

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**  
**Question Taken on Notice**

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**From:** Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula

**To:** Hon Natasha Fyles

**Portfolio:** Health

**Agency:** Health

**Subject:** Budget to address rheumatic heart fever and rheumatic heart disease

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**QUESTION**

What new or ongoing funding is provided in this budget to address rheumatic heart fever and associated rheumatic heart disease? Has this budget been reduced?

**ANSWER:**

The Northern Territory (NT) Rheumatic Heart Disease Control Program is jointly funded by the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments through the Rheumatic Fever Strategy (RFS) Federation Funding Agreement

Commonwealth funding for 2023-24 and beyond will be determined as part of the Rheumatic Fever Strategy (RFS) Joint Advisory Committee. Commonwealth funding in 2021-22 was \$919,000 compared to 2022-23 funding of \$936,000 which is a funding increase of \$17,000 for 2022-23.

The Commonwealth Government also funds Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services through National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation from the RFS Federation Funding Agreement. NT Health is not privy to the amount of funding allocated to these services.