

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Aged Care Facilities

1. How many beds in RDH are being used by aged care patients who would be better suited to a public aged care facility?
2. Has the Government any plans to attract private investment in aged care facilities across the Top End?
3. What will the Government do to plan for an ageing Territory population with an increasing demand for aged care services?
4. What funding allocation have you put towards your election commitment to expand the number of aged care beds in the Territory? (Labor Position Paper – Healthy, Strong Communities)

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1. 25 aged care long stay patients in Royal Darwin Hospital have been approved as eligible for Residential Aged Care.
 2. The Government meets regularly with aged care providers and stakeholders in the Northern Territory to discuss a range of issues including aged care services and private investment.
 3. Aged care services are the responsibility of the Australian Government. The Northern Territory Government actively engages with the Australian Government to support appropriate services for Territorians including advocating for aged care packages that provide flexible options for Territorians including the opportunity to stay on country.
 4. The funding of aged care services is the responsibility of the Australian Government. Residential aged care beds are allocated via a tender Aged Care Allocation Round (ACAR). The number of beds allocated to each state and territory is based on a population formula. The Northern Territory Government actively engages with Aged Care Providers and provides support with applications where required.