

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

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Health

Community Health Services Budget 2005/2006

Community Health services has been cut in the 2005/2006 budget by nearly \$6m. These services are aimed at improving health through education and development, prevention, early intervention. The outcome for these services is, according to Budget Paper No. 3 at page 125, 'that the burden of ill-health in the community and the need for hospitalisation are reduced'. Minister, more people are estimated to be admitted into Territory hospitals in the next financial year, based on estimates in the Budget.

1. Why have you cut funding to community health services by \$6m, and do you admit you have failed to reduce the burden of ill-health and the need for hospitalisation for Territorians.

ANSWER