

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

#### Public Guardian

1. As a relatively newly created independent office, has the Public Guardian found budget and staffing sufficient to undertake all of the activities that they are required to undertake?

Based on a review of the Office of Public Guardian responsibilities and accordance with national practices, consideration is currently being given to determine where the financial administration for represented adults is best placed within the Northern Territory Government.

2. What have the challenges been of operating as an independent office?

The key challenges in operating as an independent office have been:

- establishment of a new organisational structure, development of required positions to undertake functions and recruitment of staff,
- development of strategic and operational functions for administration, business, finance, policy and secretariat,
- relocation of office, and
- development of a single Office of Public Guardian specific database from three separate databases previously used.