

Question No: 28

Question: Food Costs at Northern Territory Hospitals

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Member: Mr EDE

To: MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. What is the anticipated cost of providing food at the -

- (a) Darwin;
- (b) Nhulunbuy;
- (c) Katherine;
- (d) Tennant Creek; and
- (e) Alice Springs,

hospitals in the 1990-91 financial year for -

- (i) patients; and
- (ii) others.

2. What was the cost for providing food in each of the above named hospitals in the 1989-90 financial year on a per occupied bed basis for -

- (a) breakfast;
- (b) lunch; and
- (c) dinner.

ANSWER

1. The anticipated costs of providing food for patients and others in Northern Territory hospitals 1990-91 are -

PATIENTS OTHERS
\$000s \$000s

- (a) Royal Darwin Hospital 2 997 944
- (b) Gove District Hospital 352 92
- (c) Katherine Hospital 378 192
- (d) Tennant Creek Hospital 205 103
- (e) Alice Springs Hospital 1 674 258

This expenditure represents identifiable salaries, administrative and operational, capital and property management cost components.

2. The estimated cost of providing food at each hospital in the 1989-90 financial year on a per occupied bed day basis for breakfast, lunch and dinner are -

- (a) Royal Darwin Hospital \$28.92
- (b) Gove District Hospital \$31.68
- (c) Katherine Hospital \$31.42
- (d) Tennant Creek Hospital \$31.46
- (e) Alice Springs Hospital \$34.20

These costs include identifiable salaries, administrative and operational, property

management and capital cost components.

These figures would be inflated as it has been assumed that every patient consumed 3 meals per day whilst in hospital.