

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health:

Renal Nurses

- 1. What is the timeline for Renal nurses to be in place in Galiwin'ku, Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Yirrkala, and any of the larger homelands?**

Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation (Miwatj) manages the health services in these communities.

Miwatj has engaged Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, better known as Purple House, for renal nursing requirements and provides nurse assisted dialysis at Yirrkala.

All other communities listed above have renal ready rooms designed specifically for self-dialysis. Nhulunbuy has a renal ready room in Gove District Hospital.

The Top End Health Service trains suitable patients in self-care haemodialysis so that the renal ready rooms can be safely utilised by as many patients as possible.

- 2. What is the timeline for the morgue to open in Galiwin'ku? What is causing significant delay to this service?**

The Galiwin'ku morgue is operated by Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation. There have been delays in the morgue becoming operational due to infrastructure upgrades required.

The Top End Health Service has been working with Miwatj to ensure that all equipment and training requirements have been completed. Miwatj will advise the Top End Health Service in relation to an official opening date.