

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

(16/6/2009 to 19/6/2009)

Date: 18/06/2009 Output: 2 - Acute Services
Sub Output: 2.1 Admitted Patient Services

Subject: Reports commissioned - hospitals - number of

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Question: **5-4**
Since 2001, how many internal reports or consultant's reports for Territory hospitals have been requested, commissioned by the Health Department or its agencies?

Dr ASHBRIDGE: Okay, so the clarity I am looking for then is it the whole hospital or just part of a hospital?

Mr CONLAN: The whole hospital.

Dr ASHBRIDGE: You do not want the review of the Division of Paediatrics in Royal Darwin Hospital, you would be interested and only reviews of the whole hospital?

Mr VATSKALIS: Of the Royal Darwin Hospital.

Mr CONLAN: Exactly.

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There have been four recent reviews undertaken by independent consultants about various aspects of the Royal Darwin Hospital. They are:

1. Nursing Hours Per Patient Day implementation (2009: Professor Christine Duffield);
2. Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (2009: ACHS) Governance Review;
3. Security Audit Stage 1 and Stage 2 (2009: JP O'Sullivan); and
4. Complaints Review (2009: Mr Ray Norman).

In November 2008, RDH also participated in an Organisation Wide Survey by Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) as part of the normal cycle for accreditation of services against standards.

There is no data system that captures all consultancies for Royal Darwin Hospital but there is a database that dates back to 2003 that can be considered indicative. In addition to the above consultancies in early 2009, there were seventeen reports that cover more than one area of the Royal

Darwin Hospital, in addition to the external Australian Council on Healthcare Standards periodic surveys (accreditation).