

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Walker to the Minister for Health:

#### **Healthy Under 5 Kids – Partnering Families**

1. Has the Healthy Under 5 Kids - Partnering Families commenced implementation?
2. How will the program be implemented?
3. What will be the expected impact?

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1. No, this new program will be implemented as a pilot in the second half of 2016 in six Top End and Central Australian urban and remote communities. Following the pilot evaluation, it is planned to implement the program across all NT Government health centres commencing 2017.
  2. The Program will be implemented across all urban and remote NT Government health centres after a series of professional development workshops for all staff who deliver the program. An Evidence Guide, a Practitioners Guide and an eLearning package (14 modules) are under development to complement the professional development workshops.
  3. Children attending NT Government primary health care centres will have access to a standardised universal well child health program, that regularly assesses and monitors their physical health and development including: immunisation; hearing; sight; nutrition including anaemia status. The Program also provides parental anticipatory advice at regular developmental stages, assesses families for domestic and family violence, post natal depression, and substance abuse which all impact a child's ability to grow. Once fully implemented, this new program will enhance reporting capability which will create the opportunity to conduct trend analysis on the health status of NT Children.