

Estimates Committee 2012

Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Dental services to Non Indigenous and Indigenous communities

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Question: In relation to the special purpose four-wheel drive mobile dental truck which is based out of Alice Springs and meant to service up to 8000 people, will it provide service not only to Aboriginal communities but all other communities; for instance, cattle stations, in that area?

Answer:
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ANSWER

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There are two new trucks – one funded by Northern Territory Government and one by the Department of Health and Ageing through the Indigenous Mobile Dental Infrastructure Program – while funded under this program, it does not impose any restrictions on who can access services through the truck.

The new dental trucks will provide services to communities throughout Central Australia. Services are provided to eligible clients which include:

- All children from infancy to the end of school; and
- Holders of current centrelink issued Health Care Cards and Pensioner Concession Cards

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