

Estimates Committee 2007
Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Tuberculosis Incidence and Treatment Efficacy

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Minister for Health

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Question: Minister, would you please provide the incidence and rate of infection of tuberculosis by region, and by indigenous or non-indigenous distribution, as well as the rate of success of treatment and follow up, over the last ten year period?

Answer:
Answered On: 17/08/2007

Tuberculosis Incidence and Treatment Efficacy

Question 5.1

Incidence of cases of active TB infections by region; by indigenous status over last 10 years?

TB number of notifications 1997 - 2006 by onset year, area and Aboriginality

Year	Alice Springs		Barkly	Darwin		East Arnhem		Katherine		Total
	Aboriginal	Non Ab	Aboriginal	Aboriginal	Non Ab	Aboriginal	Non Ab	Aboriginal	Non Ab	
1997	5	1	0	12	9	1	1	3	0	32
1998	2	0	0	12	12	1	0	10		37
1999	4	1	1	9	20	1	0	5	0	41
2000	11	3	1	20	14	1	0	2	0	52
2001	1	1	0	7	8	1	0	9	0	27
2002	2	1	0	11	11	0	0	11	2	38
2003	7	0	0	5	8	3	0	5	1	29
2004	6	1	2	5	8	0	0	6	1	29
2005	4	0	0	4	11	1	5	2	0	27
2006	3	1	1	2	7	0	0	3	0	17
Total	45	9	5	87	108	9	6	56	4	329

- Not included in these figures are the illegal fisherpersons (16 in Darwin, 2 in East Arnhem) treated in 2006.

The rate of people completing treatment for TB has remained between 92-95% over the ten-year period.