

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

Remote Health Clinic Closures

- 1. How many remote health clinics were either temporarily or permanently closed from 24 December 2021 throughout the Northern Territory?**

Top End, Big River and East Arnhem Regional NTG-serviced remote health clinics remained open during the Christmas-New Year holiday period. Some clinics offered reduced services over the recognised public holidays.

In the Central Australia and Barkly regions, there were 8 health NTG-serviced remote health clinics that were temporarily closed or on reduced services. Emergency services were on call to cover health centres that were closed during the Christmas-New Year period.

- 2. Please provide details of every clinic effected and the dates that each clinic was closed.**

Canteen Creek - 20/12/21-10/1/22

Epenarra – Ongoing visiting service from Canteen Creek*

Haasts Bluff - Ongoing visiting service from Papunya

Imanpa - Ongoing visiting service from Yulara

Kings Canyon - 17/12/21 - to date

Willowra - 17/12/21-10/1/22

Yuelamu - Ongoing visiting service from Yuendumu

Engawala - Ongoing visiting service Harts Range

* Between 20/12/2021 and 10/1/2022, Epenarra received emergency services only

- 3. Please provide details of the size of the catchment population for each Remote Health Clinic the closures impacted.**

Canteen Creek - pop 220

Epenarra - pop 190

Haasts Bluff - pop 91

Imanpa - pop 118

Kings Canyon - pop 100

Willowra - pop 246

Yuelamu - pop 227

Engawala - pop 179

Source – Primary Care Information System 2022