

**HEALTH — COUNTRY HEALTH WORKERS — KIMBERLEY**

2754. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many health workers are currently employed by Country Health in the Kimberley?
- (2) Where are each of these health workers located?
- (3) Of these health workers, how many are Aboriginal?
- (4) What are the employment levels and positions of the Aboriginal Health Workers in the Kimberley?

**Dr K.D. Hames replied:**

- (1) As at 30 June 2014, WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Kimberley had 1,085 paid employees.
- (2)

Location / Program Area	Employees
Aged Care	31
Broome Hospital	275
Corporate	16
Derby Hospital	127
Fitzroy Crossing Hospital	45
Halls Creek Hospital	39
Kununurra Hospital	154
Mental Health	113
Population Health	189
Regional Services (e.g. Specialist Medical)	70
Wyndham Hospital	26

- (3) As at 30 June 2014, there were 100 paid employees of WACHS Kimberley who had either identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or were employed against positions where Aboriginality is a requirement under section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunities act. Identification as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is not a compulsory requirement of employment; as a result there is the possibility that numbers are under reported.
- (4) [See tabled paper no 2029.]