

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

**Renal dialysis update**

**1. Besides the Nightcliff Renal Unit, what else has been or is being implemented under your Renal Services Strategy?**

- Measures to expand renal services have been implemented at Royal Darwin Hospital, Flynn Drive renal dialysis unit, Alice Springs Hospital, Tennant Creek Hospital and Nephrocare dialysis unit, with ongoing strategies being implemented to increase capacity to treat dialysis clients across the Northern Territory.
- Renal Ready Room at Pirlingimpi was opened and operational in June 2019
- An additional renal ready room will be developed in Central Australia.
- Nephrocare Dialysis Unit in Alice Springs was expanded to include 16 extra dialysis stations, accommodating an additional 64 clients for maintenance dialysis.

**2. Is the Nightcliff Renal Unit on time and on budget?**

Yes.

**3. What will be the ongoing operation cost of the facility?**

The operating cost of Nightcliff Renal Unit for 2018-19 was \$7.15 million.

**4. Have you completed the renal infrastructure investment master plan yet? What has it identified?**

Master planning for renal infrastructure at hospitals has been undertaken. The Northern Territory Renal Services Strategy, has been developed to guide the location and type of renal facilities for remote communities.

5. **What is the total number of people currently receiving renal dialysis in Darwin and Alice Springs? (last year in Estimates the figure was a total of 741)?**

Total number of people receiving renal dialysis as at 30 June 2019 in the Northern Territory is 786.

6. **Are there any renal services offered at Palmerston Regional Hospital? If not, why not and would they be considered for inclusion? If so, how many seats are available and are there any plans to expand the services?**

There are currently no renal services delivered at the Palmerston Regional Hospital. Top End Health Service is considering all options for additional services to be delivered there.