



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 146

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Young to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

### **Emergency Department Presentations, Bed Capacity and Code Yellows**

1. Please input relevant data into the following table as of July 10 2025:

Indicator	Current result YTD	Previous year result YTD
Number of ED presentations (monthly average)		
% ED presentations departing within 4 hours (ALL)	%	%
% ED presentations departing within 4 hours (Non-admitted)	%	%
% ED presentations departing within 4 hours (Admitted)	%	%
% ED presentations that are Triage Cat 1 / 2	%	%

2. Provide a breakdown of the current bed capacity of each hospital? What was the highest occupation since August 2024?
3. What preconditions or metrics need to be met for a Code Yellow to be declared? Please provide a detailed explanation below?
4. Has this criterion been modified since August 2024? If so, why?
5. Please outline the current process for a Code Yellow request to reach the CEO of NT Health?
6. Since August 2024, how many times have clinical staff at Darwin Hospital recommended or requested that a Code Yellow be called? If clinical staff have recommended or requested that a Code Yellow be called, how many times have those recommendations or requests be declined?

7. Since August 2024, how many times have clinical staff at Palmerston Hospital recommended or requested that a Code Yellow be called? If clinical staff have recommended or requested that a Code Yellow be called, how many times have those recommendations or requests be declined?
8. What steps has the Government taken to ensure decisions to call a Code Yellow are based on solely on clinical need?
9. For the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, can the Minister provide, by month:
  - a) The number of occasions on which double bunking occurred at Royal Darwin Hospital; and
  - b) The number of occasions on which double bunking occurred at Palmerston Hospital.
10. Since August 2024, how many Code Yellows relating to Infrastructure, IT systems and communication systems have been called?