

# **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

## **Question Taken on Notice**

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**Date: 15/06/2021**

**From: Mrs Lia Finocchiaro**

**To: Hon Michael Gunner**

**Portfolio: Treasurer**

**Agency: Treasury & Finance**

**Subject: COVID-19 expenditure**

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### **QUESTION:**

Like in last year's budget, can the government please detail what it attributes to its COVID spend?

### **ANSWER:**

In response to COVID-19, the Northern Territory Government approved \$383 million in the 2020-21 Budget for a range of assistance measures aimed at supporting businesses and individuals, and stimulating economic activity.

Further initiatives aimed at protecting Territorians from COVID-19 that were approved in the 2021-22 Budget include:

- \$25.2 million in 2020-21 and \$15 million in 2021-22 to support the Territory's public health response to COVID-19 and fund the vaccine rollout
- \$3.5 million in 2021-22 to maintain the Howard Springs quarantine facility and border control infrastructure across the Territory.