

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Hersey to the Minister for Education:

**Early Diagnosis of Special Needs**

1. Can you please explain the process for a Northern Territory government school student to receive special needs funding and support? What kind of diagnosis is required?
2. What is the average wait time between a referral for a specialist assessment through the public system to get a special needs diagnosis for a child in the Northern Territory? What has been the longest wait time?
3. What is the average age at which children are diagnosed for the purposes of receiving special needs funding and support at Northern Territory government schools?
4. How many Northern Territory children currently receive specialist support or funding for their education?