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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 863

MS CASTLEY: To ask the Minister for Health—

1. How many staff work in the Canberra Hospital's cardiology department.
2. What is the breakdown of staff numbers, job title and classification.
3. How many staff complaints have been made about the cardiology department since January 2021.
4. What is the breakdown of the types of staff complaints.
5. How many doctors are rostered on for duty in the department each day.
6. How often have those doctors, referred to in part (5), not been in the hospital when they were rostered on duty.
7. How many doctors have been involved.
8. Where have those doctors been.
9. Who is responsible for ensuring the doctors rostered on duty actually turn up to the cardiology department.
10. Who is responsible for contacting the doctors who do not turn up when rostered for duty.
11. Have there been complaints about doctors in other hospital departments who have been rostered on duty but not actually been in the building.
12. How has patient care in the cardiology department been affected if doctors rostered on for duty are not actually in the building (according to a media report in *The Canberra Times* on Sunday, 5 June 2022).



MS STEPHEN-SMITH MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. As of 31 May 2022, the CHS Cardiology Department comprised 86.88 FTE.
2. The cardiology department comprises cardiologists, nurses, allied health and administrative staff. The breakdown for the unit is per the following table:

Cardiology unit	Role	Classification	FTE
	Cardiologist	Specialist	6.97
	Registrar	Registrar	4
	Office Manager	ASO4	1
	Booking & Scheduling Officer	ASO3	4.2
	Front Counter / Customer Service Officer	ASO2	3
Coronary Care Unit	Registered Nurse (RN)	RN2	13.93
	Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC)	RN3	1
	RN	RN1	17.11
	Graduate Nurse	RN1	1
Cardiology Outpatients	CNS / Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)	RN3	3
	RN	RN2	3.52
	Cardiac Sonographer	MI4	3
	Cardiac Physiology & Sonography Manager	HP5	1
	Cardiac Sonographer	HP4	0.62
	Senior Cardiac Physiologist	HP3	1
	Cardiac Physiologist	HP2	3.8
	Graduate Cardiac Physiologist	HP1	3
Cardiac Catheter Laboratory	CNC	RN3	1
	RN	RN2	4
	RN	RN1	6.63
	Graduate Nurse	RN1	1
	Medical Support	TO2	1
Electrophysiology	Cardiologist	Specialist	1.1
	Office Manager	ASO4	1

3. Since January 2021, there have been eight staff incidents/complaints made concerning the Cardiology Department.
4. Of the eight incidents reported since January 2021, two related to claims of sexual harassment, two relating to inappropriate behaviour and four claims relating to bullying / inappropriate behaviour.
5. The number of Cardiologists varies daily based on contractual obligations and other clinical commitments. Generally, the unit has between five and nine Cardiologists rostered from Monday to Friday.
6. CHS is unable to comment as there is an ongoing investigation into the attendance of Cardiologists.
7. See above.

8. This information is related to allegations with are currently under investigation and therefore it is not appropriate to respond at this time.
9. Responsibility for this sits with the Director of Cardiology.
10. This is the responsibility of the Director of Cardiology and may be delegated to the Deputy Director of Cardiology or to an Administrative Support staff member.
11. CHS has no information to suggest such complaints have been made.
12. This information is related to allegations with are currently under investigation and therefore it is not appropriate to respond at this time.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Health**

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