

**Estimates Committee 2004**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 22/06/2004 to 01/10/2004 )

Date: 23/06/2004

Output: 1 Acute Services  
Sub Output: 1.1 Admitted Patient  
Services

Subject: Abortions

**From:** Mr Gerry Wood to Honourable Dr Peter TOYNE  
Minister for Health

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**Question:**

Could the Minister advise how many abortions were performed in NT hospitals this year and the average cost of each.

Is the government doing anything to reduce the number of abortions by adopting policies which may be proactive in encouraging mothers to reach the full term of their pregnancy?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 23/06/2004

Answer: 1277 procedures were undertaken in NT public hospitals during 2002-03. Year to date for 2003-04 the total is 1055. The estimated average cost of the procedure is \$835.

Government has made no policy changes in this area since being elected.