

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

Alcohol related presentations

1. **Could you please provide statistics for alcohol related presentations (illness and injury) at the Alice Springs Hospital, Tennant Creek Hospital, Katherine Hospital and the Royal Darwin Hospital for the past 10 years.**

Data on alcohol 'attributable' emergency department presentations and alcohol 'attributable' hospitalisations has been calculated on available data for the years 2009-2017 and 2008-2017 respectively using major diagnosis codes. These are the only years for which there is comparable data.

These figures do not capture presentations where alcohol is a contributing factor and not the primary reason for presentation. Therefore, the data captured may not encompass the breadth of alcohol 'related' presentations.

Work continues within NT Health on improving the data capture consistency and accuracy with parameters to capture alcohol 'related' presentations in all hospitals.

Alcohol attributable emergency department presentations, NT

2009-2017

| | Alice Springs Hospital | Gove District Hospital | Katherine Hospital | Royal Darwin Hospital | Tennant Creek Hospital |
|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2009 | 3097 | 174 | 677 | 2689 | 604 |
| 2010 | 3498 | 207 | 748 | 2967 | 763 |
| 2011 | 3881 | 217 | 865 | 3031 | 797 |
| 2012 | 4350 | 163 | 968 | 3116 | 837 |
| 2013 | 5377 | 221 | 1144 | 3187 | 1204 |
| 2014 | 3762 | 168 | 1139 | 3367 | 659 |
| 2015 | 4264 | 198 | 676 | 3428 | 715 |
| 2016 | 3581 | 203 | 783 | 3783 | 753 |
| 2017 | 4358 | 254 | 911 | 3745 | 741 |

Alcohol attributable hospitalisations, NT, 2008-2017

| | Alice Springs Hospital | Gove District Hospital | Katherine Hospital | Royal Darwin Hospital | Tennant Creek Hospital |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2008 | 358 | 18 | 40 | 359 | 35 |
| 2009 | 387 | 25 | 45 | 298 | 23 |
| 2010 | 488 | 11 | 39 | 354 | 63 |
| 2011 | 458 | 27 | 47 | 355 | 62 |
| 2012 | 639 | 26 | 65 | 348 | 65 |
| 2013 | 871 | 21 | 76 | 346 | 99 |
| 2014 | 753 | 21 | 70 | 304 | 59 |
| 2015 | 1019 | 23 | 49 | 596 | 84 |
| 2016 | 800 | 30 | 93 | 808 | 108 |
| 2017 | 811 | 34 | 68 | 898 | 88 |