

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Health; Alcohol Rehabilitation; and Disability Services:

Global Questions – Health, Alcohol Rehabilitation and Disability Services

Questions for all agencies and government authorities you are responsible for. Please provide:

1. details of progress of all CLP election commitments, including all commitments and policy announcements made to Territorians in CLP election policy documents, summary snapshots, media releases and announcements, costings and savings documents, media advertisements and other printed material
2. explanations of all variations and discrepancies between CLP election commitments and the decisions and policies of government since 1 July 2013
3. progress details on all commitments and policy announcements made within government press releases and media statements made since 1 July 2013
4. explanations for all variations and discrepancies between commitment and policy announcements made within government press releases and the actual implementation of government policy and funding decisions
5. progress details on the implementation of all signed written contracts with Territory communities
6. details of staff movements and all costs resulting from all Administrative Arrangements changes since 1 July 2013
7. details of staff movements and payouts and all costs, including ministerial office relocation costs resulting from portfolio reshuffles, since 1 July 2013
8. details and costs of all government advertising and communications since 1 July 2013
9. full details of all government advertising in breach of the *Public Information Act* as identified by the Auditor-General since 1 July 2013
10. a full breakdown of all ministerial office expenditure since 1 July 2013
11. a full list of all forced redundancies across all agencies, including an explanation for each redundancy, and why it was necessary to breach the CLP's election commitment that no public servant would be sacked
12. a full list of all personnel who have left the Northern Territory public sector and then returned since 1 July 2013, including payout and settlement details
13. details of all government tenders, contracts and grants awarded or granted since 1 July 2013, including whether the recipient is a member of the Country Liberal Party. This includes full location details for companies and organisations

14. details of procurement processes undertaken, and the employment contracts within the Northern Territory public sector since 1 July 2013 of all former CLP and Liberal Party candidates and members of parliament at Territory or federal level
15. full details and costs of all ministerial travel including accommodation, hospitality and flight details, including flight travel class, since 1 July 2013
16. full details, costs and invitation lists for all ministerial hospitality since 1 July 2013
17. full details, costs and invitation lists for all public service hospitality provided since 1 July 2013
18. full details and costs of all interstate or international public service travel, including accommodation, hospitality and flight details, including flight travel class, since 1 July 2013
19. a breakdown of all water and other natural asset allocations granted by the Northern Territory government since 26 August 2012 broken down by those granted to CLP members and others
20. details of all policy items, strategies, actual, estimates, budgets, forecasts, agency outputs and funding decisions contained within the May 2014 budget
21. details of all financial and economic data contained within operating statements, balance sheets and cash flow statements in the May 2014 budget
22. full details, including impact statements and implementation plans on all agency savings the May 2014 budget
23. details of all information and data contained within the fiscal strategy, updated fiscal outlook, risks to the updated financial projections, expenses and capital investment, intergovernmental revenue and territory taxes and royalties
24. full details of all information and data contained within the capital works program and estimated capital expenditure across all government agencies and corporations
25. full details of all revenue measures including new taxes and tax increases including levies and charges in budget 2014. Details to include risk impact statements, community and industry consultation plans, economic modelling and revenue projections
26. full details of the operational impacts across all government entities as a result of all government decisions and policies
27. full details of the operational impacts across all government entities as a result of the government's savings measures
28. details of the operational impacts across non-government agencies as a result of all government funding, decisions and policies
29. full details of the impacts across all government entities as a result of all increases in government and government corporation charges, prices and tariffs since August 26 2012

30. full details of all information and data contained within the two most recent reports on government services
31. full details of all information and data contained within all annual reports produced by all government entities across the last two financial years
32. full details of all information and data contained within any report produced by a statutory authority of the Northern Territory government within the last five years, and full details on any and all actions of all government entities in response to the report or related to the report
33. full details of all information and data contained within any report commissioned by the Northern Territory government and produced within the last five years, and full details on any and all actions of all government entities in response to the report or related to the report
34. full details of all information, data and forecasts contained within reports produced in the last two years in relation to the Northern Territory from Deloitte Access Economics, CommSec, Sensis, Australian Property Monitors, Housing Industry Association, Property Council, Master Builders Association and ANZ, including the response from government entities to these reports
35. full details and all information and data produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in relation to the Northern Territory in the last two years, including the response of government entities to these reports
36. details of all reports and data published on Northern Territory government websites.
37. What is the total annual power bill of each government building owned/leased/used by each department?
38. What is the detailed breakdown of corporate and governance output of each department?
39. What is the total itemised cost to date for each minister on overseas travel in 2013-14 and what was the itinerary for each overseas trip undertaken by ministers in 2013-14?
40. For each overseas trip:
 - a) what was the purpose of the travel
 - b) how many advisors accompanied the minister
 - c) how many members of the Legislative Assembly accompanied the minister
 - d) how many public sector employees or statutory officers accompanied the minister
 - e) how many independent media representatives accompanied the minister
 - f) how many private citizens accompanied the minister?
41. What is the total itemised cost to date for each government agency or authority on overseas travel in 2013-14?
42. For each overseas trip:

- a) what was the purpose of the travel
 - b) how many public sector employees or statutory officers travelled overseas
 - c) how many members of the Legislative Assembly travelled with the agency/authority
 - d) what was the itinerary for the travel?
43. Were any external consultants or advisors contracted by ministers in 2013-14? If so, for each minister:
- a) how many external advisors or consultants were contracted
 - b) which consultants were contracted
 - c) what was the cost of each consultancy
 - d) what was the purpose of each consultancy
 - e) were tenders or expressions of interest invited
 - f) if not, why not?
44. Were any external consultants or advisors contracted by government agencies or authorities in 2013-14? If so:
- a) how many external advisors or consultants were contracted
 - b) which consultants were contracted
 - c) what was the cost of each consultancy
 - d) what was the purpose of each consultancy
 - e) were tenders or expressions of interest invited
 - f) if not, why not?
45. What is the total itemised cost to date for each minister on official hospitality in 2013-14?
46. In relation to each occasion on which official hospitality was undertaken:
- a) what was the purpose of the hospitality
 - b) how many guests attended
 - c) how many ministers attended
 - d) what was the total cost incurred?
46. What is the total itemised cost to date for each government agency or authority on official hospitality in 2013-14?
47. In relation to each occasion on which official hospitality was undertaken:

- a) what was the purpose of the hospitality
 - b) how many guests attended
 - c) how many ministers attended
 - d) how many public sector employees attended
 - e) what was the total cost incurred?
48. Were any gifts received by ministers in 2013-14? If so, for each minister:
- a) what gifts were received
 - b) what is the estimated value of each gift received?
49. What is the total itemised cost to date for each minister on advertising in 2013-14?
50. For each advertisement:
- a) what was the purpose/description of the advertisement
 - b) who was the advertisement placed with
 - c) what was the production cost
 - d) what was the design cost
 - e) were tenders or expressions of interest called and if not, why not?
51. What is the total itemised cost to date for each government agency or authority on advertising in 2013-14?
52. For each advertisement:
- a) what was the purpose/description of the advertisement
 - b) who was the advertisement placed with
 - c) what was the production cost
 - d) what was the design cost?
53. Has any minister or ministerial adviser engaged in formal or informal communications with L and B MacFarlane, or their representatives, concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:
- a) which ministers and ministerial advisors have engaged in the communications
 - b) what was the substance of the communications
 - c) when did the communications take place?

54. Has any minister or ministerial adviser engaged in formal or informal communications with Peter Maley, or his representatives, concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:
 - a) which ministers and ministerial advisors have engaged in the communications
 - b) what was the substance of the communications
 - c) when did the communications take place?
55. What are the details by project of revoted capital works in all department and government authorities?
56. By classification and level, how many permanent employees are currently employed in government agencies and statutory authorities?
57. By classification and level, how many temporary employees are currently employed in government agencies and statutory authorities?
58. How many NT government statutory boards are there in the Northern Territory?
59. For each statutory board:
 - a) who are the current members and when were they appointed
 - b) what was the total remuneration paid to board members in 2013-14
 - c) what was the itemised total cost incurred by the board in 2013-14
 - d) how many times did the board meet in 2013-14?
60. What was the total expenditure on grants to non-government organisations in 2013-14?
61. What is the total estimated allocation for grants to non-government organisations in 2014-15?
62. Would you provide whole of government tables showing:
 - a) the amount granted to each non-government organisation in 2013-14
 - b) the estimated grant to each non-government organisation in 2014-15?
63. Please list all reviews currently being undertaken by the agency, estimated date of release of report and costs incurred to date.
64. For each government agency and authority, how many certificates of exemption were issued in 2013-14?
65. For each certificate of exemption:
 - a) what is the description of the goods and services contracted
 - b) what is the value of the goods and services contracted

- c) what is the value of the goods and services contracted
- d) why was the certificate of exemption required
- e) who recommended the certificate of exemption
- f) who approved the certificate of exemption?

66. Regarding fundraising:

- a) have you held any CLP fundraising events in your ministerial office suite
- b) if so, how many times has your official office been used for fundraising activities in the past year
- c) what dates did you hold these fundraisers
- d) did you pay the parliament for the use of the offices in this way
- e) did the CLP pay for the alcohol or did the taxpayer?

67. Regarding travel:

- a) how many trips overseas have you taken in the past 12 months
- b) how many staff accompanied you
- c) who accompanied you
- d) how much was the travelling allowance
- e) what class of air travel did you take
- f) did you use your ministerial phone while overseas
- g) what was the total cost of phone calls from overseas?
- h) did your staff use their government issued phones
- i) what was the total cost of their phone calls from overseas
- j) did your spouse accompany you on any trips
- k) did your children accompany you on any trips?

68. Regarding cars:

- a) how much did you spend on your taxpayer funded petrol card last financial year
- b) how much was your lease
- c) was any damage incurred to your car in the last financial year
- d) if so what was the cost

- e) was the accident reported to police
- f) did police attend
- g) who was in the wrong
- h) were any charges laid?

69. Regarding credit cards:

- a) do you have a ministerial credit card
- b) how much has been spent on the credit card in the past 12 months
- c) what do you use it for
- d) how much has been spent on entertainment?

70. Regarding alcohol:

- a) how much has your office spent on alcohol in the past 12 months
- b) what type of alcohol is purchased
- c) are spirits purchased
- d) is the alcohol used for official functions or for personal use
- e) who is entitled to access the office alcohol?

71. For each agency, please provide an itemised breakdown for spending associated with promoting the budget for the 2012 mini-budget, the 2013 budget and the 2014 budget.

72. For each agency, please provide a breakdown of public service staffing levels by FTE, total numbers and by employment level for 2013-14 and projected for 2014-15.

Question 1.

New Cardiac Service:

Additional operational funding of \$6.5 million to the Department of Health to progress a range of Cardiac initiatives.

Improve Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS)

Last year I announced the outcomes of the PATS review. This year, the Northern Territory Government has committed an additional \$7.5M has been invested in the Scheme. This means additional people from the bush will be able to access specialist treatment.

Commission full report on Palmerston Hospital

Scoping Study completed.

Mandatory rehabilitation for problem drinkers:

The Alcohol Mandatory Treatment (AMT) Services commenced on 1 July 2013.

Reduce elective surgery waiting times:

There has been a reduction of almost 200 people on the waitlist in the last 12 months.

2. NIL

3. All media statements can be found on the Northern Territory Government website.

4. NIL

5. The Department of Health has no signed written contracts with Territory communities.

6. One FTE has transferred to DCIS for changed procurement arrangements.

Eleven FTE have transferred to the Department of Business in relation to Alcohol Policy activities.

Two FTE have transferred to the Department of Attorney General and Justice in relation to the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal.

Direct staffing and operational costs were transferred.

7. There have been no costs associated with any portfolio reshuffles related to Health.

8. The total for all cost codes, Top End and Central is \$454,573 – DOH. This includes all communications including health information messages.

9. This question should be referred to the Auditor General.

10. Refer to the Chief Minister.

11. There have been nil forced redundancies within the Department of Health.

12. Refer to the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.

13. Refer to the Department of Business.

14. Refer to the Department of Business.

15. Refer to the Chief Minister. All Ministerial office budgets are managed through this agency.
16. Refer to the Chief Minister. All Ministerial office budgets are managed through this agency.
17. During the period July 2013 to May 2014, the Department of Health spent \$212 422 on public service hospitality. Expenditure consists largely of catering costs for training, conferences, workshops and forums. Invitation lists are not available.
18. During the period 1 July 2013 – 31 March 2014:
 - \$787,105 was spent on interstate travel.
 - \$216,093 was spent on international travel. Some of this can be attributed to the NT Trauma Response Centre response to the Philippines.
19. Refer answer to the Department of Land and Resource Management.
20. Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3.
21. Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3.
22. The Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment has provided a Whole of Public Sector response (refer Commissioner's letter to CPSU dated 20 May 2014).
23. Referred to the Department of Treasury and Finance for response.
24. Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 4.
25. Refer to the Treasurer.
26. This question is very general, and therefore difficult to respond to.
27. This is a very general question. For specific questions about the savings initiatives, see Budget Paper Number 2.
28. NGO's manage their operations through the governance of their own Boards.
29. Refer to the Treasurer.
30. The Report on Government Services is publically available. The information sourced from the Northern Territory Department of Health is referenced throughout the report.
31. The Annual Report can be found on the Department of Health website, and are publicly available.
32. The Department of Health has not produced any Statutory Reports.
33. The data requested is too broad in scope and too burdensome to collate.
34. Data requested too broad in scope and too burdensome to collate.
35. Data requested too broad in scope and too burdensome to collate.
36. Reports and data published can be found on the Department of Health website.
37. Please refer to the Minister responsible for DCIS.
38. Refer to 2014-15 Budget Paper No.3.

39. Please refer this to the Chief Minister as the Minister responsible.
40. Please refer this to the Chief Minister as the Minister responsible.
41. Refer response to question 18.
42. Refer response to question 18.
43. Nil.
44. The Department of Health advises that all employment, including consultancy, is undertaken based on the merit principle.
45. Refer to the Chief Minister, as the Minister responsible.
46. Refer to the Chief Minister, as the Minister responsible. Refer to question 17 for Departmental expenditure.
47. Refer to the Chief Minister, as the Minister responsible. Refer to question 17 for Departmental expenditure.
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50. Refer to the Chief Minister, as the Minister responsible.
51. Refer to Question 8.
52. Refer to Question 8.
53. Refer to the Chief Minister, as the Minister responsible.
54. Refer to the Chief Minister, as the Minister responsible.
55. Refer Budget Paper Number 2
56. As at Pay 20 2013/2014, there was 3812 permanent staff across the Department of Health.
57. As at Pay 20 2013/2014, there was 1971 temporary staff in in the Department of Health.

58. There are six NT Government Statutory Boards:

- Approved Procedures and Quality Assurance Committee (APQAC)
- Adult Guardianship Panel
- Central Australian Health Service Board
- Top End Hospital Health Service Board
- Northern Territory Pharmacy Premises Committee
- S7 and S4 Clinical Advisory Committee

59. For each Statutory Board:

Approved Procedures and Quality Assurance Committee (APQAC):

- Ms Claudia Manu-Preston (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Corrina Maassenvandenbrink (appointed: N/A)
- Professor Dinesh Arya (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Gail Bowker (appointed: N/A)
- Dr Marcus Tabbart (appointed: N/A)
- Mr Peter Thornton (appointed: N/A)
- Mr Richard Ashburner (appointed: N/A)
- Dr Robert Parker (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Sarah Galton (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Sherrilee Portlock (appointed: N/A)

Adult Guardianship Panel:

- Dr Dennis Stanbury (appointed: N/A)
- Mrs Gilian Haggart (appointed: N/A)
- Mrs Glenda Stripling (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Heather Dunkell (appointed: N/A)
- Mr Ken Conway (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Kim Lovat (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Kristy Mauger (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Lea Aitken (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Leanne Hoey (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Linda Robson (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Maria Randazzo (appointed: N/A)
- Mrs Monique Politis (appointed: N/A)
- Mr Neil Stripling (appointed: N/A)

- Mr Richard Cresswick (appointed: N/A)
- Dr Shanin Alam (appointed: N/A)
- Ms Sharon Parsonson (appointed: N/A)

Central Australian Health Service Board

1. Mr Damian Ryan
2. Mrs Sue Korner
3. Dr Christine Lesnikowski
4. Mr James Ward
5. Mr Edward Frazer
6. Dr John Wakerman
7. Mr Graham Symonds

Top End Health Service Board:

1. Mrs Annette Burke
2. Mr Richard Harding
3. Ms Trish Angus
4. Mr Michael Martin
5. Dr Max Chalmers
6. Ms Diane Walsh
7. Mr Graeme Lewis

Northern Territory Pharmacy Premises Committee:

1. Mr John Morgan (appointed: 1/03/2013)
2. Ms Sally Hodgson (appointed: 1/03/2013)
3. Ms Shelley Forester (appointed: 1/03/2013)
4. Mr Terry Battalis (appointed: 1/03/2013)

S7 and S4 Clinical Advisory Committee:

1. Ms Alice Gilbert (appointed: 30/04/2013)
2. Mr Colin Marchant (appointed: 30/04/2013)
3. Dr Gavin Chin (appointed: 30/04/2013)
4. Ms Helgi Stone (appointed: N/A)
5. Dr Howard Flavell (appointed: 1./02/2015)
6. Ms Lisa Hall (appointed: 11/05/2012)
7. Ms Maria Giacon (appointed: 1/03/2013)

8. Ms Sarah Gobbert (appointed: 30/04/2013)
9. Dr Shirley Hendy (appointed: 30/04/2013)
10. Dr Timothy Semple (appointed: 30/04/2013)

Answers to point b)

Approved Procedures and Quality Assurance Committee (APQAC): In 2013/14 the total remuneration paid to APQAC members was nil.

Adult Guardianship Panel: \$56,801 (also includes investigative work)

Top End Health Services Board – nil

Central Australia Health Services Board - nil

Northern Territory Pharmacy Premises Committee: \$1064

S7 and S4 Clinical Advisory Committee: \$8038.00

Answers to point c)

Approved Procedures and Quality Assurance Committee (APQAC):

The itemised total cost incurred by APQAC in 2013/14 was nil.

Adult Guardianship Panel:

The Executive Office of the Adult Guardianship can't provide itemised costs. The Executive Office of the Adult Guardianship have hours of investigations and panel meetings as this is a combined total of \$56,801 (see Q59b).

Top End Health Services Board – nil

Central Australia Health Services Board - nil

Northern Territory Pharmacy Premises Committee: \$1,905.67

S7 and S4 Clinical Advisory Committee: \$14,004.12

Answers to point d)

Approved Procedures and Quality Assurance Committee (APQAC):

APQAC did not hold any face to face meetings in 2013/14, with all business having been conducted through out of session endorsement.

Adult Guardianship Panel:

The Adult Guardianship Panel (Board) meets on as needs basis, approximately 20 times in the 2013/14 period.

Northern Territory Pharmacy Premises Committee: Twice.

S7 and S4 Clinical Advisory Committee: Four Times.

60. Refer the Annual Report.

61. The Department of Health expected grant payments for 2014/2015 can be found in Budget paper No 13.

62. Refer the Annual Report.

63.

A review of the Drug and Alcohol Association (DASA) is being undertaken by an external provider.

64. Three select tender processes (valued >\$200 000) were undertaken via a Certificate of Exemption by the Department of health with the appropriate approvals.

65. Certificates of Exemption

- Alice Springs Hospital Laundry - Supply Delivery Installation and Commissioning of Two (2) Industrial Washing Machines. Value: \$249,381. Reason: Standardisation with existing equipment. Recommended by A/Chief Operating Officer, CAHS and Chief Executive. Approved by Procurement Review Board and Minister for Health
- Royal Darwin Hospital - Provision of Operating Lease (rental) and Operation of a Twin Lock Hyperbaric Chamber for a Period of 60 Months. Value: \$1,338,547. Reason: Sole source for existing service. Recommended by A/Chief Operating Officer, TEHS and Chief Executive. Approved by Procurement Review Board and Minister for Health
- Delivery of Specialised Asepti Sterilising Products and Detergents for a Period of 36 Months. Value: \$429,954. Reason: Sole supplier of requirement. Recommended by A/Executive Director Corporate Services and Chief Executive. Approved by Procurement Review Board and Minister for Health.

66. I have not undertaken any CLP fundraising activities in my Ministerial suite.

67. This question should be referred to the Chief Minister who is responsible for the budgets for ministerial offices.

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69. This question should be referred to the Chief Minister who is responsible for the budgets for ministerial offices.

70. This question should be referred to the Chief Minister who is responsible for the budgets for ministerial offices.

71. This question should be referred to the Treasurer who is responsible for the Budget.

72. Refer to questions 56 and 57 for 2013-14. Detail for 2014-15 is not known, but not expected to be substantially different to 2013-14.