

## **Estimates Committee 2011**

### **Questions Taken On Notice**

( 14/06/2011 to 23/06/2011 )

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Subject: Turnaround Time for Patient Transport by Helicopter Darwin-Katherine-Darwin

**From:** Mr Matt Conlan to Hon Kon Vatskalis  
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**Question:** **6-7**  
What is the turnaround time for a retrieval, night time and day time retrieval, for a helicopter to be mobilised from Darwin, flown to Katherine, refuel, and then pick up a patient and transport back to Darwin?

**Answer:** Mr Chairman, I have an answer here to question on notice No 6.7. The turnaround time, both night and day, for a helicopter to and from Darwin to Katherine. The answer is the Careflight helicopter can depart within 15 minutes of tasking. The flight time to Katherine and back to Darwin is one-and-a-half flying hours, and the refuelling time is 15 minutes. Essentially, a Priority 1 retrieval can have a passenger retrieved back to RDH approximately two to two-and-a-half hours, depending on the condition of the patient. I am very pleased to table this.

Answered On: 21/06/2011