

Question on Notice

No. 30

Asked on 12 February 2019

MR J LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to the Government's nurse to patient ratio—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number and location of wards that are not 'in scope' for this staffing requirement and (b) the reason they are not included (reported separately by ward)?

ANSWER

The legislated minimum nurse-to-patient staffing ratios apply in acute adult medical and surgical wards and selected mental health wards in prescribed public hospitals. There are 27 in-scope facilities and 161 wards where minimum ratios are legislated across Hospital and Health Services (HHSs).

The in-scope facilities are detailed in Schedule 2A of the *Hospital and Health Boards Regulation 2012*. All other facilities are out of scope.