

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Health:

Top End Hospitals

1. Please provide details for 2012-13 and 2013-14 of the number of patients, the average length of stay per patient, total number of beds occupied day/night and the cost per bed day/night of RDH patients being treated as public patients in Darwin Private Hospital.
2. Please provide details for 2012-13 and 2013-14, by month, of the daily number of patients double- bunked in the RDH accident and emergency department.
3. What have been the range of times and the average length of time that patients have been double bunked in the accident and emergency department at Royal Darwin Hospital since 1 July 2013?

Question 1

- In 2012-13, the Royal Darwin Hospital had a total of 504 separations of public patients admitted to Darwin Private Hospital. The total occupied bed days were 1504. The average length of stay was 2.98 days. The cost per bed was \$600 per day.
- In 2013-14 (to the end of May), the Royal Darwin Hospital had a total of 364 separations of public patients admitted to Darwin Private Hospital. The total occupied bed days was 823. The average length of stay was 2.26 days. The cost per bed was \$750 per day.

Question 2

- The Departmental hospital information system (Caresys) does not record this information.

Question 3

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