

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Rapid Antigen Test Cost and Storage

1. **In the 2022/23 financial year to date, how many Rapid Antigen Tests have been purchased by the Northern Territory Government?**

Zero.

2. **What is the total cost of Rapid Antigen Tests purchased in the 2022/23 financial year to date?**

Zero.

3. **How many Rapid Antigen Tests are currently in storage in the Northern Territory, and what is the monthly cost to store them?**

At January 2023 there are 2,514,370 RATs in storage. The cost per month for storage is approximately \$35,000 per month.

4. **What is the total cost to store Rapid Antigen Tests in the 2022/23 financial year to date?**

Year to date cost at January 2023 is approximately \$250,000.

5. **How many Rapid Antigen Tests have expired in storage in the 2022/23 financial year to date before they could be used?**

Zero.

6. **How many stored Rapid Antigen Tests are due to expire within the 2022/23 financial year?**

61 single RATs will expire in June 2023.

7. **How many Rapid Antigen Tests have been lost, destroyed, or otherwise discarded in the 2022/23 financial year to date before they could be used?**

Due to the Berrimah warehouse fire, \$2.8 million of RATs were written off.

8. **In the 2022/23 financial year to date, how many Rapid Antigen Tests have been provided to:**

- a. Northern Territory Government agencies staff – 238,048
- b. Non-government organisations – 10,048
- c. Members of the public – via General Practitioners and urban primary health care providers – 23,460
- d. Other – 77,280