

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

**Patient Assistance Travel Scheme**

1. What budget has been allocated for patient assistance travel for those in the Top End and Central Australia?
2. How many vehicles are available for patient assistance travel for those in the Top End and Central Australia?
3. Has there been any changes to the scheme since 1 July 2017?

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**RESPONSE**

1. Top End 2018-19 budget is \$15 902 117  
Central Australia 2018-19 budget is \$5 908 207
2. Top End: 13 vehicles are allocated solely for patient travel assistance in hospital settings. Some Primary Health Care centres also assist patients with transport within their community using the clinic's vehicle.  
  
Central Australia: There are no dedicated vehicles under the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme. Community and Primary Health Care centres utilise vehicles to assist patients to attend the health centre at no cost to the patient.
3. There have been no changes to the scheme since July 2017.