## Extract from Hansard

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## CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATIONS — HEALTH STAFF

477. Hon Colin de Grussa to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to Western Australian Health staff, and I ask, how many registered nurses resigned, regardless of reason for resignation, from the public health system between:

- (a) 1 April 2020 to 3 November 2020; and
- (b) 3 November to 1 April 2021?

## Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) 1,046 registered and enrolled nurses resigned between 1 April 2020 to 3 November 2020.
- (b) 957 registered and enrolled nurses resigned between 3 November 2020 to 1 April 2021.

The numbers above represent headcount rather than FTE.

While the WA health system had 2,003 resignations between 1 April 2020 to 1 April 2021, 3,604 registered and enrolled nurses were recruited during the same period, resulting in a net increase of 1,601 to the WA health nursing workforce.

It should be noted that the resignation data set does not capture nurses who resign from a Health Service Provider but are subsequently re-employed in the same Health Service Provider, as they are deemed to be 'active' employees, and their original resignation is not recorded on the system.