

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Shutdown of Centre for National Resilience

- 1. How many staff are currently employed to maintain the Centre for National Resilience?**

There are no NT Health staff employed to maintain the Centre for National Resilience (CNR).

- 2. How many nurses, in total, were employed to work at the Centre for National Resilience and Alice Springs Quarantine Facility in the 2021/22 financial year?**

Centre for National Resilience: on average: 147 per month – ranging from 94 minimum to 175 maximum.

Alice Springs Quarantine Facility: on average 10 per month – ranging from 5 minimum to 21 maximum

- 3. Of the nurses employed at either of those facilities, how many continue to be employed by the NT Department of Health?**

Available staff were transitioned to NT Health positions.

- 4. Since the shutdown procedures commenced at the Centre for National Resilience, how much has been spent, in total, on site improvements, repairs, cleaning and renovations? How much of this was Northern Territory Government funded?**

Since the facility has been put on care and maintenance no additional NT Government expenditure has occurred and no additional improvements have been undertaken.

Care and maintenance works are ongoing including finalising the kitchen vinyl repairs and this is being funded from an Australian Government grant.

- 5. What was the cost of repairs for damage caused by residents of the Centre for National Resilience or Alice Springs Quarantine Facility?**

Records of room damage was not routinely kept due to the high number of residents moving through the quarantine facilities and comparatively low number of instances where damage occurred.

In most instances it was considered minor damage such as children drawing on walls or food being spilled on carpets

- 6. Have attempts been made to recover costs from residents who have caused damage at the Centre for National Resilience or Alice Springs Quarantine Facility?**

No

- 7. How many work health and safety incidents have been reported at the Centre for National Resilience or Alice Springs Quarantine Facility? How many involved residents of these facilities?**

CNR:

- 241 incidents with majority considered minor in nature.

ASQF:

- The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities managed the facility and are responsible for recording of work health and safety issues.

- 8. Have any charges been laid in relation to work health and safety in Centre for National Resilience or Alice Springs Quarantine Facility? Have any involved workers compensation payments and if so, have any attempts been made to recover these costs from the residents involved?**

CNR and ASQF:

- No charges have been laid.
- No workers compensation payments.

- 9. How many incidents have occurred between residents at the Centre for National Resilience or Alice Springs Quarantine Facility? How many have involved injury? Were any residents re-located as a result? Have any charges been laid?**

CNR:

- One coroner's case is pending due to a "death in custody" at CNR.

ASQF:

- One domestic incident resulting in the involved residents being moved into separate rooms – no charges laid.
- Two different incidents, involving different residents who were removed from the ASQF to the watch house by police, due to police issues.