

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**From:** Mr Bill Yan

**To:** Hon Natasha Fyles MLA

**Portfolio:** Minister for Health

**Agency:** Department of Health

**Subject:** Rheumatic heart disease funding

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### QUESTION:

The highest known rates in the world of rheumatic heart disease have been found in Arnhem Land, according to research a few years ago—an ABC article about Maningrida, 1 September 2018. This is a life-threatening disease that kills children and adults. It is rampant due to poverty.

What funding is being provided in this budget to assist with its eradication and prevention?

I understand that at one time there were two NTG environmental health officers based in Nhulunbuy. These positions no longer exist. How is this government working to address this issue?

### ANSWER:

NTG provided \$952 000 in 2020-21.

There is currently one NTG Environmental Health Officer and two NTG grant-funded Environmental Health Workers based in Nhulunbuy.