



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 67

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

#### Homeland Health Service Provision

Please provide the information requested below in relation to (i) primary medical services and (ii) dental services, for the following homeland towns in North-East Arnhem Land:

Langarra	Yalakun	Garrthalala
Mapuru	Raymanggirr	Wandawuy
Gawa	Balma	Barraratjpi
Banthula	Yinyikay	Djarrakpi
Ganpurra	Rorruwuy	Rurrangala
Donydji	Matamata	Dhuruputjpi
Bunhangura	Dhanaya	Baniyala
Dhupuwamirri	Dhalinybuy	Gangan
Dhamiyaka	Gurumuru	Gutjangan

1. For each homeland town, an approximate population estimate using the categories of small (less than 10 people), medium (10 to 50 people) and large (more than 50 people).
2. For each homeland town, the name of the entity with primary responsibility for the provision of (i) primary medical care and (ii) dental care. For example, NT Department of Health, or a specific non-government organisation.
3. For each homeland town, an estimate of the level of primary medical care provided, using the following categories:
  - a) regular scheduled visits by a primary health care team including a general practitioner;
  - b) regular scheduled visits by a primary health care team including a registered nurse;
  - c) regular scheduled visits by a primary health care team including an Aboriginal health practitioner;

- d) no regular visits – in order to access primary medical care community members must travel to a clinic at either Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak or Gove.
- 4. For each homeland town, an estimate of the level of dental care provided, using the following categories:
  - a) periodic visits organised by either the NT Department of Health or another organisation or private practitioner, with an approximate estimate of frequency of the visits;
  - b) no periodic visits – in order to access dental care community members must travel to either Nhulunbuy or Darwin.
- 5. For each homeland town, is telehealth available? If not, please provide a brief statement outlining the steps needed to be taken in order for telehealth to be made available.
- 6. For each homeland town, is there a specific building available to be used for community health purposes (e.g. as a clinic)?
- 7. For each homeland town, is there an airstrip which meets the requirements of a CareFlight plane?
- 8. For each homeland, are there particular programs operating aimed at:
  - a) the treatment and prevention of chronic disease generally;
  - b) the treatment and prevention of type 2 diabetes specifically;
  - c) the treatment and prevention of rheumatic heart disease specifically;
  - d) the improvement of child and maternal health specifically?
- 9. For each homeland, please provide any comments which may be relevant to the planning and provision of primary medical care and dental care in the Mulka electorate.