

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Consultancies Figures

1. We received two versions of answers to our Global Questions for Health and we noticed a disturbing discrepancy between Version One of the answers and Version Two. A discrepancy which has not been explained. It relates to the answers given for our questions on procurement/consultancies – Question 16 in the Global Questions. In Version One of the answers, the total value of consultancies for the Department of Health was a little over \$1 million and there is a total number of 26 consultancies. In Version Two of the answers, that total value has been almost halved, to \$559 000 and the total number is 14. The difference between the two lists is \$539,438.73 and 12 consultancies. Please explain why these consultancies have disappeared off the list in the updated version.
 2. Also on Version Two of the Global Questions answers One of the changes volunteered is the addition of a consultancy by Victorian management consultants Paxton Partners to “Conduct a Commercial and Operational Review of Aeromedical Retrieval Services” for a total of \$35 000. But under the answers to Reviews and Inquiries, the review is costed at \$250 000. Would you please explain the discrepancy between those two figures? The answers also show the review is expected to be completed this month - will it be released when it is handed to government?
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- 1 A revised response was provided in accordance with NT Health's definition of Consultancy Services.

As a result of this review a percentage of transactions had been deemed to be Provision of Services or Labour Hire rather than Consultancies. These transactions have been adjusted accordingly in the ledger.

2. \$35 000 reported in Version Two was the total amount that had been paid/expended up until 31 March 2018. The \$250 000 (excluding GST) is an estimate of total spend for the full year.

The review has been completed and will be released to the Minister for Health.