

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Moss to the Minister for Mental Health Services:

#### **Mental Health Service Strategic Plan**

1. In the development of Northern Territory Mental Health Service Strategic Plan 2015 – 2021:

- a. Which organisations, by region, were consulted in the development?
- b. How many organisations, consumers and carers were consulted with *after* the release of the National Mental Health Commission's National Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services?

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1a 30 written submissions and over 100 individuals participated in consultation forums across the NT in late 2014. The range of stakeholders providing input to the Strategic Plan included clients of mental health services, carers, service providers in the Government and non-government sector, private practitioners, service providers from other sectors including alcohol and other drugs, disability, Aboriginal Medical Services and primary health. Community consultations were held in:

- Alice Springs
- Darwin
- Nhulunbuy
- Katherine
- Tennant Creek

Written submissions were received from staff and consumers or carers associated with the following organisations

- Central Australian Mental Health Services
- Department of Health
- Top End Mental Health Services
- Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
- Central Australian Mental Health Services
- Fred Hollows Foundation
- Charles Darwin University
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- Celebrating Family Men
- OzHelp
- Top End Health Service
- TEAMhealth
- Central Australian Mental Health Services
- Mental Health Association of Central Australia
- Community Visitor Program
- Health and Community Services Complaints Commission

<b>ATTENDEES AT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATIONS *</b>	
<b>NHULUNBUY</b>	<b>TENNANT CREEK</b>
Anglicare NT	BRADAAG (AOD)
Top End Mental Health Services	Central Australian Mental Health Services
Gove District Hospital	
Office of Disability	<b>KATHERINE</b>
Top End Health Services	Mission Australia
Gove District Hospital	Top End Mental Health Services
	Red Cross
<b>DARWIN</b>	
Top End Mental Health Consumer Organisation	<b>ALICE SPRINGS</b>
NTCOSS	Central Australian Mental Health Services
Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia NT	Department of Health
Melaleuca Refugee Centre	Mission Australia
NT Medicare Local	Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia NT
NT Mental Health Coalition	Lifeline Central Australia
Psychogeriatric Service, TEHS	Community Visitor Program
TEAMhealth	NTCOSS
AMSANT	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
Golden Glow Nursing	Mental Health Assoc'n of Central Australia
Department of Health	
Top End Mental Health Services	Catholic Care NT
Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia NT	Individual support worker
Department Child Youth and Families	Carers NT
Careflight	Salvation Army
Individual carers & consumers	Carers
RFDS	RFDS

\* Note that often more than 1 person attended from participating agencies and attendees were a mix of workers, consumers and carers

- 1b The National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services was commissioned by the Federal Government. It was released to the public in April this year.

Consultation on the NMHC review was conducted by the NMHC. The NMHC travelled to the Northern Territory and visited Elcho Island.

NMHC also held a two day forum in Darwin on 18 and 19 June 2015 and invited mental health stakeholders to meet with the NMHC to provide direct feedback to the Commissioners. The Chief Medical Officer was invited to meet with the NHMC and updated the Commissioners on the Northern Territory Government's mental health initiatives and provided specific feedback in relation to the NMHC review.

The Federal Government has established an Expert Reference Group to consider the findings of the review. It is expected this group will report by the end of the year.