

Estimates Committee 2012

Questions Taken On Notice

(12/06/2012 to 21/06/2012)

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Subject: Number, reasons and costs for departmental moves in the past 2 years.

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Hon Kon Vatskalis
Department of Health

Question: **6-2**
Could the department provide the number of substantial moves by the department over the last two years, the reasons for those moves, and the costs associated with those moves?

Answer:
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ANSWER

\$2.8 million was allocated in the 2009/10 Capital Works Program for the relocation of the then Health and Families staff to meet growth and overcrowding. In addition, the lease of the AANT (Darwin) building was due to expire with no option to extend the lease.

This coincided with moves planned for other NTG agencies, such as Housing and Business and Employment. These moves resulted in those Departments moving from Construction House, Darwin Plaza and Casuarina Plaza. The Department of Health and Families programs were then to be relocated into these vacant areas.

Information Services initially moved from Health House to Darwin Plaza, Levels 5 & 6 and Health Services moved from AANT temporarily to Darwin Plaza Levels 1 & 4 and to Casuarina Plaza. It is planned to relocate the remaining Health staff in Darwin Plaza to Health House later this year.

Following the creation of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), it was agreed that they would move out of Health House to Darwin Plaza and Information Services would relocate to Construction House. DCF relocated early 2012.

Fitout costs to date total \$2.1 million. Relocation costs are estimated at \$0.3 million.

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ANSWER

The trucks are not 4WD – this was an error in a press release that was corrected but has been perpetuated when the original release is cited.

There are two new trucks – one funded by Northern Territory Government and one by the Department of Health and Ageing through the Indigenous Mobile Dental Infrastructure Program – while funded under this program, it does not impose any restrictions on who can access services through the truck.

The new dental trucks will provide services to communities throughout Central Australia. Services are provided to eligible clients which include:

- All children from infancy to the end of school; and
- Holders of current centrelink issued Health Care Cards and Pensioner Concession Cards

In recognition of the difficulties faced by residents of remote areas in accessing services, emergency care is also provided to non-eligible clients who live more than 100km from a private dentist service.

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