



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 274

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Allied Health Workforce

1. In the answer to Written Question No. 55 the Government advised that NT Health launched the One Allied Health Plan 2024-2028, with “Support and develop our workforce” as one of the four key strategic focus areas. What specific 2026–27 Budget allocations are provided for:
 - a. workforce wellbeing and burnout prevention initiatives for allied health professionals; and
 - b. retention and workforce stabilisation programs for allied health staff?
 - c. Does the Department accept that the Northern Territory has the lowest allied health workforce density of any Australian jurisdiction, and that significant workforce burnout is reported among allied health staff? For each, on what data and in which document is that assessment recorded?
2. How many new allied health positions are funded in the 2026–27 Budget to expand the Allied Health Rural Generalist Program across remote communities?
3. How many allied health positions are currently vacant in the Territory?
 - a. Please provide a breakdown by urban, regional, and remote and very remote services. Where a figure for an individual category is too small to report, please provide the Territory-wide total.
 - b. If vacancies are not recorded against those categories, in which system is the establishment recorded, and in what format?
4. What specific initiatives are funded in 2026–27 to improve allied health workforce attraction and retention in remote and very remote communities?

5. What assessment has the Department of Health undertaken of the impact of changes to National Disability Insurance Scheme funding or policy settings on allied health workforce availability in the Territory?
 - a. If an assessment has been undertaken, please provide a summary of the findings, any workforce modelling or projections, and any identified risks to vacancy rates or service delivery.
 - b. If no assessment has been undertaken, why not?