

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Wood to the Minister for Health

Admissions to Royal Darwin Hospital

1. For the years 2011/12 and 2012/13 (until 21 October 2013):
 - a. How many people were treated at RDH for injuries sustained in the Darwin CBD and Mitchell Street areas?
 - b. What were the dates and times of admissions?
 - c. In detail, what were the types of injuries (especially facial injuries) and the number of those injuries?
 - d. How many injuries did alcohol play some part?

1a)

This information is not available from the Department of Health information systems.

Diagnosis codes can indicate place of occurrence for the purposes of providing a context to the injury (eg office, car, in the street). However, these codes do not identify geo-locations so it is not possible to establish the place where an injury was sustained. While St. John Ambulance may collect some of this information, this data is not provided to the Department of Health.

1b)

Same as above.

1c)

Same as above

1d)

Same as above.

Studies have produced measures of attributable risk for alcohol related conditions. These are used to calculate alcohol attributable hospitalisation and have been used for reporting population trends. However these measures are only available and reported at the population level and can only be used to present the change in rates of admissions that can be associated with alcohol.