

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health:

Homeland Emergency Patient Retrieval

The answer to Written Question 585 outlines that CareFlight has responsibility for logistics coordination and patient duty of care. If a CareFlight aircraft cannot land in homelands, they may enter into a third party agreement with another provider.

1. For the financial years 21/22 and 22/23, please advise how many emergency patient retrievals have been undertaken by a CareFlight aircraft in NE Arnhem Land homeland towns. For each instance please outline the type of aircraft and the homeland town?

Financial Year	Aircraft	Origin	Patient retrievals
2021/22	Fixed Wing B200	Marthakal Homeland Resource Centre	1
	Fixed Wing B200	Baniyala/Yilpara (clinic)	11
	Fixed Wing B200	Gan Gan	8
2021/22 Total			20
2022/23	Fixed Wing B200	Mapuru	7
	Fixed Wing B200	Marthakal Homeland Resource Centre	1
	Fixed Wing B200	Baniyala/Yilpara (clinic)	7
	Fixed Wing B200	Gan Gan	3
	Rotary Wing AW39	Arafura Swamp	1
	Rotary Wing AW39	Howard Island	1
2022/23 Total			20

2. For the financial years 21/22 and 22/23, please advise how many times CareFlight have entered into a third party agreement with another provider for emergency patient retrieval from the homeland towns in NE Arnhem Land. For each instance, please outline the third party provider and the homeland town?

Financial Year	Origin	Third party retrievals	Comment on third party
2021/22	Nyinyakay/Yinyikay/nyinyikay	1	St John Ambulance NT
	Wandawuy	1	Air Frontier
2021/22 Total		2	
2022/23	Mapuru	1	Mission Aviation Fellowship Charter
2022/23 Total		1	

3 For the financial years 21/22 and 22/23, please advise how many times emergency patient retrievals have occurred in homeland towns of NE Arnhem Land without CareFlight as the entity responsible for logistics coordination and patient duty of care. In these cases, who has been responsible for logistics coordination and patient duty of care and in which homeland towns did this occur?

The responsible entity for organising the logistics coordination and patient duty of care varies. Options are:

- St John Ambulance NT (SJANT)
- District Medical Officer
- NT Police
- NTG Primary Health Care

Over 2021-22 and 2022-23, SJANT provided 19 road retrievals for the following homelands:

- Buymarr 2
- Dhalinybuy 10
- Gan Gan Outstation 1
- Garrthalala 3
- Wandawuy 2
- Yudu Yudu 1