

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Health

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**Acute Services Budget**

1. Why was there a blow out of \$14M in acute services?

**ANSWER**

The 2004/05 opening Budget for Acute Services was \$357.8M as compared to the closing estimate of \$371.1M. The following details why the budget for Acute Services increased by \$13.3M during the financial year.

- \$4.3M additional services provided on a fee for service basis. This included \$1.1M Department of Veterans Affairs, \$960 000 various projects at Royal Darwin Hospital, \$616 000 MACA (TIO), \$876 000 patient services revenue and \$735 000 DCIS services charges.
- \$1.6M additional Australian Government funded programs.
- \$1.4M additional EBA requirements for Administrative Officers new arrangements.
- \$1M of carry forward of tied funded projects from 2003/04 into 2004/05.
- \$0.9M additional NT funded initiatives or program expansions. This included \$700 000 St John Ambulance, \$100 000 Radiation Oncology Services, \$60 000 Community Midwifery Program.
- \$4.1M reallocation of corporate resources. This includes refining the mapping and allocation on indirect service costs to best reflect output consumption and to meet service demands.