

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Stirling

to Minister for Health, Family and Children's Services

Territory Health Services Legal Costs

1. Have any costs have been incurred by Territory Health Services in defending legal actions against Northern Territory hospitals in the following financial years:
 - (a) 1994-95;
 - (b) 1995-96; and
 - (c) 1996-97.
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, what are the amounts for each hospital.
3. Have any costs been incurred by Territory Health Services in the form of compensation to clients of Northern Territory hospitals in the following financial years:
 - (a) 1994-95;
 - (b) 1995-96; and
 - (c) 1996-97.
4. If the answer to question 3 is yes, what was:
 - (a) the basis of each legal action; and
 - (b) the amount of costs expended in each instance.

Please note, it is not expected that names of individuals be referred to in respect of question 4.

ANSWER