

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Prison Health Episodes

1. What constitutes a "prison health episode of care"?
2. How much does it cost to deliver health services to Darwin Prison? To Alice Springs Prison? To the youth detention centres?
3. There were 60,000 prison health episodes of care in the Top End (BP3, p123). What was the most common "episode" and does that figure apply only to the prison population in Darwin of around 1,000-1,500? Does that mean, on average, each prisoner had 40 "health episodes of care" in the year?
4. There were 34,000 prison health episodes of care in Central Australia (BP3, p133). What was the most common "episode" and does that figure apply only to the prison population in Alice Springs of around 600-650? Does that mean, on average, each prisoner had 52 "health episodes of care" in the year?