

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health:

Renal ready rooms

1. Please advise what remote communities will receive the \$1.2 million in funding for renal ready rooms.
 2. Please advise what research has been done in relation to the success of renal ready rooms in remote indigenous communities?
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RESPONSE

1. Pirlangimpi has been announced as the Top End community where a renal ready room will be established. Consultation with key stakeholders is currently underway to determine the preferred community in Central Australia with Mutitjulu the most likely location.
2. Renal ready rooms are intended to give a client living on community a safe place to self-dialyse when they do not have a suitable space within their home. The number of people dialysing in remote communities is highly variable. Deteriorating health may require relocation to a major centre to access more comprehensive services.

Menzies School of Health Research is currently undertaking a NHMRC partnership research project on the different treatment models of renal care.