



Health

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC
Chair
Portfolio Committee No 2 - Health
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Our ref Q22/435-22

Dear Mr Donnelly

I am writing about evidence provided by me at the Portfolio Committee No 2 - Health Budget Estimates Hearings for Health, and Women, Regional Health and Mental Health, held on 6 and 7 September 2022 respectively.

Having now had the opportunity to review the transcripts from both hearings I am writing to clarify my evidence as detailed below.

On page 35 of the Health hearing transcript, in response to the Hon Adam Searle MLC, I state in relation to overtime hours that:

Last year, 2021-22, that number was 2.7 per cent, and for the financial year just ended it was 3.3.

This sentence should refer to the financial year 2020-21 and state that:

Last year, 2020-21, that number was 2.7 per cent, and for the financial year just ended it was 3.3

On page 43 of the Women, Regional Health and Mental Health transcript, in response to you, I state in relation to staff furloughs:

I think we are almost below 600 furloughed today, and the nursing compliment of that is less than 500. I might correct the record with the exact detail after the break.

I have sought more detailed information in relation to this statement, and can advise that it should say:

I think we are almost below 650 furloughed today, and the nursing compliment of that is less than 250.

I do not believe that these changes substantially alter the meaning or intent of my evidence.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Committee with these clarifications. If you require more information, please contact Director, Office of the Deputy Secretary, People Culture and Governance, NSW Ministry of Health, on

Yours sincerely

27 September 2022
Phil Minns
Deputy Secretary
People, Culture and Governance