LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Thursday, 11 November 2021

C1021. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the shortage of midwives in Western Australia and I ask:

1. Please table the email from the WACHS Coordinator of Midwifery to WACHS Maternity NUM and the associated email trail sent on Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 8:46am.
2. What is the subject line of this email?
3. Please table the email from the WACHS Chief Operating Officer to WACHS Executive on Wednesday, 27 October, 2021 at 8:02am.
4. What is the subject line of this email?
5. Did a representative from your office or Department previously advise any journalists that either of these emails were doctored?

Answer

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of the question.

(1) & (3) I table the attached document.

(2) Super Urgent Shout out for Midwives for the Pilbara.

(4) Super Urgent Shout out for Nurses for the Pilbara

(5) The email supplied by media to WA Country Health Service (WACHS) included a line around mandatory vaccinations that was not part of the original email.

Note, the Chief Operating Officer of WACHS advises that neither site reached service failure, and that midwives had been found to support Hedland Health Campus.

From: WACHS, CE Correspondence
Sent: Thursday, 11 November 2021 12:06 PM
To: WACHS, Ministerials and PQs

From: ████████ (Midwifery)
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 8:46 AM
To: WACHS Maternity NUM <WACHSMaternityNUM@health.wa.gov.au>; ████████
Cc: ████████
Subject: FW: SUPER URGENT SHOUT OUT FOR MIDWIVES FOR THE PILBARA
Importance: High

Hello,

, know you are all strapped but if there are any midwives, or yourselves, interested in short term deployment to Karratha or Hedland from Nov 8 – travel, accommodation and site allowances apply. They are at imminent risk of service failure, name your terms.......

Regards,

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Program Manager | CHI Maternal Health Improvement Project (0.5)
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From: ████████
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 8:02 AM
To: WACHS Executive <WACHSAreaExec@health.wa.gov.au>; WACHS EOC <WACHS.IncidentCoordinationGroup@health.wa.gov.au>; 'WACHS Command Centre' <wachscommandcentre2794@wahealthdept.onmicrosoft.com>; ████████
<████████>; WACHS Regional Nurse Directors <WACHSNLRG@health.wa.gov.au>
Cc: WACHS Executive Support Team <WACHSExecutiveSupportTeam@health.wa.gov.au>
Subject: SUPER URGENT SHOUT OUT FOR NURSES FOR THE PILBARA
Importance: High

Morning everyone

this week it is an urgent shout out for MIDWIVES to deploy to the Pilbara – Hedland Health Campus to support roster cover from 8 November (or earlier if possible)

If you're a midwife or have midwives in your team who can travel to Pilbara even for a short period of time, please let us know today or tomorrow

Any assistance you can offer is gratefully appreciated

Kind regards

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