

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Conlan to Minister for Health

**Patient Assisted Travel Scheme – IVF Treatment**

1. What is the current policy in regard to women utilising the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme in order to undertake IVF treatment.
  2. When was the policy introduced.
  3. How does this policy differ from any previous policy on the use of the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme for women seeking IVF treatment and if so, what were those previous policies.
  4. If there is a formal policy document, would the Minister please provide me with a copy.
  5. How many women accessed the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme in order to undertake IVF treatment in each of the following years:  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 (year to 30 November 2009).
  6. Can a woman access the PATS if they have previously utilised the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme for:
    - (a) Successful IVF treatments leading to the birth of a single child or multiple birth, if not, why not; and
    - (b) Unsuccessful IVF treatments, if not, why not.
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