

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Health

Dental Health Services

1. How is the lack of public dentists in the Territory affecting the Government's ability to deliver service in the area of oral health.
2. How many dentists are currently operating at the Darwin and Alice Springs Dental Clinics and does this meet the full needs of the clinics.
3. Detail the number of full time public dentists operating in Territory centres other than Darwin and Alice Springs Dental Clinics.
4. Did the Government undertake any recruitment campaigns amongst graduates and experienced dentists in 2004/2005. If so, what was the outcome and how many dentists were recruited.
5. Who is providing the Children's dental service for 2005/2006 and how many of the positions are filled.
6. How does this compare to 2003/2004.
7. Please detail how many dental therapists are employed by the Department of Health by town centre.
8. Are all the Territory dental therapist positions filled.
9. Are all of the Territory's technician support positions filled.
10. Are all of the Oral Health Service Administrative support positions currently filled.
11. What are the Darwin and Palmerston clinics' waiting time for general treatment.
12. In Katherine, Alice Springs, Gove and Tennant Creek what is the waiting time for general treatment.
13. Are private dentists used to help reduce these waiting times. If so, what is the hourly rate they are paid at.
14. What does the practice which actually provides you with the private dental sessions receive by way of remuneration.

ANSWER