



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 121

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Remote aged care

- 1. How many aged care facilities are there in remote communities?
How many in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy?**

The number of residential aged care facilities in the Northern Territory are provided by location in the table below:

| Location | Number |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Darwin and Palmerston | 4 |
| Katherine | 3 |
| Alice Springs | 3 |
| Tennant Creek | 1 |
| Nhulunbuy | 1 |
| Tiwi Islands | 1 |
| Maningrida | 1 |
| Wadeye | 1 |
| Borroloola | 1 |
| Mutitjulu | 1 |
| Kaltukatjara | 1 |

- 2. What is the average wait time for a person to access aged care in the NT?**
 - a. What is that breakdown across metro regional and remote?**
 - b. How does access vary between different remote communities?**

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for funding, policy, management and delivery of an aged care system; therefore, the Northern Territory Government does not hold information on wait times for all persons in the community waiting to access aged care services.

3. How many people are currently waiting in hospital for a place in an aged care facility?

As at 1 August 2025, there were 75 people in hospital, or NT Health funded out-of-hospital care, waiting for placement in an aged care facility.

| Hospital | Number of patients |
|--|---------------------------|
| Royal Darwin and Palmerston Regional Hospitals | 43 |
| Katherine Hospital | 1 |
| Gove District Hospital | 3 |
| Tennant Creek Hospital | 4 |
| Alice Springs Hospital | 12 |
| Out of Hospital Care | 12 |