

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security, Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Minister for Equality and Inclusion, Minister for Youth and Minister for Seniors – for all agencies falling under the Ministers' portfolios.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Notes:

- The following questions can be answered from existing Agency data as at 31 March 2023.
- You have previously referred questions requiring a Whole of Government response to the Minister responsible at a time that enables a response within the same timeframe as the remainder of the questions.
- Further, you have previously inserted the question at the beginning of each answer.
- My Office would appreciate these practices being continued.

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as at 31 March 2023:

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	212.20	219	219	0
2. Ongoing Part Time	16.80	21	21	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	122.09	128	127	1
4. Fixed Term Part Time	11.00	16	16	0
5. Casual Contract	26.41	47	47	0
6. Executive Contract	2.00	2	2	0
Total	390.50	433	432	1

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)
Total Full Time Equivalent	390.5	433
<i>Break-up:</i>		
Ongoing Full Time		
Total	212.20	219
Ongoing Part Time		
Total	16.80	21
Fixed Term Full Time		
Total	122.09	128
Fixed Term Part Time		
Total	11.00	16
Casual Contract		
Total	26.41	47
Executive Contract		
Total	2.00	2

(b) Please provide, for each of the six categories above: the relevant position classifications and the number of staff employed against each classification.

Category	Classification	Total FTE
Ongoing Full Time	AHP2	1.00
	AHP3	1.00
	ATP5	2.47
	AO3	3.00
	AO4	19.10
	AO5	6.00
	AO6	7.00
	AO7	4.00
	N1	4.27
	N2	28.50
	N3	1.00
	N3R	13.00
	N4	4.00
	N4R	32.12
	N5	2.00
	N5R	7.50
	N6	2.00
	N6R	4.00
	N7	2.00
P2	4.00	
P3	24.90	

	PH2R	1.68
	PH3	3.00
	PH3R	4.50
	PH4R	2.00
	PH5	1.00
	SAO1	2.26
	SAO2	1.00
	SP1	13.00
	SP2	6.00
	SSC	1.90
	T2	1.00
	T3	2.00
Total		212.20

Category	Classification	Total FTE
Ongoing Part Time	AO4	0.82
	N1	0.63
	N2	5.02
	N3R	0.42
	N4R	1.68
	N5	0.84
	N5R	0.84
	P2	0.80
	P3	4.39
	PH2	0.72
	SP1	0.64
Total		16.80

Category	Classification	Total FTE
Fixed Term Full Time	AHP3	0.70
	AO3	4.80
	AO4	4.90
	AO5	8.00
	AO6	4.00
	EO2	1.00
	N1	2.00
	N2	10.73
	N4	1.00
	N4R	2.17
	N5	2.00
	P2	3.00
	P3	5.72
	PH3	2.00
	PH3R	0.90
	PH5	18.21
	PH5R	1.00
	REG	25.00
	RMO	4.81
	SREG	4.00
SP2	0.65	

	SC	5.00
	SSC	10.50
Total		122.09

Category	Classification	Total FTE
Fixed Term Part Time	AO3	0.54
	N2	2.42
	P3	2.33
	REG	2.43
	SREG	0.80
	SC	1.58
	SSC	0.90
Total		11.00

Category	Classification	Total FTE
Casual Contract	AO3	0.20
	AO4	0.90
	N1	0.96
	N2	1.78
	N4	0.76
	PH3	21.81
Total		26.41

Category	Classification	Total FTE
Executive Contract	EO1C	1.00
	EO2C	1.00
Total		2.00

(c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) = the proportion of an employee's salary payment to that of an equivalent full-time employee in any given fortnight.

Paid Headcount = Headcount is the count of physical people, so a part-time person would count as one.

The NT Government provides opportunities for employees to balance the demands of work with the needs of family, and general health and wellbeing. Flexible work practices are used in the Northern Territory Public Service to attract and retain employees. Flexible work arrangements can include flexibility in relation to an employee's hours of work, or mode of employment such as part-time, and leave.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as at 31 March 2023:

Category	Number
Resigned	48
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	0
Unattached	21
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	39

3. Please advise the number of staff who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as at 31 March 2023.

A whole of government response to Question 3 will be provided by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.

4. (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as at 31 March 2023 and as a percentage of the Agency total employment.

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	291.03	74.53%

- (b) Please advise how the Agency determines which staff fall under the category of Frontline.

NT Health determine frontline staff as those whose principal or primary function is providing direct service to the public. NT Health utilise Appropriation Codes (APPN codes) to determine which staff fall under the category front line.

5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through labour hire, employment agency arrangements and/or consultancy contracts, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as at 31 March 2023. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

To respond to this question is too administratively onerous due to the variability of arrangements for agency staff. To undertake this would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

6. Please advise how many locums have been employed, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as at 31 March 2023. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

The Minister for Health will respond to question 6 in relation to the Department of Health.

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023?

149

(b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?

149. NT Health has a mandatory special measures plan in place for all positions advertised.

(c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

Classification Level	Total Positions
AHP2	2
AHP3	1
AHP4	2
Administrative Officer 3	4
Administrative Officer 4	14
Administrative Officer 5	2
Administrative Officer 6	6
Administrative Officer 7	8
Executive Contract Officer 2	1
Nurse Level 2	3
Nurse Level 3	2
Nurse Level 3 RDO	2
Nurse Level 3 RDO, Nurse Level 4 RDO	1
Nurse Level 4	18
Nurse Level 4 RDO	21
Nurse Level 5	2
Nurse Level 5 RDO	2
Nurse Level 5, Nurse Level 6	1
Nurse Level 5, Nurse Level 6	1
Nurse Level 6	2
Physical 3	1
Professional 2	6
Professional 3	17
Professional 2, Nurse Level 3 RDO	1
Professional 2, Nurse Level 3 RDO, AHP3	1
Professional 2, Professional 3	1
Professional 3, Nurse Level 4	1
Registrar REG1 - REG6	1
Registrar REG1 - REG6	5
Senior Administrative Officer 1	1
Senior Professional Officer 1	2
Senior Administrative Officer 2	1
Senior Administrative Officer 1, Senior Professional Officer 1	3

Senior Professional Officer 1, Nurse Level 6 RDO	1
Senior Staff Specialist Clinician SMO2.1 - SMO2.3	6
Staff Specialist Clinician SMO1.1 - SMO1.6	3
Staff Specialist Clinician SMO1.1 - SMO1.6, Senior Staff Specialist Clinician SMO2.1 - SMO2.3	2
Technical 3	1
Grand Total	149

* Lines with multiple positions relate to dual-banded positions.

(d) How many positions that had Special Measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during this period and required contract or backfilling arrangements?

Most NT Government agencies have implemented special measures arrangements across the whole agency or for some roles. The process for positions that are advertised with special measures is to consider special measures applicants first; if no special measures applicants apply, or no special measures applicants are considered suitable, recruitment panels may assess all other applicants' suitability for the role.

QUESTIONS 8-15

Answer

A response will be provided by the Minister for Health in relation to the Department of Health.

16. Please advise the total number of NTG Corporate Credit Cards within the Agency, including the position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit cards for the purchase of goods and/or services as at 31 March 2023.

As at 31 March 2023, there were 5 credit card holders in NT Health for Mental Health.

Position Title	Classification Code
Business Support Officer	AO4
Executive Assistant	AO4
Executive Assistant	AO4
Specialist Residential Service Coordinator	AO6
Executive Assistant	AO6

QUESTIONS 17-20

Answer

A response will be provided by the Minister for Health in relation to the Department of Health.

TRAVEL

21. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including, but not limited to travel-related costs such as accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, car rental, meals and incidentals, in each Agency and authority during the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023 broken down to:

a) International travel

\$0

b) Interstate travel

\$13,728.61 - NT Health, excluding training related expenses.

c) Intrastate travel

\$310,939.80 - NT Health, excluding training related expenses.

During the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023, a total of \$9,745.87 was expended on training related costs across NT Health, noting that these costs include interstate and intrastate travel related costs.

Total expenditure for travel is provided only, to provide itemised details of travel related costs would be too administrative onerous, and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

22. In the case of international travel identified in response to the question above, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip.

Nil

23. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Nil

QUESTIONS 24-27

Answer

A response will be provided by the Minister for Health in relation to the Department of Health.

28. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

Refer to table below - Sum of Disbursements 1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023:

Organisation	Service	Disbursements Paid
Akeyulerre Aboriginal Corporation	Angangkere Tyerrtye Mwerre (Wellbeing) Workshop	10,000.00
Anglicare NT Ltd	NT Housing Accommodation And Support Initiative	454,860.00
Anglicare NT Ltd	Top End Suicide Intervention And Awareness Training	336,605.00
Barkly Regional Council	Suicide Story In Elliott Community	10,000.00
Belyuen School	Healthy Minds - Strong Futures	10,000.00
Beyond Blue Limited	NT Contribution To Beyond Blue 2019 - 2024	43,373.00
Brothers Rugby League Club	Brothers In Arms	10,000.00
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation - Social And Emotional Wellbeing Santa Teresa	29,337.00
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation - Social And Emotional Wellbeing Support Worker Alice Springs	71,326.00
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Wellbeing Camp For Young Aboriginal Men	6,000.00
Council Of Australian Veterans (Darwin Branch) Incorporated	Steps To Awareness	5,000.00
Daly River Buffaloes Football Club	Inclusion For All In Football Activities	10,000.00
Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	Suicide Story In Bagot Community	10,000.00
Darwin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Womens Shelter Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corp	Darwin Indigenous Men's Service - Mental Health - Indigenous Men's Healing Program	100,000.00
Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club	Suicide Prevention Rugby Round And Family Fun Day	10,000.00

Organisation	Service	Disbursements Paid
Darwin Off-Road Cyclists Incorporated	Breaking The Cycle - Mountain Biking For Mental Health And Wellbeing	5,000.00
Football Federation Northern Territory Incorporated	FNT - NT Suicide Prevention Community Grant	6,250.00
ForrestPR	Men's Health And Wellbeing Initiatives	2,000.00
Foundation Of Rehabilitation With Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties Aboriginal Corporation	Drum Beat For Life	10,000.00
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	Galiwinku Women's Space Official Opening	5,000.00
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	Women's Wellbeing Camp - Saltwater And Dessert	5,000.00
GROW	GROW - Peer Support Program	214,591.00
Heart Rock Consulting Pty Ltd	Narrative Ideas For Life-Saving In The Desert	10,000.00
Katherine High School	Northern Territory Suicide Prevention Community Grants 2022/23	5,000.00
Lifeline Australia	Lifeline Australia - Lifeline Crisis Support Services	103,233.00
Mates In Construction (Qld & NT) Ltd	Suicide Prevention And Mental Health Awareness Program	80,864.00
Mental Health Association Of Central Australia Inc	Central Australian Suicide Prevention Training Program	350,000.00
Mental Health Association Of Central Australia Inc	Housing And Psychosocial Support Program	777,835.00
Mental Health Association Of Central Australia Inc	Mental Health Association Of Central Aust Inc - Mental Health And Life Promotion -	535,724.00
Mental Illness Fellowship Of Australia (NT)	Mi Place - Drop-In Recovery Support Program -	315,000.00
Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation	Social And Emotional Well-Being Programs, Mental Health and AOD Services/Volatile Substance Abuse Workers	225,000.00
Nepalese Association Of Northern Territory Inc	Suicide Prevention Week With Volleyball	10,000.00
Northern Territory Aids and Hepatitis Council Inc	'Healthy Conversations' Pilot Sexual Health And Wellbeing Program	4,000.00

Organisation	Service	Disbursements Paid
Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition	Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition Peak Body	313,874.00
Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition	NtT Peer Workforce Scholarship Grants	54,725.00
Northern Territory Momineen Incorporated	Community Mental Health Awareness Month	3,000.00
Red Lily Health Board (Aboriginal Corporation)	Finding Voice, Connecting With Feelings	10,000.00
Rotary Club Of Litchfield/Palmerston	Suicide Prevention Awareness Project Aimed At Males 40+ In The Litchfield Municipality	5,000.00
St Joseph's College	Rhythm2recovery Program St Joesph's College	2,500.00
Thamarrurr Development Corporation Ltd	Palumpa - Generations Project	10,000.00
The Hub Of Respect Inc	Making A Difference Mentoring Youth Program	10,000.00
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	Housing Support Program (Psychosocial Outreach)	450,000.00
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	Mental Health Supported Accommodation	80,864.00
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Complex Support Residence (Banksia House)	1,920,520.00
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Jacaranda	651,521.00
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Papaya and Kurrajong Sub-Acute Service	1,977,889.00
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Papaya and Kurrajong Sub-Acute Service - 7 Additional Beds	579,212.50
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Top End Association For Mental Health - Rapid Creek Prevention and Recovery Care	634,195.50
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Top End Association For Mental Health Inc - Papaya and Kurrajong Sub-Acute Service - Additional Beds	482,677.00
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Top End Association For Mental Health Inc - Rapid Creek Prevention and Recovery Care	634,195.50
Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.	Top End Association For Mental Health Inc.Recovery Assistance Program	958,495.00
Top End Mental Health Consumer Organisation Inc	Drop In Support Service	257,920.00

Organisation	Service	Disbursements Paid
Top End Mental Health Consumer Organisation Inc	Increased Organisational Capacity	130,000.00
Urapuntja Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	Suicide Story Training For All Outstations.	10,000.00
West Daly Regional Council	Community Suicide Intervention Skills Workshop	3,000.00
Willowra School	Willowra Promising Future's Program	10,000.00
Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation	Suicide Prevention 2022	10,000.00
		12,980,586.50

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

- 29. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).**

A whole-of-government response to Question 29 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- 30. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia or Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?**

A whole-of-government response to Questions 30 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

- 31. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.**

A whole-of-government response to Questions 30 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

- 32. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, for what purpose, the cost and why a Territory firm was not chosen.**

A whole-of-government response to Questions 30 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

- 33. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by each Department for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023?**

The Minister for Health will respond to question 33 in relation to the Department of Health.

- 34. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by each Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023?**

A whole-of-government response to question 34 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

- 35. How much Government owned or leased premises or office space is currently under-utilised (at less than 100 per cent occupied) or vacant?**

A whole-of-government response to question 35 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

QUESTIONS 36-39

Answer

A response will be provided by the Minister for Health in relation to the Department of Health.

- 40. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies eg Auditor-General/Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and how many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.**

A whole of government response to question 40 will be provided by the Auditor-General/ICAC.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

- 41. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2022/23, also providing the following information:**
- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed from last year**
 - b) The current members and when they were appointed**
 - c) The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2022/23 financial year**

d) The itemised total cost incurred by the Board during the 2022/23 financial year

Please note that part (e) of each response addresses question 42.

Approved Procedure and Quality Assurance Committee (Statutory)

- a) There has been no changes to the Terms of Reference from 2022
- b) Refer to table below
- c) The *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies
- d) Total cost to 31 March 2023 - \$646.00
- e) 2 meetings held.

Name	Surname	Position	Commenced
David	Mitchell	Chair	November 2023
Susan	Burns	Member	March 2022
Sarah	Mackenzie-Dodds	Member	June 2021
Christine	Kuhl	Member	March 2022
Thomas	Barnett	Member	November 2022
Adele	Northwood	Member	October 2018
Robert	Parker	Member	2003
Sherrilee	Portlock	Member	2005
Klarin	Sivyer	Member	January 2020
Marcus	Tabbart	Member	December 2013
Lachlan	Rowe	Member	March 2022
Michelle	McColm	Member	February 2023
Robyn	Westerman	Member	February 2023
Janice	Trezise	Member	February 2023
Barbara	Ah Mat	Member	November 2022
Jane	Hair	Member	February 2023

Community Visitor Panel - Royal Darwin Hospital (Non-Statutory)

- a) *Mental Health and Related Services Act* section 110
- b) Refer to table below
- c) The *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies
- d) Costs are incurred by the Department of Attorney-General and Justice
- e) 2 meetings and 2 visits held.

Name	Surname	Position	Commenced
Dr Sarah	Giles	Chair	05 December 2019

Georgia	Hagias	Member	19 January 2022
Samantha	Bowden	Member	5 December 2019

Community Visitor Panel – Alice Springs Hospital (Non-Statutory)

- a) *Mental Health and Related Services Act* section 110
- b) Refer to table below
- c) *The Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies
- d) Costs are incurred by the Department of Attorney-General and Justice
- e) 2 meetings and 2 visits held.

Name	Surname	Position	Commenced
Professor John	Wakerman	Chair	4 June 2020
Emma	Williams	Member	05 June 2018
Elyse Maree	Williams	Member	26 October 2022

Community Visitor Program

- a) *Section 103 Mental Health and Related Services Act and Section 50(2) Disability Services Act*
- b) Refer to table below
- c) *The Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies
- d) Costs are incurred by the Department of Attorney-General and Justice
- e) 115 visits held.

Name	Surname	Position	Commenced
Traci Lee	Keys	A/Chair	12 April 2013
James	Holland	Member	24 August 2017
Lauren	Macaulay	Member	7 May 2015
Cassandra	Griffiths	Member	20 August 2018
Claudia	Manu-Preston	Member	12 April 2013
Derek	Denton	Member	6 April 2021
Kim	McRae	Member	27 October 2019
Margaret	Furber	Member	20 August 2018
Marion	Wells	Member	12 November 2013
Nicole	O'Connor	Member	16 January 2020
Sophie	Staughton	Member	7 May 2015
Hiltrud	Kivelitz	Member	29 July 2020
Alexandra	Craig	Member	7 December 2022
Clement (Chun Wai)	Ng	Member	7 December 2022

Name	Surname	Position	Commenced
Susan	Burns	Member	26 October 2022
Bruce	Owens	Member	26 October 2022
Elyse	Williams	Member	26 October 2022

42. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

As above per part (e) of each response.

QUESTIONS 43-46

Answer

A response will be provided by the Minister for Health in relation to the Department of Health.