

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Bill Yan to the Minister for Health:

Alcohol and Drug Treatment

1. **How many people have undertaken alcohol and drug treatment assessments in the 2022/23 financial year?**

In 2022-23, 3164 individuals completed 3468 assessments in government and non-government alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services.

2. **Does the Department of Health use a standardised assessment tool? What is the tool?**

NT Health has a suite of standardised AOD assessment tools.

3. **Does the Department of Health keep records of the outcome of the assessment? For example, do you know how many individuals were referred to a specialist, a program, etc.?**

The AOD Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set (AODTS NMDS) collects activity related data only and is not a client monitoring system. Assessment outcomes form part of the person's health record which is not collected in the AOD NMDS for reporting purposes.

4. **How many of the people who have had an alcohol and drug treatment assessment have been recommended to attend residential rehabilitation in the 2022/23 financial year?**

As above, AODTS NMDS does not collect recommendations to attend treatment.

5. **Of the people who were recommended to attend a residential rehabilitation in the 2022/23 financial year, how many attended? How many completed a rehabilitation program?**

988 individuals received 1147 episodes of residential rehabilitation delivered through government and non-government AOD treatment services in 2022-23, with 701 episodes of treatment recorded as 'Treatment Completed'.

Treatment completion is one way of measuring positive treatment outcomes; however, other scenarios such as 'cessation by mutual agreement' can mean that a person has achieved their goals before the official program completion. 'Referral to another service' can also be a successful outcome if a more suitable service is identified for their current stage of recovery.

6. **What alcohol treatment programs are available in remote communities? What is their funding? Can you please break it down by region or community?**

See table below for details of programs funded by NT Health.

There are additional programs in communities funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency or the NT Primary Health Network which have a focus on AOD, Social and Emotional Wellbeing or Primary Health Care which also provide treatment for alcohol use disorders.

7. **A recommendation of the Riley Review was to trial a managed alcohol program. When and where will the trial take place? The response last year to this question in Written Question 383 was that the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is leading the scoping work to determine the best model and location. Can you please advise the current situation.**

NT Health is working with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to progress a model.

Remote Alcohol & Other Drug Treatment Services

Organisation	Program Name	Region	Annual Funding
Catholic Care NT (CCNT)	Counselling, Information and Education	Darwin, Tiwi Islands, Wadeye	\$805,321
Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group (BRADAAG)	Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service	Barkly	\$1,053,041
BushMob	Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service for Volatile Substance Abuse / AOD Treatment Services for young people Outreach, tele-supports and case management	Central Australia	\$1,343,702
Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programmes Unit Ltd (CAAAPU)	Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service Outreach, tele-supports and case management	Central Australia	\$1,466,188

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs Program	Central Australia	
Drug and Alcohol Services Australia Ltd (DASA)	Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service Outreach, tele-supports and case management	Central Australia	\$1,277,101
East Arnhem Regional Council	East Arnhem Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs Service	East Arnhem	\$300,000
Kalano Aboriginal Community Association Aboriginal Corporation	Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service (Venndale)	Big Rivers	\$607,613
MacDonnell Regional Council	Youth Contribution Grant Engagement and Education Program Kintore	Central Australia - Kintore	\$159,630
MacDonnell Regional Council	Engagement and Education Program Papunya	Central Australia - Papunya	\$55,000
Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation	Social and Emotional Well-being programs, Mental Health and AOD services	East Arnhem	\$450,000
NT Health AOD teams	Outreach Assessment, Withdrawal, Opioid Pharmacotherapy, VSA, Case management – education and capacity building.	East Arnhem Big Rivers Central Australia Barkly Top End	
Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs Service Program Support Unit	RAODW operate in regional and remote communities to provide clinical, culturally safe, trauma informed intervention and management of AOD misuse in communities.	Central Australia Barkly Top End East Arnhem Big Rivers	\$4,461,000
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Youth Contribution Grant Youth Engagement and Education	Big Rivers	\$59,686