

NURSES AND MIDWIVES — DOUBLE SHIFTS

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

I refer to the practice of double shifts being undertaken by Western Australian nurses and midwives, across the WA health system and I ask:

- (a) How many nurses undertook a double shift in August 2023; and
- (b) How many nurses undertook a double shift in July 2023?

**Ms A. Sanderson replied:**

(a)–(b)

Nurses and Midwives		
Months	July 2023	August 2023
Double shifts	752	712
Headcount <sup>1</sup>	621	605

A double shift occurs when an employee works two consecutive standard working hour shifts, with a break between the two shifts.

Consistent with the *WA Health Australian Nursing Federation – Registered Nurses, Midwives, Enrolled (Mental Health) And Enrolled (Mothercraft) Nurses – Industrial Agreement 2020*. The hours worked in any one day will be a maximum of eight hours for a standard shift, unless an agreement to vary the hours and roster has been made in accordance with Clause 28 – Flexibility in Hours and Rostering of the above Agreement.