



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 227

WRITTEN QUESTION

Justine Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Code yellows at Royal Darwin Hospital

1. What is the current process for initiating a “Code Yellow” at Royal Darwin Hospital?
2. Has the process for calling a Code Yellow changed since 1 August 2024?
 - a. If so, when were changes made, and what were those changes?
3. How many Code Yellow events have been initiated at Royal Darwin Hospital in each month since 1 August 2024?
4. For each Code Yellow event since 1 August 2024:
 - a. What was the time between the recommendation or request for Code Yellow and the formal activation?
5. How many requests or recommendations for a Code Yellow have been made but not actioned since 1 August 2024?
6. What were the reasons for any Code Yellow requests or recommendations not being actioned in that period?
7. What protocols or criteria are used to determine whether a Code Yellow is activated following a request or recommendation?
8. Are all requests or recommendations for Code Yellow formally recorded?
 - a. If not, why not?
9. What oversight or review processes are in place to assess the timeliness and appropriateness of Code Yellow activations since 1 August 2024?

10. Have there been any instances since 1 August 2024 where delays in activating a Code Yellow, or failure to act on a recommendation, have impacted patient safety or care?
 - a. If yes, how many such instances have been identified, and what actions have been taken in response?