

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Patient Services

Subject: Palliative Care - composition of Board - volunteers in PC Unit

From: Ms Marion Scrymgour to Hon Kon Vatskalis
Department of Health and Families

Question: **5-6**
Minister, can you please provide information in relation to the palliative care board, who is on the board, the names of the members on the board, and the issues of what happened to the volunteers within the Palliative Care Unit.

Answer:
Answered On:
Answer: There is no Palliative Care Board within the Department of Health and Families.

Palliative Care Australia, a non-Government organisation, has a presence in the Northern Territory as Palliative Care Northern Territory. John McMahon is the Chair of Palliative Care NT.

There is a Palliative Care Clinical Reference Group within the Department of Health and Families. The membership consists of the following:

- Dr Mark Boughey, Director, Territory Palliative Care
- Dr Maureen Mitchell, A/Director, Territory Palliative Care (Acting Chair);
- Ms Christine Quirke, Acute Care Policy and Services Development;
- Ms Loris Semple, Acute Care Policy and Services Development;
- Ms Joanne Watts, Territory Palliative Care - Top End;
- Mr Fred Miegel, Territory Palliative Care- Central Australia;
- Ms Noelene Swanson, Representative for Remote Health;
- Ms Renae Moore, Representative for Allied Health Professionals;
- Ms Joanne McKeown, Medical Representative, Alice Springs Hospital;
- Mr Gregory Solomon, Representative for Preventable Chronic Disease;
- Dr Tanya E Davies/ Dr Liz Moore (Central Australia) AMSANT (Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT);
- Mr Keith Williams, Consumer Representative;
- Ms Jenny Mills, Representative for GPNNT, Central Australia;
- Mr Graeme Suckling, ED, Representative for Council of the Ageing (COTA) NT;
- Ms Kate Senior, Representative Menzies School of Health Research; and
- Ms Carmen Thomas, Representative for Community Health.

The Royal Darwin Hospital Hospice Social Worker coordinates the

Volunteers. Currently there are 24 volunteers participating in the volunteer program.