

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health:

Patient Assisted Travel

Please advise of the department guidelines for cultural safety and patient assisted travel for escorts when elderly patients are being flown for treatment outside their community?

All NT Health staff undertake mandatory cultural safety training. Patient Assisted Travel staff have specific training and mentoring in cultural safety to allow the patient and escorts choices on travel options and accommodation.

Escorts are approved for elderly patients if the patient has an impairment, such as cognitive, visual or mobility impairment.

For life-threatening conditions and interstate treatment, escorts are approved.