

**Question No: 23**

**Question: Financial Assistance to Modular Medical Products**

**Date: 30/04/91**

**Member: Mr SMITH**

**To: MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. How much Northern Territory government financial assistance has been given to Modular Medical Products since its inception.
2. In what years was the financial assistance given.
3. For what purposes was the financial assistance used.
4. What is the value of Northern Territory government contracts or work won by Modular Medical Products since its inception.
5. What is the nature of the Northern Territory government's contracts or work Modular Medical Products has won.
6. How much Northern Territory government work has been awarded to Modular Medical Products without formal contracts.

**ANSWER**

1. The total amount of government assistance provided to Modular Medical Products Pty Ltd is \$450 000.
2. \$400 000 was provided in 1990 and \$50 000 in 1991.
3. The \$400 000 was provided to assist with establishment costs and research and development of the 'System One' wheelchair, a local Territory invention, for which the company has manufacturing and marketing rights and the \$50000 for ongoing working capital requirements.
4. 'Supply and Delivery of Wheelchairs':  
  
6 padded folding wheelchairs @ \$445 each \$ 2 670  
18 non-padded folding wheelchairs @ \$445 each \$ 8 010  
\$10 680
5. As per question 4 - 'Supply and Delivery of Wheelchairs'.
6. 1990 Financial year \$ 6 890.45  
1991 Financial year to date \$70 609.34  
\$77 499.79

Some of the services provided by Modular Medical Products, ie repair of wheelchairs, has been shared with a number of NT suppliers with no undue favouritism. Public tenders have recently been called for the supply of maintenance of wheelchairs and are currently being assessed by my department.