

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Disease control

1. How did Territory Health cope with the measles outbreak earlier this year? Was there enough medicine? Was it a surprise or had there been warnings from overseas or interstate?
2. Has it been necessary to review any public health measures in the wake of the outbreak? If so, what has been the result?
3. There was an increase in doses of penicillin delivered annually under the Rheumatic Heart Disease control program from about 11,000 in 2014 to about 15,000 in 2017 (AR, p15). Are we closer to slowing down the rate? How much does the program cost to deliver each year?