

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Employment of people with a disability

1. What programs and/or services have been developed to improve the overall employment of people with a disability in the Northern Territory?

Under the current National Disability Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and states and territories, the Commonwealth has responsibility for employment programs and services for people with a disability.

2. What funding has been allocated to improve the overall employment of people with a disability in the Northern Territory?

As above.

3. If there has been funding involved – what evaluation measures have you put in place to ensure the investment is in an effective program/service?

Not applicable.

4. How many positions in the Health Department are dedicated to disability services and/or programs in the Northern Territory? What are their levels? (ie AO6, SAO1 etc)

The Office of Disability has a current staff of approximately 241 FTE across professional, technical and administrative streams dedicated to the provision of services to assist people with disability in the NT. From 1 July 2019, the Northern Territory will have completed transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Services previously provided to clients of the Office of Disability will cease and this structure will change. A table is provided at **Attachment A** showing current Office of Disability staffing figures and those as at 1 July 2019.

5. Has there been a review of government funded disability rehabilitation services? If so, has that review been completed and will it be released?

The *Review of provision and access to rehabilitation services across NT 2018* was undertaken by the NT Rehabilitation Network (NTRHN) in 2018-19. One of the recommendations of the Review was the development of a Rehabilitation Services page on the NTG Health and Wellbeing webpage. It is anticipated the web page will be established by July 2019 and a copy of the Review report will be available on the web page.

6. What government programs/services and/or funding exists for return to work for people with a disability?

The Commonwealth Government has responsibility for programs and services that support people with disability to return to work. From 1 July 2019, all eligible NDIS participants will receive funding through the NDIS for their individually assessed needs with regards to employment or return to work services.

7. Besides the NTPS EmployAbility Strategy, what new initiatives been developed which support the greater employment of people with a disability?

The Commonwealth Government has responsibility for programs and services that support the greater employment of people with disabilities. For initiatives that are relevant only to the Northern Territory Public Sector, this question is best directed to the Minister for Public Employment.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 552 ATTACHMENT A
OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYEES**

	Executive		Policy		Service Development		NDIS Team		Top End		Cent Australia		SSFDU	
	Current	July 2019	Current	July 2019	Current	July 2019	Current	July 2019	Current	July 2019	Current	July 2019	Current	July 2019
PH5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	46
P1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	33	28	17	0	0
P3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13	6	3	3	6	6
SP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	2	2
SP2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
T1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
T2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
T4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0
AO2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	3	2	0	0
AO3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	2
AO4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
AO5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	12	12
AO6	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	3
AO7	0	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAO1/SP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
SAO1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
SAO2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
ECO1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECO2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5	3	9	5	9	0	5	0	91	52	48	29	74	74

Current Total: 241
1 July 2019 Total: 163