

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Health, Family and Children's Services

Treatment Programs for Heroin and other Drug Users

1. In 1996, how many deaths occurred in the NT because of -
 - (i) heroin;
 - (ii) all other opiates; and
 - (iii) all other illegal drugs.
2. Did any deaths occur from marijuana in the NT in 1996.
3. How many deaths occurred in the NT during 1996, in which illegal drugs were a contributing factor, but were not listed as the cause of death.
4. How many drug overdose cases were admitted to all NT Public Hospitals during 1996 and what were their ages.
5. What education programs is the Government undertaking and how much time is allocated to such programs -
 - (i) in schools, to inform and teach young people about addiction and illegal drugs; and
 - (ii) outside schools, to inform and teach young people about addiction and illegal drugs.
6. During 1996, what programmes were available for heroin dependent people and the conditions for admission to each program. For each program, please advise the number of people who -
 - (i) commenced;
 - (ii) completed; or
 - (iii) were denied participation.
7. What is the current status for the use of methadone in the NT.
8. Is methadone available under any circumstances to people who are heroin users. If so -
 - (i) how many people are on this program;
 - (ii) is there a waiting list for people waiting to get on this program;
 - (iii) are there any people being denied treatment under this program; and
 - (iv) what are the conditions for placement into this program.
9. What other programs are currently available, or are being considered, for heroin dependent people.

10. During 1996 what was the cost in the NT for administering illicit drug laws. Please break down these costs into amounts for -
- (i) Police;
 - (ii) legal system (including DPP, the Courts and Legal Aid);
 - (iii) hospital services provided by the NT Government;
 - (iv) other medical services provided by the NT Government; and
 - (v) administrative services.
11. What proportion of those people in prison in the NT are there for reasons directly attributable to illegal drugs and what proportion are there for reasons indirectly attributable to illegal drugs.

ANSWER

When answering please return 2 copies to The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly