

Estimates Committee 2016
Questions Taken On Notice

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Date: 16/06/2016 Output: Community Treatment and Extended Care
Sub Output: Mental Health Services

Subject: Court Liaison and Mental Health Housing Officers

From:Ms Lynne Walker to Hon John Elferink
Mental Health Services

Question: **4-12**
Minister, in estimates last year you referred to new positions that are now operational. Can you please advise how many people have accessed the services year to date of the CAT court liaison officers and the mental health housing officers?

Answer:
Answered On: 07/07/2016

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To: Hon John Elferink, MLA

Agency: Department of Health

Number: 4.12

Question: In estimates last year you referred to new positions that are now operational. Can you please advise how many people have accessed the services year to date of the CAT, court liaison officers, and the mental health housing officers?

Answer:

Court liaison officers officially commenced service on 1 February 2016. The mental health court liaison officers (clinicians) are requested to undertake assessments for persons deemed by the justice system as being 'at risk' in court and to undertake Section 77 interim reviews and Section 77 full reports. There are three court liaison officers across the Northern Territory one in Alice Springs and two in Darwin.

A total of 149 individuals have received services:

- 45 Interim Section 77 referral assessments have been received from Darwin Magistrate Court and completed
 - Of these 45, 16 received full section 77 referrals and assessments
 - In addition, 104 "at risk:" referral assessments have been received and completed.
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Northern Territory Crisis Assessment and Triage Team

The crisis assessment and triage team in the Top End have had a restructure and change of name since provision of new funds. The service is now known as the Mental Health Assessment Team and comprises the following separate divisions under the one team manager:

1. Mental health assessment team
2. Mental health triage line
3. Consultation liaison
4. General practitioner liaison
5. Acute care team

Services 1-4 were previously combined under Northern Territory Crisis Assessment and Triage Team with the addition of the acute care team with new funds and restructure.

Mental Health Assessment Team

Referrals Received per month

January	381
February	418
March	438
April	466
May	462

Total **2,165**

Mental Health Housing Officers

These positions do not work directly with clients, but rather focus on working with key stakeholders to develop sustainable recommended options for mental health clients. Top End and Central Australia mental health services are currently scoping requirements and availability of housing for existing clients of their services. This will assist in planning services and support programs into the future. The mental health housing officers are establishing links with the Department of Housing and other accommodation service providers to work on collaborative approaches to address this cohort accommodation and support needs.