

**Question No: 18**

**Question: Fluoride in Alice Springs Water**

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**To: MINISTER for HEALTH**

1. At what rate is fluoride added to the Alice Springs water supply.
2. What is the compound used to add the Fluoride Ion.
3. Do water purifiers, commonly on the market which claim to remove chlorine from drinking water, also remove the Fluoride Ion.

**ANSWER**

1. Since early 1989, fluoride has not been added to the Alice Springs water supply, as the natural fluoride level of 0.5 parts per million is satisfactory for dental care prevention.
2. Fluoride is not added to the water supply.
3. Most domestic water purifiers which remove chlorine from drinking water do not remove the fluoride ion.