

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Family and Community Services

Disability Services

In the past nurses from community health centres would do things like change catheters in the home and cut toe-nails:

1. Why is this service currently being provided by your department to people with a disability being curtailed?

ANSWER

Community Health clients with continence issues are regularly assessed and monitored. The services received by individual clients are in accordance with their care regime, which includes changing catheters. This service is unchanged.

With regard to the cutting of toe-nails this service has not been provided by Community Health nurses for many years. Community Health nurses assess their clients and eligible clients are referred to podiatry services as required.

In addition, where appropriate, Aged and Disability services facilitate private nursing services to provide foot-care services for aged and / or disabled clients.