

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Remote Health

1. What is the turnover rate for medical staff at the Department's remote health clinics?
2. What is the vacancy rate for medical staff at the Department's remote health clinics?
3. Is there any intention at all to develop a Dundee Health Clinic now that the Public Health Network has conducted its needs analysis?
4. Do you view a health clinic at Dundee as necessary?
5. What work has been done to expand the telehealth network and service? At what cost?
6. How many agency nurses are now at remote clinics and at what cost?
7. The last numbers we had for Aboriginal Health practitioners (WQ247) last year were 58 in the Top End and 39 in Central Australia. What are the current numbers? Please provide a breakdown on which clinics have AHPs and how many, and if there has been a change in the number and levels year-on-year.
8. How many health care clinics have been transferred to the control of Aboriginal organisations since March 2018? How many since August 2016?

9. How many Aboriginal Health Practitioners are employed by Top End Health Services and Central Australian Health Services? Please provide a list by location.
10. What budget is allocated to address the rate of early intervention for conductive hearing loss in remote Aboriginal children?
11. There have been issues with delivering upgraded and new morgues in remote communities - how is that program going? What budget is attached to it? Who looks after the morgues? How much do they cost to operate?