

44793 (2025). Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall to the Minister of Health: How many “shifts below target” were reported in the months of May, June and July 2025 for the following wards: Dunedin Hospital Ward 8C, Palmerston North Regional Hospital MC W23 RCTS, Auckland Hospital Ward 64, Auckland Hospital Motutapu Ward, Wellington Regional Hospital Ward 5 North Ward – Cancer, Haematology and Renal, Christchurch Hospital Ward B5 (Oncology), Waikato Hospital Ward M05 Haematology, Oncology?

Table One: Shifts below target for specified wards - May to July, 2022 to 2025:

Wards	2022			2022 Total	2023			2023 Total	2024			2024 Total	2025			2025 Total
	May	June	July		May	June	July		May	June	July		May	June	July	
5 North Ward - Cancer, Haematology and Renal	56	62	68	186	69	64	37	170	3	34	15	52	34	29	28	91
CHC-B5	12	7	13	32	57	60	38	155	52	68	38	158	13	20	27	60
M05 Haematology Oncology	15	24	20	59	78	61	63	202	27	17	25	69	42	48	53	143
MC W23 RCTS	31	34	32	97	45	37	58	140	18	26	41	85	51	56	51	158
Motutapu Ward	28	46	28	102	25	12	16	53	19	28	37	84	17	28	39	84
Ward 64	33	44	54	131	20	16	11	47	20	19	37	76	30	21	50	101
Ward 8C	11	10	25	46	11	17	18	46	6	29	16	51	20	24	39	83
Total	186	227	240	653	305	267	241	813	145	221	209	575	207	226	287	720

Table Two: Shifts above target for specified wards - May to July, 2022 to 2025:

Wards	2022			2022 Total	2023			2023 Total	2024			2024 Total	2025			2025 Total
	May	June	July		May	June	July		May	June	July		May	June	July	
5 North Ward - Cancer, Haematology and Renal	11	10	14	35	5	13	23	41	58	26	50	134	35	32	37	104
CHC-B5	49	46	41	136	8	3	24	35	5	2	17	24	44	35	26	105
M05 Haematology Oncology	40	39	37	116	2	9	9	20	42	46	27	115	21	18	17	56
MC W23 RCTS	22	26	25	73	11	21	11	43	46	34	15	95	4	8	9	21
Motutapu Ward	7	6	5	18	20	44	31	95	10	5	2	17	15	11	11	37
Ward 64	21	17	8	46	29	37	36	102	24	24	10	58	28	32	15	75
Ward 8C	60	58	45	163	58	54	43	155	71	31	46	148	40	33	24	97
Total	210	202	175	587	133	181	177	491	256	168	167	591	187	169	139	495

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