

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Health:

#### **Territory-Wide Primary Health Care**

1. Please provide details of all Commonwealth health funding support to the Northern Territory due to end in 2014-15 and the steps you are taking to fill the service gaps left by this reduction in Commonwealth funding.
2. Please provide details, by location, of the number, employment level and status, including vacancies, of departmental positions for Indigenous Health Practitioners across the Northern Territory for 2012-13 and 2013-14.

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#### **Question 1**

Assume you are referring to the end of the 2013/14 year.

The Territory Government expected to receive more than \$150 million in Commonwealth funding for health in 2014-15. After the initial announcement the Government has negotiated an additional \$22M, resulting in \$11.3M reduction.

This drop is compensated by the largest investment by the Northern Territory Government in Health.

#### **Question 2**

There was a significant reduction in numbers of Aboriginal Health Workers in the system in the past decade. Under Labor, the number of Aboriginal Health Workers in the Territory declined by 20 per cent, from 97 in 2003 to only 78 in 2013 and approximately 280 Australia wide.