JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

Question:

Could you provide on notice the number of staff employed by IHMS and also break it down by who is on the nine-to-five roster, the after-five roster and the evening roster, just so we know at any one point in the day how many medical staff are on deck?

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Answer:

The Health Services Provider, IHMS, employs 13 primary health care professionals, nine mental health care professionals and two administrative staff at Scherger IDC.

Nursing and mental health clinics are available seven days a week and general practitioner clinics five days a week.

The morning shift (0830–1700) has approximately 13 primary and mental health care and two administrative staff.

The evening shift (1245–2115) has three to four primary and mental health care staff.

The night shift (2000-0700) has one but can also have two primary health care staff.

The overlap between shifts allows for medication rounds to be completed, ensures that staff are able to attend professional training and also ensures that handover between shifts can be completed while leaving staff available in the clinic to deal with clients.