

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Health

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**Oncology Unit**

There are a number of initiatives the government promised during the 2001 election for cancer sufferers and terminally-ill people. Those promises were not met, but have been promised again four years later:

1. What is the status of your oncology unit promise?

**ANSWER**

The request for proposals from organisations interested in establishing a radiotherapy facility in Darwin was advertised nationally and closed on 3 August 2005. Responses are currently being considered, taking into account suggested models for establishing radiotherapy services in Darwin and enhancing and consolidating existing arrangements of support services.

Proposed models will be developed in consultation with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing for consideration by Cabinet.