

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Strategy update

1. What budget has been attached to the government's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Strategy to deliver the initiatives in the strategy?
2. How will you "ensure that all health and human services staff are aware of their role in health promotion and prevention of FASD?" (p13) What resources are dedicated to this?
3. The strategy outlines "new initiatives" across a range of issues connected to FASD - what timeframes and project management work is being done to implement the initiatives?
4. Who created the strategy and at what cost? How much consultation was carried out with relevant NGOs?

RESPONSE

1. Initiatives in the Northern Territory Government's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Strategy *Addressing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the Northern Territory 2018-2024* are being resourced through reallocation of existing resources.
2. The annual progress report in October 2019 on the implementation of the FASD Strategy will provide details of programs and initiatives undertaken.
3. See answer to Question 2.
4. The strategy was developed by the Department of Health within existing resources. The Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the NT (APONT) was funded \$60,000 to conduct the Top End FASD Forum and undertake regional consultations. The Top End FASD Forum attracted more than 130 participants.

Extensive consultation occurred with non-government organisations, with assistance from Northern Territory Council of Social Service and the Central Australian FASD Network. Consultations with key stakeholders also included paediatricians, allied health staff, and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.