

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Remote Clinic Closures

- 1. Since 30 September 2016, how many remote health clinics in the Northern Territory have closed, either permanently or temporarily? Please list the clinics, the length of closure, and the reason for closure.**

Since 30 September 2016, there have been no permanent closures of remote NT Government Primary Health Clinics.

A remote community clinic may be temporarily closed at times due to community or cultural needs, such as a funeral. In addition, a clinic may have reduced services as a result of increased out of hours demand (such as responding to an emergency) that impacts on safe staffing levels on the next clinic day.

Between the Christmas and New Year period, remote clinics may plan a service reduction by shifting to a visiting service. Emergency and acute presentations, as well as scheduled immunisations, are maintained during this period.