



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Paech to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Perinatal Mortality Data (National Perinatal Data Collection (NPDC) and National Perinatal Mortality Data Collection (NPMDC))

For each of the past seven years (2019–2025):

1. What is the exact number of perinatal deaths recorded by NT Health – preliminary, provisional, or final data?
2. Of these figures, which have been submitted by NT Health to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) for inclusion in the NPDC and NPMDC?
3. For recent years where AIHW has not yet published data, what is NT Health's own calculated perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 births in the Northern Territory?

Perinatal Mortality Reduction Plan

4. Does the NT Government have a specific reduction plan or measurable targets to address why the Northern Territory holds the highest recorded perinatal mortality rate in Australia for six consecutive years (2017–2022)?

If yes, will the Minister provide:

- (a) The plan or strategy
- (b) The targets and associated timelines; and
- (c) The key interventions currently being implemented to reduce perinatal mortality?