

**CORONAVIRUS — BORDER RESTRICTIONS — MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

831. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the approval for medical practitioners to enter Western Australia during Covid restrictions, and I ask:

- (a) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many overseas medical practitioners and medical specialists were authorised by the Chief Medical Officer to enter Western Australia for work in hospitals and other medical roles;
- (b) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many interstate medical practitioners and medical specialists were authorised by the Chief Medical Officer to enter Western Australia for work in hospitals and other medical roles;
- (c) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many medical practitioners and medical specialists left Western Australian public hospitals; and
- (d) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many medical practitioners and medical specialists were employed in Western Australian public hospitals?

**Ms A. Sanderson replied:**

- (a)–(b) The Chief Medical Officer did not play a role in the authorisation process. The Chief Health Officer provided advice to the State Emergency Coordinator, on request, on matters related to entry to Western Australia. International entry to Australia required Commonwealth Government approval. Interstate border exemptions were handled by the State Emergency Coordinator.

(c)–(d)

Month	Total Number of Medical Practitioners and Specialists Leaving WA Public Hospitals	Total Number of Medical Practitioners and Specialists Employed in WA Public Hospital System
Feb-2020	109	5,792
Mar-2020	69	5,571
Apr-2020	23	5,552
May-2020	31	5,556
Jun-2020	29	5,546
Jul-2020	44	5,564
Aug-2020	47	5,636
Sep-2020	20	5,600
Oct-2020	20	5,674
Nov-2020	28	5,710
Dec-2020	32	5,714
Jan-2021	256	6,148
Feb-2021	25	5,994
Mar-2021	30	6,007
Apr-2021	31	5,993
May-2021	44	5,999
Jun-2021	28	5,966
Jul-2021	52	5,983
Aug-2021	68	6,113
Sep-2021	16	6,062
Oct-2021	37	6,087
Nov-2021	33	6,082
Dec-2021	58	6,068
Jan-2022	315	6,740

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Feb-2022	47	6,367
Mar-2022	35	6,368
Apr-2022	84	6,376
May-2022	54	6,328
Jun-2022	43	6,308
Jul-2022	49	6,337
Aug-2022	105	6,673
Sep-2022	28	6,574
Oct-2022	37	6,606
Nov-2022	32	6,594
Dec-2022	65	6,572