

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health:

After Hours Emergency Patient Retrieval

Please advise now what is the process for after hours emergency patient retrieval in the homelands across the Nulunbuy Electorate and region in light of any recommendation in the Fong review?

The Fong Review had no recommendations specific to Nhulunbuy electorate, however recommendation 16 is: *Further work be done to identify options in the Homelands where the development of a hub and spoke model to improve patient evacuation might be implemented.*

Nhulunbuy is serviced 24/7 by one St John ambulance crew.

If an emergency '000' call is received from outside town, the despatcher determines if the crew is going to be absent for an extended period, and notifies the Department of Health Remote Medical Practitioner, who will then assign the retrieval to CareFlight.

The CareFlight logistics coordination unit will arrange the retrieval.