

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NT

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Manison to the Minister for Health:

Contracts for Service at Palmerston GP Super Clinic

1. Please provide details of the services provided, including the number of patients treated (by month), at the Palmerston GP Super Clinic under contracts between the Department of Health and FCD Health Ltd for both 2012-13 and 2013-14.

FCD Health Ltd (FCD) are contracted to operate both the Palmerston GP Super Clinic and the Palmerston Urgent Care After Hours Service at the Palmerston GP Super Clinic.

The Super Clinic currently provides GP, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Paediatrician, Physiotherapist, Exercise Physiologist, Nutritionist, Podiatrist, Dietician, Women's Health Clinic, Indigenous Clinic, Chronic Disease Management and Practice Nurse services.

The table below identifies the occasions of service for the Palmerston GP Super Clinic for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

2012/13	Total	2013/14	Total
July - Aug	6,116	July - Aug	13,468
Sept - Oct	5,829	Sept - Oct	14,079
Nov - Dec	7,882	Nov - Dec	16,176
Jan - Feb	8,456	Jan - Feb	13,914
March - Apr	9,549	March - Apr	14,553
May - June	12,884	May - June*	

The table below identifies the occasions of service for the Palmerston Urgent care Service for 2013-14.

2013/14	Total
July - Aug	740
Sept - Oct	798
Nov - Dec	882
Jan - Feb	752
March - Apr	656
May - June*	

* Figures for May - June 2014 are not yet available.

2. Please provide an explanation of the variation in the cost of the contract between the Department of Health and FCD Health Ltd for the provision of services at the Palmerston GP Super Clinic in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

There has been no variation to costs in relation to either agreement in 2012-13 or 2013-14.