

The Honourable Lesa Semmler
Minister of Health and Social Services

Agency Nurses

Mr. Speaker, I have a Return to Written Question asked by the Member for Range Lake on May 30, 2024, regarding Agency Nurses.

The Member asked for the total number of agency nurse contracts which have been utilized since 2021, categorized by individual nurse as well as by contracting agency. The total number of contracts used across the three health authorities during this time is 276, and later today I will table a breakdown of the information by individual nurse and contracting agency.

The Member asked for the number of agency nurse contracts which have been utilized to support community health centres and the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA) operations outside of hospitals in Yellowknife, Inuvik, and Hay River since 2021. The NTHSSA does not utilize any agency nurse contracts to support community health centers and NTHSSA operations outside of hospitals in Yellowknife, Inuvik, and Hay River. Later today I will table a breakdown of agency nurse contracts utilized by the Tłıchʼo Community Service Agency to support the operation of health centres in the Tłıchʼo region, since 2021.

Finally, the Member asked how many individual agency nurse contracts are represented by the \$4.4 million expenditure on agency nurses in fiscal year 2023-2024. The total number of individual agency nurse contracts represented by the \$4.4 million expenditure is 136 contracts, and later today at the appropriate time, I will table a breakdown of information by health authority.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.