LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention:

Suicide Prevention Strategy

1. **How many free suicide prevention training sessions have been delivered in the 2021/22 financial year? What has been the total cost of these?**

    - The combined NT-wide total for training sessions for 2021/22 is 109 sessions.
    - The combined funding for specific suicide prevention training is $849,000.

2. **How many local community based suicide prevention forums have been conducted in the 2021/22 financial year? What has been the total cost of these?**

    - Community Action Planning (CAP) is a regional systems-based multi-intervention approach to preventing suicide.

    - In 2021/22, 15 regional CAP forums were held, supported by NT Health staff roles, rather than operational budget.

    - Larger community "forums" for suicide prevention have been undertaken by community organisations in 2021/22 such as:
      o Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) Life Promotion Network's Suicide Prevention Forum 1-2 June 2022; and
      o Darwin Suicide Prevention Network's World Suicide Prevention Day Forum 10 September 2021.

    - The total costs for these is derived from a number of funding sources, including operational budgets, donations, and funding from NT Primary Health Network. It is therefore not possible to fully quantify.

3. **Can you provide details of targeted training for health and social care staff in supporting people in primary health care services? Who provides this training, and what has been the expenditure in the 2021/22 financial year?**

    - A combination of various suicide prevention training sessions are funded by NT Government across NT regions through various specialist suicide prevention training agencies. This includes a remit in addition to train communities and community members, to target training for health and social care workforces.

- The combined funding for specific suicide prevention training is $849,000.