

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Corporate and Information Services:

Core Clinical Systems Renewal Program (CCSRP)

1. Is this project against the Health Department budget or the Department of Corporate and Information Services or is it shared?
2. From a Health perspective, is the project proceeding as expected and have the deadlines been met for the first tranche implementation (due July 2019)?
3. Who made the recommendation to Cabinet for this project? Health? DCIS or jointly?
4. How will this compare with Health systems interstate? For example, for clinical staff moving to the Territory, will this be easy to adjust to or does it already exist interstate? Will it require training of clinical staff?
5. What redundancies have been built into the system to enable business continuity?
6. From our briefings we know there are 19 Territory interests involved in the project and you have claimed about \$6m into local businesses to date. Would you please confirm those numbers?
7. We understand there are a dozen public servants working on the project – would you please confirm that and what is the cost of those public servants working on it? Is it part of the budgeted \$259m over five years?

8. How much are you spending per month on contractors for this project?
How much of that contractor money is spent locally?

9. The original budget for the Core Clinical System Renewal Project was \$185.9 million over five years. The figure was later revised to \$269 million over five years.

What is the budget for the project now?

10. How much are you spending per month on contractors for this project?
How much of that contractor money is spent locally?

11. Is the CCSRP project on time to be delivered by 2021?

12. What redundancies have been built into the system and what are the ongoing costs expected to be?

13. In August this year almost 400 patients in Scotland were wrongly told they had serious health conditions like cancer because of an "IT error".

The system software blamed was TrakCare which is the base system of your Core Clinical System Renewal Project.

What assurances have you been given that this sort of "glitch" won't occur in the Northern Territory under the new system?