LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WRITTEN QUESTION

Cyclone Emergency Services

Mr Mills to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

- 1. How many cyclone shelters are there in the Greater Darwin Area.
- 2. List the location, category and capacity of each shelter.
- 3. Are all the shelters considered operational. What are the requirements for the different cyclone shelter categories.
- 4. Are all cyclone shelters able to cope with a category 5 cyclone and related events. What are the evacuation procedures if shelter occupants need to be relocated
- 5. What upgrades and/or repairs have been made to each shelter since the last wet season. Please provide a list by shelter and detail work required.
- 6. What upgrades and/or repairs are still required, if any please provide a list by shelter and detail work required.
- 7. In the event of a category 5 cyclone what is the level of damage expected to residences across the greater Darwin area. How many houses are expected to be damaged to a point where they could not be inhabited. Which suburbs would be most affected by a category 5 cyclone and related events.
- 8. How many people are expected to be temporarily displaced due to storm damage caused by a category 5 cyclone.
- 9. What emergency mid to long term accommodation contingencies are in place to cope with a large number of displaced persons.
- 10. What are the mid to long term logistics in place to cope with a large number of displaced residents after a category 5 cyclone. Please detail plans for Food stores, potable water storage, medical treatment etc.
- 11. How often do police, fire, and emergency services and other essential agencies conduct drills to prepare for a category 5 cyclone.

- 12. When was the last drill undertaken. What was the assessment of the effectiveness of the emergency services and what recommendations following this drill have been taken up by Government; and what remain unaddressed.
- 13. What measures are in place to provide emergency communications in the event of a cyclone. Are the communications run by NT Government agencies ie police or by another agency ie ADF. If not the NT Government who provides the communications and why.
