

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

**Contract for Supply and Delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests**

- 1. How many Rapid Antigen Tests were supplied and delivered to Northern Territory Government Agencies in the 2021/22 financial year to date?**

1,923,928

- 2. What was the total cost of supply and delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests to Northern Territory Government Agencies in the 2021/22 financial year to date?**

For NT Health, \$17,246,890

- 3. Tender Number D22-0008 estimates a price range of \$110m-\$130m for supply and delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests for 12 months to NT Government agencies. How many tests is this expected to secure in total?**

The pre-tender estimate was based on the prevailing cost of RATs at the time of approximately \$12.50 each plus GST, at an average use rate of between 10,000 and 20,000 test per day. The cost of RATs has fallen significantly since this time.

There is no obligation for the Department of Health to purchase a single RAT. It is a pre-tender estimate so that we can order and pay for those tests if and when we need them.

It should also be noted that Tender D22-0008 is a panel contract arrangement for use when and if required, and does not commit the NT Government to purchase any Rapid Antigen Tests.

- 4. Are there any planned or anticipated changes to testing requirements in the next 12 months?**

It is anticipated there will be ongoing amendments to our overall pandemic response which will be reviewed and adapted/changed as required.