Further, the NTHSSA has not used any agency nurse contracts to support health centres.

The Tłı̄chǫ Community Service Agency has used seven agency nurse contracts for five nurses to support the operation of health centres in the Tłı̄chǫ region, since 2021.

Since 2021, the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority has used one agency nurse contract with one registered nurse filling the contract and one agency licensed practical nurse (LPN) contract with nine LPNs filling the contract.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lesa Semmler".

Lesa Semmler  
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