



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Homeland Health Service Provision

Please provide the information requested below in relation to (i) primary medical services and (ii) dental services, for the following homeland towns in North-East Arnhem Land:

Langarra	Yalakun	Garrthalala
Mapuru	Raymanggirr	Wandawuy
Gawa	Balma	Barraratjpi
Banthula	Yinyikay	Djarrakpi
Ganpurra	Rorruwuy	Rurrangala
Donydji	Matamata	Dhuruputjpi
Bunhangura	Dhanaya	Baniyala
Dhupuwamirri	Dhalinybuy	Gangan
Dhamiyaka	Gurumuru	Gutjangan

1. For each homeland town, an approximate population estimate using the categories of small (less than 10 people), medium (10 to 50 people) and large (more than 50 people).

Homeland	S/M/L	Homeland	S/M/L	Homeland	S/M/L
Langarra	M	Yalakun	S	Garrthalala	L
Mapuru	L	Raymanggirr	M	Wandawuy	L
Gawa	M	Balma	M	Barraratjpi	M
Banthula	M	Yinyikay	M	Djarrakpi	M
Ganpurra	S	Rorruwuy	M	Rurrangala	M
Donydji	M	Matamata	S	Dhuruputjpi	M
Bunhangura	M	Dhanaya	S	Baniyala	L
Dhupuwamirri	S	Dhalinybuy	L	Gangan	L
Dhamiyaka	S	Gurumuru	M	Gutjangan	M

2. For each homeland town, the name of the entity with primary responsibility for the provision of (i) primary medical care and (ii) dental care. For example, NT Department of Health, or a specific non-government organisation.

Homeland	PHC	Homeland	PHC	Homeland	PHC
Langarra	MHAC	Yalakun	MHHS	Garrthalala	LHAC
Mapuru	MHHS	Raymanggirr	MHAC	Wandawuy	LHAC
Gawa	MHHS	Balma	MHAC	Barraratjpi	LHAC
Banthula	MHHS	Yinyikay	MHHS	Djarrakpi	LHAC
Ganpurra	MHHS	Rorruwuy	MHHS	Rurrangala	LHAC
Donydji	MHAC	Matamata	MHHS	Dhuruputjpi	LHAC
Bunhangura	MHAC	Dhanaya	MHAC	Baniyala	LHAC
Dhupuwamirri	MHAC	Dhalinybuy	LHAC	Gangan	LHAC
Dhamiyaka	MHAC	Gurumuru	LHAC	Gutjangan	LHAC

PHC – Primary Health Care Service Provider

MHAC - Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation

LHAC - Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation

MHHS - Marthakal Homelands Health Service

NT Health does not provide Oral Health Services and has no oversight of the provider for these services.

- 3. For each homeland town, an estimate of the level of primary medical care provided, using the following categories:**
- a) regular scheduled visits by a primary health care team including a general practitioner;
 - b) regular scheduled visits by a primary health care team including a registered nurse;
 - c) regular scheduled visits by a primary health care team including an Aboriginal health practitioner;
 - d) no regular visits – in order to access primary medical care community members must travel to a clinic at either Galiwin’ku, Gapuwiyak or Gove.

The identified homelands receive healthcare services from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and NT Health has no oversight of primary health care or outreach services provided.

- 4. For each homeland town, an estimate of the level of dental care provided, using the following categories:**
- a) periodic visits organised by either the NT Department of Health or another organisation or private practitioner, with an approximate estimate of frequency of the visits;
 - b) no periodic visits – in order to access dental care community members must travel to either Nhulunbuy or Darwin.

The identified homelands receive services from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. NT Health has no oversight of the provider for these services or the level of dental care provided.

- 5. For each homeland town, is telehealth available? If not, please provide a brief statement outlining the steps needed to be taken in order for telehealth to be made available.**

The named homelands are under the care of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. NT Health is unable to confirm the telehealth capability of each homeland.

All East Arnhem region clients have the option to opt for telehealth appointments when appropriate to do so. NT Health continues to work in collaboration with our partnering agencies to expand telehealth services across our remote health services.

- 6. For each homeland town, is there a specific building available to be used for community health purposes (e.g. as a clinic)?**

The identified homelands receive services from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. NT Health is unable to confirm which homelands have dedicated clinics.

- 7. For each homeland town, is there an airstrip which meets the requirements of a CareFlight plane?**

Homeland	Y/N	Homeland	Y/N	Homeland	Y/N
Langarra	N	Yalakun	N	Garrthalala	N
Mapuru	Y*	Raymanggirr	N	Wandawuy	Y*
Gawa	N	Balma	N	Barraratjpi	N
Banthula	N	Yinyikay	Y*	Djarrakpi	N
Ganpurra	N	Rorruwuy	N	Rurrangala	N
Donydji	N	Matamata	N	Dhuruputjpi	N
Bunhangura	N	Dhanaya	N	Baniyala	Y*
Dhupuwamirri	N	Dhalinybuy	N	Gangan	Y*
Dhamiyaka	N	Gurumuru	N	Gutjangan	N

**Nil night operations*

- 8. For each homeland, are there particular programs operating aimed at:**
- a) The treatment and prevention of chronic disease generally;
 - b) The treatment and prevention of type 2 diabetes specifically;

- c) The treatment and prevention of rheumatic heart disease specifically;**
- d) The improvement of child and maternal health specifically?**

The identified homelands receive services from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. NT Health has no oversight of health promotion programs delivered by these services.

- 9. For each homeland, please provide any comments which may be relevant to the planning and provision of primary medical care and dental care in the Mulka electorate.**

NT Health continues to work in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and is committed to providing equitable and accessible quality healthcare.