

Question on Notice

No. 489

Asked on 12 May 2026

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Workforce Gap Analysis report—

Will the Minister advise, to the nearest reportable date, (a) the attrition rate for occupational therapist positions, reported separately by HHS and (b) the number of vacant occupational therapist FTE positions, reported separately by HHS?

ANSWER

(a) I am advised that for the financial year to date, as at pay period ending 26 April 2026, the attrition rate for occupational therapist positions was 6.04%. I am further advised that the attrition rate for 2024-25 was 6.46%.

Of this:

- Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 10.50 per cent.
- Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 0.00 per cent.
- Central West Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 37.33 per cent.
- Children's Health Queensland had an attrition rate of 5.52 per cent.
- Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 4.23 per cent.
- Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 8.28 per cent.
- Mackay Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 6.24 per cent.
- Metro North Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 6.86 per cent.
- Metro South Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 4.94 per cent.
- North West Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 0.00 per cent.
- South West Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 0.00 per cent.
- Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 6.66 per cent.
- Torres and Cape York Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 0.00 per cent.
- Townsville Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 5.33 per cent.
- West Moreton Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 4.72 per cent.
- Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service had an attrition rate of 3.13 per cent.

(b) I am advised that as at pay period ending 26 April 2026, the number of vacant occupational therapist positions was 68.82 FTE. I am further advised that the number of vacant occupational therapist positions was 82.17 FTE as at June 2024.

Of these:

- Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service had 7.25 FTE vacant positions.
- Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service had 2.00 FTE vacant positions.
- Central West Hospital and Health Service had no reported vacancies.
- Children's Health Queensland had 2.76 FTE vacant positions.
- Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service had 4.12 FTE vacant positions.
- Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service had 3.18 FTE vacant positions.
- Mackay Hospital and Health Service had 3.55 FTE vacant positions.
- Metro North Hospital and Health Service had 7.01 FTE vacant positions.
- Metro South Hospital and Health Service had 16.66 FTE vacant positions.
- North West Hospital and Health Service had no reported vacancies.
- South West Hospital and Health Service had 2.00 FTE vacant positions.
- Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service had 0.07 FTE vacant positions.
- Torres and Cape York Hospital and Health Service had 0.61 FTE vacant positions.
- Townsville Hospital and Health Service had 3.94 FTE vacant positions.
- West Moreton Hospital and Health Service had 8.13 FTE vacant positions.
- Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service had 7.54 FTE vacant positions.