

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Natasha Fyles

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Health

Subject: Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease cases

QUESTION

Could you advise the number of cases of rheumatic fever in the Northern Territory for each year over the past five years? And could you advise the number of people in the NT who currently live with rheumatic heart disease?

ANSWER

Number of cases of Acute Rheumatic Fever (ARF) in the NT for the period 2017 - 2022

Timeframe	Number of ARF diagnoses
April 2017 – March 2018	269
April 2018 – March 2019	267
April 2019 – March 2020	279
April 2020 – March 2021	277
April 2021 – March 2022	288

As at 31 March 2022, 3,968 people with a history of ARF or Rheumatic Heart Disease are living in the NT, including 1,151 children and young people (aged 0-19 years).