

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Central Australian Hospital Issues

1. **Has the asbestos remediation works at Alice Springs Hospital (ASH) been completed? At what cost?**

No.

2. **Have there been any code yellows in ASH and Tennant Creek Hospital (TCH) since March last year? Where and why?**

There have been no code yellows in ASH and TCH since March 2018.

3. **How many beds in ASH are currently being used by aged care patients who would be better suited to an aged care facility?**

At 11 June 2019, there were 5 patients in Alice Springs Hospital awaiting nursing home placement.

4. **What is the projected cost for repairs and maintenance at ASH over the next 10 years?**

The 10 year approximate cost for Repairs and Maintenance is \$38.3 million.

5. **How many incidents causing harm have occurred at ASH since March 2018? (eg, assaults, accidents)**

There have been 282 incidents related to violence and aggression recorded on Riskman. There was one workers compensation related to violence and aggression causing harm claimed during this period.

6. How many staff have been injured at ASH since March 2018? Is it operating within budget? If not, how much are they exceeding their budget by and why?

During this period, 24 workers compensation claims have been lodged, of which 19 have been finalised and one claim has been disputed.

The Financial Year 2018-19 annual accounts for Central Australia Health Service are currently being prepared.

7. How many instances of bed block have occurred at ASH and TCH since March 2018?

Since March 2018 to end June 2019, there have been 88 Days at Extreme capacity.

There have been no instances of bed block at TCH since March 2018.

8. What are you doing to address elective surgery wait times in Central Australia?

Central Australia Health Service has developed a comprehensive action plan to address elective surgery wait times. Approximately 60 per cent of the overdue cases relate to Ophthalmology. An intensive review of all Ophthalmology elective surgical bookings has commenced.