

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Health:

Howard Springs Rapid COVID clinical testing and PPE

Questions:

1. Despite the Health Minister saying the AUSMAT clinical model would survive the hand-over to NT Government, why has rapid antigen testing been stopped at Howard Springs?
2. Acting Health CEO Dr Charles Pain says PCR tests can be turned around within an hour when urgent. Is there a guarantee results from all PCR tests will be returned on the same day they are conducted?
3. If not, what guarantees are there to prevent a staff member at Howard Springs leaving the centre before test results have been provided?
4. How much money will halting rapid antigen testing save?
5. Has there been a change of supplier for face masks at the centre and if so, who now has the contract and why?
6. What is the saving from this measure?