

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Health:

Sobering Up Shelters review and Demand Study for Alcohol Treatment Services

1. What is the status of the implementation of the Sobering Up Shelter (SUS) review recommendations?
2. How do the outcomes of the Demand Study for Alcohol Treatment Services in the NT affect the outcomes of the Review of the SUSs?
3. You have budgeted \$9.18 million towards "assessment, withdrawal and specialised alcohol treatment services..." - how much of that funding will go towards SUS? How will it be allocated out and to whom??
4. How much did the Demand Study cost?
5. The Demand Study says between 6,400 and 7,997 individuals receive treatment in the NT in any one year for alcohol-related problems. (p31, Demand Study). It also says that the number of episodes of care per person per year ranges from 5.3 episodes to 6.7 episodes per year. What explanation do you have regarding the repeated number of episodes?
6. The Demand Study said residential rehabilitation was perceived to be the preferred treatment option for those with severe alcohol problems but the financial burden of both treatment and transport costs are a barrier for accessing RRS (p59). As part of the development of an Alcohol Treatment Services Plan in the NT will you consider reintroducing a form of compulsory alcohol treatment?