

**Question No :** 230

**Question :** Dental Health Services - Darwin Region

**Question Date :** 17/11/92

**Member :** Mr BAILEY

**To :** MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Were any Department of Health and Community Services dental positions lost as a result of the closure of Casuarina Dental Clinic.
2. Before the closure of the Casuarina Dental Clinic, what were the waiting times at that clinic for the following -
  - (a) general appointments; and
  - (b) elective dental work.
3. Before the closure of the Casuarina Dental Clinic, what were the waiting times at the Darwin Dental Clinic for the following -
  - (a) general appointments; and
  - (b) elective dental work.
4. What are the current waiting times for the following -
  - (a) general appointments; and
  - (b) elective dental work.
5. Has the full-time dentist at the Palmerston Dental Clinic been absent for a number of weeks recently; if so, why.
6. If the answer to question 5 is yes, what alternative services have been provided to residents of Palmerston.
7. If the answer to question 5 is yes, why was a replacement dentist not employed.
8. Apart from advertising in the national and international media, what strategies are being used to recruit dentists to the Department of Health and Community Services.
9. What interstate dental specialist services are available through local facilities to residents of the Darwin area and what is the cost of these services.
10. Are there waiting lists for the services referred to in question 9; if so, what length are they.