



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 305

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

Women's Prison Health

1. In 2025–26, what was the median and average waiting time for women in custody to see:
 - a. a primary healthcare practitioner; and
 - b. a psychiatrist?
 - c. If waiting times are not recorded from referral to appointment, in which system are appointments recorded, and in what format?
2. Please describe the process by which a woman in custody accesses a primary healthcare practitioner and a psychiatrist, including referral pathways, triage processes, practical access and any clinical prioritisation criteria.
3. Does each correctional facility that accommodates women have a dedicated clinical space for healthcare consultations that ensures privacy, confidentiality and culturally safe care?
 - a. If not, what alternative arrangements are used?
4. What barriers has the Department identified that affect timely access to healthcare for women in custody, including clinical workforce shortages, escort or security availability, infrastructure limitations, lockdowns or movement restrictions, and other operational constraints?
5. What actions are being taken in 2026–27 to address these barriers and improve timely access to healthcare for women in custody?