

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

Top End Health Service

1. Exactly what work is currently being undertaken to prepare for future infrastructure, repairs and maintenance for all the Top End Health Services? Please provide details.

Three specific infrastructure plans are being developed:

- a. Delivery of Total Asset Management Plans (TAMP), asset condition assessments and maintenance liability project lists with estimates to identify future infrastructure program investment needs. The TAMP project estimated completion date is mid-2018.
 - b. Development of the 10 Year Infrastructure Plan to ensure a comprehensive list of Capital Works for Top End Health Service.
 - c. A master plan will be prepared for the hospitals based on the clinical services plan.
2. What has been the cost of repairs and maintenance for the Royal Darwin Hospital from 1 June 2016 to 31 May 2017?

Total costs for period from 1 June 2016 to 31 May 2017 are \$12.51 million.

3. What is the projected cost of repairs and maintenance for the Royal Darwin Hospital over the next 4 years?

\$50.04 million

4. What is the long term plan (10 plus years) to meet the growing and changing infrastructure needs of the Royal Darwin Hospital?

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- b. Development of the 10 Year Infrastructure Plan to ensure a comprehensive list of Capital Works for Top End Health Service.
- c. A master plan will be prepared for the hospital based on the clinical services plan.

Multi Story Car Park at Royal Darwin Hospital

5. What will be the cost of building a multi-story carpark for the Royal Darwin Hospital?

The project tender was awarded to Sunbuild for \$10.8 million.

6. How many carparks does the Royal Darwin Hospital currently provide?

Approximately 1600 parking bays

7. How many of these carparks have a sealed (not gravel or dirt) surface?

Approximately 1400 parking bays

8. How many of these carparks are lit at night?

All carparks are lit at night.

9. How many of these carparks are monitored by CCTV?

All permanent carparks have CCTV and there is no CCTV for the temporary carparks.

10. How many carparks will the new multi-story carpark provide?

373 parking bays.

11. Is there a shortfall or not enough carparks for staff and visitors coming to the Royal Darwin Hospital? If so how many?

We are currently compliant with the parking regulatory requirements of the Development Consent Authority. However, there are approximately 150 vehicles that are parking in other areas of the campus and surrounding areas in undesignated parking areas.

12. What revenue will be generated from the new Royal Darwin Hospital multi-story carpark?

The carpark will be offered as a free parking.

13. How will the Royal Darwin Hospital pay for the cost of operating the new multi-story carpark? Where will this money come from?

The carpark will be funded under RDH operational funding.

14. Is it still the intention of the NT Government to provide car parking in the new multi-story carpark for free?

Yes

15. Will the new multi-story carpark at the Royal Darwin Hospital be operated on a business model?

No

16. When will the building of the new multi-story carpark commence and end?

Construction will commence in October 2017 and will be completed in late 2018.

17. How many incident reports has the Royal Darwin Hospital received over the past 12 months (1 June 2016 – 31 May 2017) from staff and visitors involving the Hospital carpark? These might include incidents of vandalism, assaults, people falling over and hurting themselves, people being harassed, etc.

There have been 24 incidents recorded for the 12 months to 31 May 2017.

Central Australia Health Service

18. Exactly what work is currently being undertaken to prepare for future infrastructure, repairs and maintenance for all Central Australia Health Services? Please provide details.

Three specific infrastructure plans are being developed:

- a. Delivery of Total Asset Management Plans (TAMP), asset condition assessments and maintenance liability project lists with estimates to identify future infrastructure program investment needs. The TAMP project estimated completion date is mid-2018.
- b. Development of the 10 Year Infrastructure Plan to ensure a comprehensive list of Capital Works for Central Australia Health Service. 18 Capital Works projects have been identified for CAHS with 9 projects in progress and ongoing.

- c. A master plan will be prepared for the hospitals based on the clinical services plan.

19. What has been the cost of repairs and maintenance for the Alice Springs Hospital from 1 June 2016 to 31 May 2017?

Total Alice Springs Hospital repairs and maintenance costs for the period from 1 June 2016 to 31 May 2017 is \$3.29 million.

20. What is the projected cost of repairs and maintenance for the Alice Springs Hospital over the next 4 years?

Total Alice Springs Hospital repairs and maintenance costs over the next 4 years is \$13.16 million.

21. What is the long term plan (10 plus years) to meet the growing and changing infrastructure needs of the Alice Springs Hospital?

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- b. Development of the 10 Year Infrastructure Plan to ensure a comprehensive list of Capital Works for Central Australia Health Service.
- c. A master plan will be prepared for the hospital based on the clinical services plan.

Palliative Care Hospice

22. When will the new Palliative Care Hospice in Alice Springs be completed?

Estimated completion is October 2017.

23. What will the cost of the Palliative Care hospice be to build?

Total funding is \$6.3 million. \$5.3 million was allocated from the Commonwealth Government and \$1 million from Northern Territory Government.

24. What will be the on-going cost of operating the Palliative Care hospice?

Estimated full year operational costs are approximately \$1.5 million.

Car Parks at Alice Springs Hospital

25. How many car parks does the Alice Springs Hospital currently provide, as of the 1st June 2017?

437

26. How many of these car parks have a sealed surface?

405

27. How many of these car parks have an unsealed (dirt or gravel) surface?

32

28. How many of these car parks are monitored by CCTV?

39

29. How many of these car parks are adequately lit at night?

All. The area between Alice Springs Hospital and the Old Gaol car park is administered by Alice Springs Town Council and would benefit from additional lighting.

30. Are all the car parks at the Alice Springs Hospital safe for use at night?

Alice Springs Hospital has advised staff to request security guard escorts should staff feel unsafe walking to their cars at night.

31. How many incident reports has the Alice Springs Hospital received over the past 12 months (1 June 2016 – 31 May 2017) from staff and visitors involving the Hospital car park? These might include incidents of vandalism, assaults, people falling over and hurting themselves, people being harassed etc.

There have been 5 incidents.

32. How many car parks is the Alice Springs Hospital required by the Alice Springs Town Council provide? Is there a shortfall?

The ASTC does not have a requirement for the number parking spaces at the Alice Springs Hospital.

33. What planning has been undertaken to build a multi-story carpark at the Alice Springs Hospital?

The Department of Health is developing a Master Plan for Alice Springs Hospital to determine future health service requirements for the community/region and car parking is included within this plan. Considerations including population, future services to be offered, technology advances i.e. Telehealth and Hospital in the Home and such like will impact carpark requirements.

34. What is being done to provide:

a) More carparks at the Alice Springs Hospital

The redesign of the Traeger Avenue carpark is currently on the 2017-18 repairs and maintenance program list for Minor New Works. At present this area has a large proportion of landscaping within the fenced area. The Alice Springs Hospital public carpark redesign project plans to remove landscaping and change the formalised layout to provide more angle parking, which will provide an additional 45 carpark spaces.

The Department of Health Master Plan will also provide direction on future carpark requirements.

b) Safer parking with better lighting at the Alice Springs Hospital

Current carpark lighting is assessed as adequate and the Alice Springs Hospital Engineering Department will ensure lighting is maintained in a serviceable state.

c) Sealed surfaces on all Alice Springs Hospital carparks

All 32 unsealed car spaces are contained within 2 carparks leased by Alice Springs Hospital. The matter of sealing the 32 car spaces will be part of lease negotiations on contract renewal.

35. How many staff does the Alice Springs Hospital employ, as at 1 June 2017?

As of pay period 24 (31 May 2017) Alice Springs Hospital total paid FTE was 1,155.52.

36. On average how many staff drive cars to work during week days?

Unknown

37. If the Alice Springs Hospital does not build a multi-story carpark, where and how will the additional carparks required in the future be provided?

Carparks will be provided from existing resources currently under-utilised.

38. What work has been done to address the critical car parking problem at the Alice Springs Hospital?

There are known carpark congestion areas around the hospital as people want to park as close as possible to their destinations. There are ample carparks available within and around Alice Springs Hospital but not always in the most preferred place for staff and others.

A strategic plan has been developed by the Alice Springs Hospital Car Park Working Group to provide carparks based on patient and public requirements, staff shift times, security and efficient use of assets. Currently infrastructure is being built to allow the implementation of the strategic plan.