

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

1675. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to Perth Children's Hospital Ward 5A, and ask:

- (a) what is the current staffing for Ward 5A;
- (b) how many of the medical, nursing and allied health staff positions are currently filled by permanent staff – not contractors, locums or casuals;
- (c) for each of the past 3 years, how many medical staff have resigned from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS);
- (d) for each of the past 3 years, how many senior nurses have resigned from CAMHS;
- (e) for each of the past 3 years, how many nurses have resigned from CAMHS;
- (f) as of 10 October 2023, how many vacancies (not permanently filled) are in CAMHS for each of the professions, medical, nursing, allied health; and
- (g) how many locum doctors are currently employed at CAMHS?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) 78 Full Time Equivalent (FTE).
- (b) 33.97 of 66 nursing and allied health authorised FTE are filled by permanent staff, with a total headcount of 49. The WA Health System – Medical Practitioners – AMA Industrial Agreement 2022 does not currently provide for permanency as a mode of employment. Figures do not include those on fixed term contracts.
- (c) Three medical staff have resigned in the past 3 financial years.
- (d) No senior nurses have resigned in the past 3 financial years.
- (e) 15 nurses have resigned in the past 3 financial years.
- (f) A total of 41.03 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) are not permanently filled in Ward 5A as follows:
  - (i) 7 FTE Medical
  - (ii) 27.16 FTE Nursing
  - (iii) 4.87 FTE Allied health
  - (iv) 2 FTE Admin/Clerical.
- (g) One.