

HOSPITALS — REGISTERED NURSES

784. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to registered nursing graduates in Western Australian public hospitals and I ask:

- (a) How many newly graduated registered nurses entered employment in a Western Australian public hospitals each year since 2015; and
- (b) On average, how long do graduate registered nurses who start their career in a public hospital remain working in a public hospital?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

- (a) The table below outlines the number of graduate registered nurses, recruited through the GradConnect process, entering employment from 2020 to date. Data from 2015 to 2019 is not available. This data does not include graduates that have been employed by Health Service Providers external to the GradConnect process.

Year	Number of Graduate Registered Nurses
2020	566
2021	791
2022	1040
2023*	595

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- (b) Specific data for this request is not available.