

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney

to Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

Interpreter availability to courts

As you know, 2 trials in Alice Springs have been adjourned in relatively recent times because an interpreter has not been available -

1. How many trials in Darwin and Alice Springs have been adjourned in the last 3 calendar years as a result of interpreters not being present.
2. Of those instances of adjourned trials as per above, was a backup trial proceeded with.
3. Would you kindly provide an assessment of the costs to the taxpayer as a result of the interpreters not being available.

ANSWER