

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

#### **National Critical Care and Trauma Centre**

- 1. What budgetary capacity do you reserve for critical incident responses?**
- 2. Why was funding transferred from the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre to the Top End Health Service (BP3, p119)?**
- 3. Is there a business plan to grow the AUSMat facility at Bees Creek and if so, would you please provide a copy?**
- 4. How much does the AUSMat facility cost to operate? Is it a user-pays system?**

#### RESPONSES

- 1. What budgetary capacity do you reserve for critical incident responses?**

No specific budget is allocated for critical incident responses. If an AUSMAT team is activated, all expenses incurred by the 'team' in relation to the deployment are recorded and copies of all receipts maintained for reimbursement by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs.
- 2. Why was funding transferred from the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre to the Top End Health Service (BP3, p119)?**

Funding is provided yearly to Top End Health Service under a Memorandum of Understanding arrangement to ensure that surge capacity is maintained within Royal Darwin Hospital in the event of a disaster occurring.
- 3. Is there a business plan to grow the AUSMat facility at Bees Creek and if so, would you please provide a copy?**

There is currently no business plan however National Critical Care and Trauma Centre is awaiting the outcome of a rezoning application, and it is proposed that a Masterplan occur in the future.

**4. How much does the AUSMat facility cost to operate? Is it a user-pays system?**

National Critical Care and Trauma Centre acquired the Bees Creek property in March 2017, along with the maintenance and security costs, and other minor equipment costs - approximately \$50 000 for 2017-18.

National Critical Care and Trauma Centre has continued to improve the property to ensure it is appropriate for use.

Participants in the training courses held on the property may be asked to provide a contribution, particularly those from outside the NT jurisdiction.

The facility is not available for external hire.