

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

People Awaiting Aged Care Placement in Alice Springs Hospital

1. **How many people residing at the Alice Springs Hospital are awaiting placement in a Residential Aged Care Facility as of 1 October 2021?**

Four.

2. **Over the past 12 months, how many people per month have been waiting in the Alice Springs Hospital for placement in Residential Aged Care Facility? Please provide the statistics.**

The table below shows the number of people waiting in Alice Springs Hospital for a residential aged care bed and the number of discharges to an aged care facility per month.

Month, Year	Waiting Placement (Permanent or Respite)
November 2020	7
December 2020	9
January 2021	10
February 2021	11
March 2021	11
April 2021	7
May 2021	9
June 2021	10
July 2021	11
August 2021	6
September 2021	7
October 2021	8

3. **What is the average length of time that a person awaiting placement in a Residential Aged Care Facility has resided in the Alice Springs Hospital?**

33 days.

4. **How many people residing at the Alice Springs Hospital awaiting placement in a Residential Aged Care Facility away before receiving a placement?**

Six people passed away at Alice Springs Hospital who were eligible for an aged care bed.

- 5. What work is the Alice Springs Hospital doing with the Residential Aged Care Providers in Alice Springs to ensure that people are not stuck in Hospital for an extended period awaiting placement?**

Alice Springs Hospital has a Complex Case Coordination Team that maintains a waitlist and proactively engages with service providers to secure placements.

- 6. Has the Northern Territory Government lobbied the Commonwealth Government for more Residential Aged Care beds in Alice Springs, as it has for Darwin? If so, please provide details.**

I am in regular contact with the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care on a range of issues, including aged care services.

- 7. From modelling undertaken by the Northern Territory Government, how many Residential Aged Care beds does Alice Springs require to meet the growing demand? Please provide details of modelling.**

The Commonwealth Government has policy and funding responsibility for aged care including residential aged care.