

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Rapid Antigen Test Tender

In February 2022, the Department of Health released Tender Number D22-0008 for the supply and delivery of rapid antigen tests for a period of 12 months, at the estimated price range of \$110M-\$130M. The tender now states that it has “no awarded contractors at this date”.

1. Has the tender been awarded?

No

2. How much has been expended on rapid antigen tests through contract/s in relation to this tender since its release?

None

3. What was the total expenditure by the Northern Territory Government on rapid antigen tests in the 2021/22 financial year?

\$26,644,190.40

4. How many rapid antigen tests, in total, were purchased by the Northern Territory Government in the 2021/22 financial year? Can you please provide a breakdown of how the rapid antigen tests purchased by the NTG were used by the following:

The total amount of Rapid Antigen Test (RATs) purchased was 3,547,568.

NT Health supplied a total of 385,232 RATs to various Aboriginal Community Controlled Health organisations, non-Government Organisations and other government agencies.

a. Provided for Department of Health staff

- The Department of Health (NT Health) required the supply of RAT kits to support the management of COVID-19 testing across a range of settings.
- These included supply to the public through NTG's COVID-19 testing facilities, testing of NTG personnel providing services in remote communities and to vulnerable persons, testing visitors, prisoners and staff in NT Correctional Facilities.
- RATs were previously supplied for incoming arrivals at the Darwin Airport.

b. Provided to other department staff (please specify)

- NT Health cannot comment on how other department staff used RATs.

- c. Provided to non-government organisations (please specify)**
- NT Health cannot comment on how non-government organisations used RATs.
- d. Provided to members of the public**
- NT Health provided the public RATs as a method of testing, as appropriate, to support pandemic control.
- e. Other (please specify)**

Nil