

Question on Notice

No. 1534

Asked on 10 December 2025

MS M MCMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise, between 1 November 2024 to date, (a) the number of nurse graduate applications received and (b) the number of successful nurse graduate applicants to Queensland Health (in table format, reported on the Y-Axis by HHS with sub tables with Hospitals and their corresponding figures, and number of applications and successful applicants on the X-Axis)?

ANSWER

Nurses and midwives are the backbone of frontline care, working together to provide continuity and quality across every stage of the patient journey. Queensland is investing in nurses and midwives like never before — with an 11% pay rise, better conditions, and new incentives for remote areas. The Crisafulli Government is creating 2,000 free nursing diploma places in 2026 to build a strong pipeline of skilled professionals. Frontline voices will have guaranteed seats on every Hospital and Health Board, and we recruited over 1,800 graduate nurses and 180 midwives in 2025. This is about sustainability, equity, and ensuring safe, high-quality care for every Queenslanders.

Between 1 November 2024 through 10 December 2025, a total of 5,313 graduate nurse applications were received through the graduate nurse portal. Received applications should not be equated to eligible candidates. This number may include duplicate applications, overseas candidates or fall into other, ineligible groups for the graduate program.

It is unclear whether the Member is requesting data on all Queensland public health facilities. I invite the Member to clarify the specific types of facilities the data is requested from to ensure a fulsome response.