

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

COVID-19 Budget Response

1. Prior to the COVID-19 health crisis how many of the recommendations in the 'A plan for budget repair: Final report' (the Langoulant Report) had been implemented by the Department of Health?
 - a. For all those implemented, what have been the total cost savings to the Department?
 - b. How many have continued implementation in full through the COVID-19 health crisis? Please list them.
 - c. How many have had the implementation altered in response to the COVID-19 health crisis? Please list them.
2. In regards to elective surgery:
 - a. How many elective surgeries have been delayed as a result of the declared medical emergency in response to the COVID-19 health crisis?
 - b. As at 30 April 2020, how many category 2 and 3 patients had been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time (90 days and 365 days) due to the cancellation of elective surgeries?
 - c. Please provide cost of performing elective surgeries in Northern Territory hospitals between 1 March 2020 - 30 April 2020 and the same period in 2019
3. Please list the number of patients/presentations to hospitals or to GP for non-COVID-19 related injuries/illnesses between 1 March 2020 – 30 April 2020 and the same period in 2019. Please include, but do not limit to screening/treatment/assessment for people with any pre-existing conditions or suspected medical problems.
4. Please provide the full cost of providing medical services to communities within designated biosecurity areas that were required to be sent to the communities from outside the biosecurity areas?

5. Please provide the number of appointments that have been provided to patients through telehealth between 1 March 2020 – 30 April 2020 and the same period in 2019, and all associated costs.
6. Please list any changes made to hospital beds/wards in the Northern Territory that were made in response to the COVID-19 health crisis and list associated costs.
7. Please list where additional health workers were placed and from where they were sourced to ready/respond to the COVID-19 health crisis in the Northern Territory? How many were there and what was the cost?
8. Please list all the costs associated with preparing and operating the Howard Springs Workers Village throughout the Northern Territory's response to the COVID-19 health crisis.
9. How many people in total have been staffed at the Howard Springs Workers Village in response to the COVID-19 health crisis? Please list by department and classification.
10. How many people in total have been accommodated at the Howard Springs Workers Village in response to the COVID-19 health crisis?