

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

#### **NT Interpreting Service**

The Interpreting service is a very important service. Many services that use the Interpreting service are aware that there is often a shortage of interpreters. At times, patients and doctors at the hospital are waiting many hours for interpreters or just have to continue without language support.

1. How many Yolngu language interpreters are there in the NT Interpreting Service?
2. How many more Yolngu interpreters are needed to meet service needs?
3. How many more Indigenous interpreters are needed for language groups across the NT?
4. What extra funding has been provided in the 21/22 budget to meet the growing need for interpreters in the NT?
5. Do any remote schools have an interpreter training program through VET or otherwise for Senior Secondary students?