

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Health:

NTG Mortuary

1. What is the current capacity of the NTG mortuary?
2. What is the cost of running the NTG mortuary on a monthly basis?
3. Is the NTG mortuary currently at capacity?
 - a. If so, where are the extra bodies stored?
 - b. What is the cost of storing the extra bodies at a separate location?
4. What is the average time a body is held at the NTG mortuary?
5. What is the process to release a body from the NTG mortuary?
6. What happens to a body if it is not collected within a reasonable timeframe?
7. What happens if there is a dispute over the collection of a body?
 - a. If there is a dispute, how is it resolved?
 - b. What is the average time frame for a dispute to be resolved?
 - c. How many disputes have occurred over the last 12 months?
8. Are there any costs associated with the return of a body from the NTG mortuary?
 - a. If so, what are those costs?
 - b. If so, who is responsible for the payment?
9. Are there any costs associated with the return of a body from a third party mortuary?
10. Is there a current process that allows for the timely return of bodies for burial in a culturally sensitive way?
11. What happens if a body isn't collected from the mortuary?