

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Family and Community Services

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**Mental Health Act, Review**

Minister the President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in his annual report for 2003/04 raises concerns about how long it is taking for the review of the Mental Health Act to be completed and draft legislation presented.

1. Minister when will we see the draft changes?

**ANSWER**

It is anticipated the Draft Amendment Bill will be circulated for further public consultation in January 2006. It is anticipated Cabinet will consider the Draft Bill in May 2006. It is our intention to then introduce the Bill in the Legislative Assembly in June 2006.