

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Dr Lim **to** Minister for Health

Hospital Bed Numbers

1. What are the total number of operational beds currently available across the Northern Territory? Please list the number of operational beds for each Territory hospital.

	Operational beds
Royal Darwin Hospital	345
Alice Springs Hospital	165
Katherine Hospital	60
Gove District Hospital	30
Tennant Creek Hospital	20

2. What were the total number of operational beds available across the Northern Territory at 31st December 2002 and at 31st December 2004? Please list the number of these operational beds, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital.

	Number of Operational Beds at 31 December	
	2002	2004
Royal Darwin Hospital	293	345
Alice Springs Hospital	164	165
Katherine Hospital	60	60
Gove District Hospital	30	30
Tennant Creek Hospital	20	20

3. How many written complaints and recorded (i.e. notes taken) and oral complaints have been received by Territory Health? Of these complaints please list the number of complaints, by written complaint, by recorded oral complaint, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital.

Complaints figures for the Department of Health and Community Services as a whole are documented in Department of Health and Community Services Annual Reports. The figures for the hospitals are as follows.

Financial Year	Royal Darwin Hospital	Alice Springs Hospital	Katherine Hospital	Tennant Creek	Gove Hospital
2000/01	495	53			
2001/02	386	55			
2002/03	344	27			
2003/04	419	34			
2004/05	490	70	10	0	5
2005/06	489	59	12	5	4

Note : From 2004/05, complaints registration was centralised, with all complaints documented and collated, resulting in an increase in recorded complaints.