

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Pathology Service

1. The Root and Branch Review report says your agency will "increase pathology service fee" which it expects will raise \$1.5 million ongoing. What is the fee now and what will it be increased by? Who is expected to be most affected by this increase?
2. Who uses the service the most currently?
3. Do other jurisdictions offer pathology services in a similar way and if they do, do they charge for them and how much?
4. What was the reasoning behind this decision - what evidence was put to you which indicated this was a smart fiscal move?