

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

Community Visitor Program

Minister the Community Visitor Program deals with complaints about Mental Health Services and is meant to keep a check on services to ensure they are being provided correctly. It runs out of the Anti-Discrimination Commission, which sits in the Department of Justice.

Minister I understand the budget for this unit in 2004-05 was \$70 000.

1. Could you advise if the Budget for this Unit has changed for 2005/06.
2. Minister, currently the unit is not funded to provide an inspection service to places like Tennant Creek or Nhulunbuy even though these places have Mental Health Services. Is this an issue or problem that you will be addressing and when.
3. Minister is part of the problem for this Unit the fact it sits within Department of Justice and Department of Health and Community Services.
4. Given all the problems we are facing with regard to the provision of Mental Health Services, don't you think this unit, which is meant to monitor them and deal with complaints, should be well resourced.

ANSWER