

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health:

Miwatj Health Indexation

1. The NT Government's grant to Miwatj Health to deliver Primary Health Care services in 2023/24 is \$8.8M. In 2022/23 indexation provided to Miwatj Health was 1.08% when inflation was running at around 7%. In 2023/24, indexation was 0.08% - which works out to be around \$5,000 – at a time when inflation was about 3.9%. This means that the NTG's contribution to Miwatj Health has reduced by over 10% in real terms over that period. The impact has been a reduction in important child health and chronic disease management nurse positions. Given the poor state of Yolngu Health, how does the Government expect sustainable improvements in Yolngu health when NT Government grants to Miwatj Health are reducing in real terms each year?