

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Office of the Public Guardian Annual Report

1. Please explain why there was such a high proportion of adults under Private Guardianship in Darwin, compared to the proportion of Private Guardianship in Alice Springs and Katherine. See graph on page 35.
2. Page 45 of the report shows an estimate of 448 Aboriginal people under adult guardianship for the 2016-17 year and an actual number of 543. The estimate for the 2017-18 year was then 493, a figure lower than the previous year's actual, and yet the actual figure for 2017-18 was 548. What was the reason for the anticipated decline in Aboriginal people under adult guardianship and why did this not eventuate?

RESPONSE

1. The proportion of adults under Private Guardianship in Darwin compared to other regions, is reflective of the general population characteristics, access to services and proportion of people with a disability residing in the region.
2. The estimate for 2017/18 of 493 was reported in the BP3 paper, published in April 2017, and the figures cannot be changed to reflect the actual figures.