

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Gunner to the Minister for Health:

#### **Department of Health, grants and funding for non-government and external organisations**

1. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding was provided by the Department of Health to non-government and external organisations in the year prior to 24 August 2012.

*Total grant payments processed by the Department of Health (DoH) as Grants for the year ending 30 June 2012 was approximately \$124.86 million. Details of the grants provided are as per Attachment A. Total grant payments processed through the central grants unit for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 was approximately \$29.449 million as per Attachment B.*

2. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding will be provided by the Department of Health to non-government and external organisations in the year following the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.

*Total grant commitments processed by the DoH as Grants applicable for the year ending 30 June 2013 is approximately \$128.095 million (as at 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013). Details of these Grant commitments are provided as per Attachment C.*

3. Would you please advise which service or funding agreements currently or previously administered by the Department of Health have been, or will be affected as the result of:

- i. machinery of government changes, or the creation of new departments or agencies since 24 August 2012;

*No funding agreements that are currently being administered by the DoH, have been or are likely to be impacted, as result of machinery of government changes or the creation of new departments or agencies since 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.*

*There are some grant programs that were previously managed by DoH which have been transferred to the Department of Education and Children Services and the Department of Housing.*

- ii. the implementation of measures contained in the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.

A \$5 million savings target for Grants provided to External Service providers has been allocated to DoH in the 2012-13 Mini-Budget. These savings are required to be achieved on a recurrent basis from the 2013/14 financial year. The Department is currently developing detailed criteria against which all applicable Grants will be assessed, to determine the extent and nature of any reduction in payment. This process will be conducted in consultation with Grant recipients. Until this process is completed it is not possible to specifically indentify what Grants will be impacted and in what quantum. The process will be completed by March, 2013, at which time the specific impacts will be known

In addition, it is estimated a further \$0.6 million has been targeted as a specific savings initiative which is to be applied in the 2012/13 financial year, based on a 5% general reduction in the final quarter payment due to applicable Grant recipients. This will equate to an effective 1.25% reduction in the total Grant payment for the year. The DoH is currently reviewing all Grant recipients to determine the appropriateness of application of this reduction. This process is expected to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March. The specific details of Grant recipients impacted will be able to be advised at this time.

4. Would you please outline the specific changes, amendments and monetary adjustments to service or funding agreements between the Department of Health and non-government and external organisations referred to in question 3 above.

Please refer to the response to Question 3 ii

5. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding provided by the Department of Health to non-government and external organisations will be adjusted or diverted, and by how much, as the result of the implementation of measures contained in the Northern Territory Mini-budget on 4 December 2012.

Please refer to response to Question 3 ii

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