



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Addiction treatment as preventative healthcare

1. How many addiction treatment options are available to urban, rural and remote Territorians?

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) treatment options are available throughout the Territory, including prevention, early intervention and post-treatment support services.

Treatment Type	Number of Services
Sobering up Shelters	One service in all 5 regions
Hospital-based Inpatient Withdrawal service	One service in all 5 regions
Outpatient AOD Specialist Services	One service in all 5 regions
Adult Residential Rehabilitation Services	4 in Top End, 2 in Central Australia, 1 in Barkly 1 in Big Rivers
Youth AOD Residential Rehabilitation Services	1 in Top End – includes 12-week family residential 1 in Central Australia – includes bush adventure
AOD Counselling Services	3 in Top End, 1 in Central Australia; phone services available nationally and NT wide
Youth Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)	1 in East Arnhem
Diversions Programs – Alternative to Custody	1 in Alice Springs (Women) 1 in Groote Eylandt (Male)
Individual Support Program	1 in Central Australia; 1 in Big Rivers
Remote AOD Workforce (RAODW)	Delivered by ACCHOs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 services in Top End• 4 communities in Central Australia• 21 communities in Big Rivers• 6 communities in East Arnhem Delivered by NT Health clinics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 communities in Top End and Big Rivers

Treatment Type	Number of Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 communities in Central Australia and Barkly
Continuing Care Coordination Program	2 in Top End 1 in Central Australia 1 in Barkly 1 in Big Rivers

- 2. What strategies are in place to help people in remote communities manage addictive behaviours? How do these strategies link in with other policy responses i.e. preventative health care strategies? How are these programs evaluated? If there are no programs, why are there no programs?**

The Remote AOD Workforce Program provides place-based support across the Northern Territory, offering brief interventions and ongoing care for people managing addictions in remote communities.

NT Health conducts regular reviews, including site visits and evaluation against performance data and strategic frameworks. All services are accredited and embed the National Quality Framework for AOD treatment within their model of care.

- 3. What access do remote Territorians have to addiction rehabilitation facilities? How does that compare to Urban Territorians? How do both categories compare to national standards and best practice?**

Remote Territorians can access AOD residential rehabilitation facilities in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Delivery of AOD residential rehabilitation services in rural and urban centres ensures Territorians can access comprehensive care.

Community place-based aftercare is supported by the Continued Care Coordination program and the Remote AOD Workforce. All services are evaluated against National and Northern Territory standards, legislation and frameworks ensuring quality and consistency of care for all Territorians.