

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Ernst & Young Consultancy

Questions:

Your response to a previous Written Question shows that a contract was awarded to Ernst and Young Darwin during the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 for \$581,787 for a consultancy titled 'COVID-19 Response and Review and Recommendations'. It was indicated that no tender or quote was invited.

1. Why was this tender not released publically?
2. Why was the tender awarded not published on the Tenders online web page?
3. When the NT News identified on 11 December 2020 that this tender showed up nowhere on the NT Government's awarded contracts database, why didn't the Department take steps to release this publically?
4. If the awarded tender was published somewhere else, please provide details.
5. When is the Ernst & Young tender expected to be completed and has there been any cost variations above the initial \$581,787 and what are they?
6. Will this consultancy report be made available publically?
7. How did the initial consultancy for a COVID-19 response and review turn into a plan to centralize and integrate NT Health, Top End Services and Central Australia Health Services?
8. When will you make public the Ernst & Young recommended new service model, which is reported to commence from 1 July 2021?
9. Has there been any stakeholder or public consultation on the \$581,787 report?