

**44799 (2025). Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall to the Minister of Health:** How many “shifts below target” have occurred, if any, in maternity wards from 1 January to 31 July 2025, as reported in the Care Capacity Demand Management programme, listed by district?

**Table one:** shifts below target in maternity wards, 1 January to 31 July, 2022 to 2025

| <b>District</b>               | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b>  | <b>2024</b>  | <b>2025</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Auckland                      | 859         | 1238         | 1203         | 1101        |
| Bay Of Plenty                 | 806         | 835          | 649          | 813         |
| Canterbury                    | 893         | 1173         | 1090         | 759         |
| Capital Coast and Hutt Valley | 1197        | 1126         | 1104         | 1137        |
| Counties Manukau              | 884         | 1811         | 1916         | 1207        |
| Hawkes Bay                    | 205         | 336          | 377          | 332         |
| Lakes                         | 405         | 107          | 266          | 275         |
| Midcentral                    | 197         | 204          | 209          | 275         |
| Nelson Marlborough            | 364         | 344          | 364          | 340         |
| Northland                     | 427         | 561          | 542          | 417         |
| South Canterbury              | 195         | 135          | 214          | 114         |
| Southern                      | 900         | 824          | 784          | 709         |
| Tairāwhiti                    | 38          | 77           | 88           | 63          |
| Taranaki                      | 86          | 104          | 82           | 56          |
| Waikato                       | 611         | 922          | 1148         | 1072        |
| Wairarapa                     | 46          | 31           | 35           | 24          |
| Waitemata                     | 939         | 925          | 993          | 679         |
| West Coast                    | 17          | 9            | 10           | 10          |
| Whanganui                     | 320         | 275          | 277          | 177         |
| <b>Total per year</b>         | <b>9389</b> | <b>11037</b> | <b>11351</b> | <b>9560</b> |

**Table two:** shifts above target in maternity wards, 1 January to 31 July, 2022 to 2025

| <b>District</b>               | <b>2022</b>  | <b>2023</b>  | <b>2024</b>  | <b>2025</b>  |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Auckland                      | 3980         | 4263         | 4115         | 2893         |
| Bay Of Plenty                 | 4242         | 4389         | 4662         | 2492         |
| Canterbury                    | 4693         | 4481         | 5666         | 3654         |
| Capital Coast and Hutt Valley | 4403         | 4461         | 4574         | 2615         |
| Counties Manukau              | 5229         | 3342         | 3782         | 2856         |
| Hawkes Bay                    | 2502         | 2373         | 2321         | 1257         |
| Lakes                         | 2329         | 2841         | 2375         | 1362         |
| Midcentral                    | 5783         | 5862         | 5836         | 2675         |
| Nelson Marlborough            | 3346         | 3407         | 3521         | 1980         |
| Northland                     | 3268         | 3124         | 3154         | 1935         |
| South Canterbury              | 1719         | 1702         | 1705         | 1073         |
| Southern                      | 2278         | 2288         | 2507         | 1564         |
| Tairāwhiti                    | 1875         | 1955         | 1934         | 1176         |
| Taranaki                      | 2894         | 2800         | 2939         | 1731         |
| Waikato                       | 5306         | 4858         | 4379         | 2718         |
| Wairarapa                     | 932          | 940          | 971          | 565          |
| Waitemata                     | 2044         | 1851         | 1770         | 1035         |
| West Coast                    | 1022         | 1040         | 1040         | 603          |
| Whanganui                     | 1396         | 1450         | 1512         | 990          |
| <b>Total per year</b>         | <b>59241</b> | <b>57427</b> | <b>58763</b> | <b>35174</b> |

**44800 (2025). Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall to the Minister of Health:** How many “shifts below target” have occurred, if any, in maternity wards from 1 January to 31 July 2025, as reported in the Care Capacity Demand Management programme, listed by district and as a proportion of all shifts?

**Table three:** shifts below target in maternity wards, 1 January to 31 July, 2022 to 2025, by district and as a percentage

| District                      | 2022        |              | 2023         |              | 2024         |              | 2025        |              |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                               | No.         | %            | No.          | %            | No.          | %            | No.         | %            |
| Auckland                      | 859         | 25.6%        | 1238         | 29.5%        | 1203         | 34.5%        | 1101        | 28.9%        |
| Bay Of Plenty                 | 806         | 21.1%        | 835          | 21.9%        | 649          | 17.0%        | 813         | 23.0%        |
| Canterbury                    | 893         | 22.4%        | 1173         | 26.4%        | 1090         | 22.5%        | 759         | 14.9%        |
| Capital Coast and Hutt Valley | 1197        | 26.9%        | 1126         | 25.3%        | 1104         | 24.7%        | 1137        | 25.6%        |
| Counties Manukau              | 884         | 19.8%        | 1811         | 40.7%        | 1916         | 42.8%        | 1207        | 27.1%        |
| Hawkes Bay                    | 205         | 10.8%        | 336          | 17.6%        | 377          | 19.7%        | 332         | 17.4%        |
| Lakes                         | 405         | 21.2%        | 107          | 7.0%         | 266          | 14.5%        | 275         | 14.4%        |
| Midcentral                    | 197         | 15.5%        | 204          | 14.1%        | 209          | 16.3%        | 275         | 13.8%        |
| Nelson Marlborough            | 364         | 14.3%        | 344          | 13.5%        | 364          | 14.2%        | 340         | 13.4%        |
| Northland                     | 427         | 18.1%        | 561          | 22.1%        | 542          | 21.2%        | 417         | 16.4%        |
| South Canterbury              | 195         | 15.5%        | 135          | 10.6%        | 214          | 16.7%        | 114         | 9.0%         |
| Southern                      | 900         | 35.4%        | 824          | 32.4%        | 784          | 30.7%        | 709         | 26.6%        |
| Tairāwhiti                    | 38          | 3.8%         | 77           | 6.0%         | 88           | 6.9%         | 63          | 5.0%         |
| Taranaki                      | 86          | 4.8%         | 104          | 7.3%         | 82           | 6.0%         | 56          | 4.1%         |
| Waikato                       | 611         | 20.0%        | 922          | 31.8%        | 1148         | 29.9%        | 1072        | 28.1%        |
| Wairarapa                     | 46          | 7.2%         | 31           | 4.9%         | 35           | 5.5%         | 24          | 3.8%         |
| Waitemata                     | 939         | 36.9%        | 925          | 36.4%        | 993          | 38.8%        | 679         | 33.7%        |
| West Coast                    | 17          | 3.2%         | 9            | 1.7%         | 10           | 2.2%         | 10          | 2.2%         |
| Whanganui                     | 320         | 25.2%        | 275          | 23.3%        | 277          | 21.7%        | 177         | 15.0%        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>9389</b> | <b>21.0%</b> | <b>11037</b> | <b>24.2%</b> | <b>11351</b> | <b>24.4%</b> | <b>9560</b> | <b>20.4%</b> |

**Table four:** shifts above target in maternity wards, 1 January to 31 July, 2022 to 2025, by district and as a percentage

| District                      | 2022        |               | 2023         |               | 2024         |               | 2025        |               |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
|                               | No.         | %             | No.          | %             | No.          | %             | No.         | %             |
| Auckland                      | 3980        | 60.89%        | 4263         | 57.28%        | 4115         | 57.28%        | 2893        | 64.11%        |
| Bay Of Plenty                 | 4242        | 64.58%        | 4389         | 66.79%        | 4662         | 70.73%        | 2492        | 65.30%        |
| Canterbury                    | 4693        | 64.98%        | 4481         | 58.48%        | 5666         | 66.14%        | 3654        | 71.81%        |
| Capital Coast and Hutt Valley | 4403        | 57.43%        | 4461         | 58.21%        | 4574         | 59.55%        | 2615        | 58.74%        |
| Counties Manukau              | 5229        | 59.71%        | 3342         | 38.19%        | 3782         | 43.04%        | 2856        | 55.87%        |
| Hawkes Bay                    | 2502        | 76.26%        | 2373         | 72.23%        | 2321         | 70.53%        | 1257        | 65.79%        |
| Lakes                         | 2329        | 70.89%        | 2841         | 86.47%        | 2375         | 72.17%        | 1362        | 71.30%        |
| Midcentral                    | 5783        | 90.22%        | 5862         | 89.85%        | 5836         | 89.35%        | 2675        | 84.13%        |
| Nelson Marlborough            | 3346        | 76.35%        | 3407         | 77.79%        | 3521         | 80.16%        | 1980        | 77.84%        |
| Northland                     | 3268        | 74.64%        | 3124         | 71.43%        | 3154         | 71.82%        | 1935        | 76.01%        |
| South Canterbury              | 1719        | 78.67%        | 1702         | 77.73%        | 1705         | 77.59%        | 1073        | 84.44%        |
| Southern                      | 2278        | 52.03%        | 2288         | 52.25%        | 2507         | 57.07%        | 1564        | 58.63%        |
| Tairāwhiti                    | 1875        | 85.68%        | 1955         | 89.23%        | 1934         | 88.08%        | 1176        | 92.64%        |
| Taranaki                      | 2894        | 88.81%        | 2800         | 86.75%        | 2939         | 89.80%        | 1731        | 90.81%        |
| Waikato                       | 5306        | 72.57%        | 4858         | 63.48%        | 4379         | 57.00%        | 2718        | 61.10%        |
| Wairarapa                     | 932         | 85.14%        | 940          | 85.84%        | 971          | 88.37%        | 565         | 88.87%        |
| Waitemata                     | 2044        | 46.66%        | 1851         | 42.24%        | 1770         | 40.30%        | 1035        | 50.19%        |
| West Coast                    | 1022        | 93.25%        | 1040         | 94.96%        | 1040         | 94.73%        | 603         | 94.86%        |
| Whanganui                     | 1396        | 63.75%        | 1450         | 66.21%        | 1512         | 68.85%        | 990         | 77.79%        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>9389</b> | <b>71.71%</b> | <b>11037</b> | <b>70.28%</b> | <b>11351</b> | <b>70.66%</b> | <b>9560</b> | <b>73.17%</b> |

**Caveats:**

- As the Member will be aware, the CCDM contains 'moment in time' operational data, and is not a direct proxy for unsafe staffing.
- As Health New Zealand has said publicly, using this tool in isolation to claim that wards are under-staffed and unsafe is misleading.
- As part of our continued focus on strengthening the frontline workforce, I am advised that where there is a vacancy to be filled, Health New Zealand is actively recruiting