

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Tobacco Action Plan 2019-2023

- 1. Regarding the recently launched Northern Territory Tobacco Action Plan 2019-2023. What, if any, additional resources are allocated towards the actions in the Plan?**

The Action Plan is being delivered within existing resources.

- 2. We have heard stories about patients and visitors basically ignoring the smoke-free signs at Royal Darwin Hospital and smoking wherever they walk in the grounds, including at times near the doorway and near the café. What strategies have been employed to stop or reduce this behaviour?**

Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) Management is committed to a smoke-free campus as one strategy towards improving health outcomes for Territorians. RDH Security Officers undertake intermittent patrols of the front entrances of the main ward block and outer areas of the campus. Where smokers are identified they are made aware of the smoke free policy and asked to extinguish and refrain from smoking on the RDH campus, or use the designated smoking area. If they refuse, they are asked to leave the property, however, most people conform.

Royal Darwin Hospital monitors the situation and continues to take action to improve compliance.

- 3. Were any outside consultants or additional staff hired to develop the plan? If so, at what cost?**

No outside consultants or additional staff were hired to develop the plan.