

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Araluen

To: Minister for Health

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: Cost per person of Mandatory Quarantine in Darwin and Alice Springs

QUESTION:

Can you provide the per person cost for mandatory quarantine in both Alice Springs and Howard Springs?

ANSWER:

To determine the total cost per person of the Mandatory Quarantine facilities provided in both Howard Springs and Alice Springs is dependent on multiple factors. This is due to the fact that the costs are spread across NT Health and other NT Government agencies such as NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics and the Department of Corporate and Digital Development. In addition, the costs fluctuate depending on how many people are in that facility at any given time as fixed overheads are attributed to the per capita cost.

The Health operational expenditure for November 2020 amounted to \$681,037 and the average daily occupancy throughout the month was 337 people. The average health cost per client per day for November is \$67.29 or \$942.06 for a full 14 day quarantine period.

The majority of Quarantine Facility expenditure is borne by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.