LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Alcohol Rehabilitation:

Alcohol Rehabilitation

- 1. How many of the 150 treatment beds are currently available?
- 2. How much has the alcohol mandatory treatment program cost in 2013-14?
- 3. How many people have absconded each month from each mandatory rehabilitation facility since 1 July 2013? For this question, numbers, and not names of individuals, are sought.
- 4. How many people have commenced treatment on more than one occasion? For this question, numbers, and not names of individuals, are sought.
- 5. How many people have been referred for assessment on multiple occasions, but not been referred for treatment?
- 6. How many staff have been employed at assessment and treatment centres, either as full-time, part-time, casual or contract employees since the scheme commenced?
- 7. How many staff were employed at assessment and treatment centres, either as fulltime, part-time, casual or contract employees on 1 June 2014?
- 8. How many people, either adults or juveniles, have not been able to access secure care during the operation of the *Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Act*? For this question, numbers, and not names of individuals, are being sought.
- 9. How many people who have been referred for treatment in the alcohol mandatory treatment program have done it as part of a community-based program?

ANSWERS

- 1. There are 150 treatment beds open in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine. The number of beds operating in the Darwin facility has been limited by infrastructure issues, which will be addressed with the move to Berrimah.
- 2. At the end of March 2013/2014 the NTG has spent just over \$13M.

- 3. The absconding figures are publically available in the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Quarterly Report. It is anticipated that these figures will change with the move to the Berrimah Facility.
- 4. As at 30 April 2014, 24 clients had commenced treatment on more than one occasion.
- 5. To the end of March 2014 two people had been referred to Assessment twice and not been referred to Treatment.
- 6/7. Staffing FTE at Pay 24 is 77 FTE. Historical information of numbers of people employed is not retained in Departmental information systems.
- 8. No one has been unable to access the secure care service related to the operation of *Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Act.*
- 9. 45 people have been referred for a community treatment order.