

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Out of Home Care Locations

1. How many out of home care locations (residential care settings) are there currently in the Northern Territory? Please provide a breakdown by region.

Region	Number of residential care locations
Central Australia	6
Barkly	1
Big Rivers	3
Arnhem	0
Darwin	20

2. How many complaints have been received regarding out-of-home care locations (residential care settings) in the 2021/22 financial year? Please provide a breakdown by region.

Region	Number of complaints to the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities Complaints Unit in 2021/22
Central Australia	0
Barkly	0
Big Rivers	0
Arnhem	0
Darwin	10

3. How many out of home care homes have been relocated in the 2021/22 (residential care settings) financial year, and what was the reason for relocation?

ANSWER

Residential care houses may be closed due to change in the number of young people requiring care in a location or from lease normally ending, therefore the number of houses closed does not correlate to household relocations.

Placements are regularly reviewed for household composition, relationships and complexity of need alongside referrals of young people to the Intensive Therapeutic Residential Care (ITRC) Program.

Complaints and safety concerns raised by immediate neighbors at ITRC properties has seen three properties close since the program commenced in 2020. Two of these were in 2021/22. When the decision is made to close the placement, young people are transitioned to a new placement property in a timely and supported manner.

In 2021/22 four additional properties were closed across Darwin and Alice Springs due to placement demand.