

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Aged Care and Services

- 1. What progress have you made in developing an NT Health Ageing Policy Framework?**

The Department of Health established an Ageing Policy Directorate in January 2019. Initial scoping of a NT Health Ageing Policy Framework has been undertaken.

- 2. Please tell us the progress you're making with attracting private investment in aged care facilities across the Northern Territory.**

The Australian Government is responsible for aged care facilities. The NT Government has had preliminary meetings with potential private investors and provided advice on the demand and requirements for aged care facilities.

- 3. How many NGOs receive funding in the Top End from TEHS to deliver aged care services and/or facilities?**

The Australian Government is responsible for aged care services. Top End Health Service does not provide funding to NGOs for the delivery of aged care services or facilities.

- 4. How many NGOs receive funding in Central Australia from CAHS to deliver aged care services and/or facilities?**

The Australian Government is responsible for aged care services. Central Australia Health Service does not provide funding to NGOs for the delivery of aged care services or facilities.

5. What are you planning for an ageing Territory population with an increasing demand for aged care services?

Clinical services planning for NT Health reflects consideration of changing demographics including the ageing of the Territory population. NT Health provides community geriatric outreach support to reduce hospitalisations and premature admission to residential aged care.

The Australian Government is responsible for aged care services. NT Health is in negotiation with the Australian Government for NT's allocation in the national Specialist Dementia Care Program and the Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care initiatives.

6. What is the size of the NTG aged care team for the Top End and Central Australia?

49.2 Full Time Equivalent Positions