John Elferink
Minister for Health

Governor of Bali visits Darwin

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The Minister for Health Mr John Elferink today welcomed His Excellency Governor of Bali I Made Mangku Pastika AO to Darwin.

The Governor is on an official two-day visit to the Northern Territory at the invitation of the Northern Territory Government to strengthen regional ties.

The Governor and Minister Elferink toured the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre’s warehouse to view the disaster capability of the Australian Government and to focus on regional disaster planning and emergency response.

“The National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre was established following the Bali bombings in 2002 and is a key element in the Australian Government’s disaster and emergency medical response to incidents of national and international significance,” Mr Elferink said.

“Royal Darwin Hospital was the forward-receiving hospital for the injured in both the 2002 and 2005 Bali bombings treating more than 100 patients.

"Due to the Northern Territory's proximity to South East Asia and Indonesia being our closest neighbour, it is important that we strengthen our cultural ties and friendships with Indonesia through health support.”

Staff from the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre visited RSUP Sanglah Hospital in March this year and identified in conjunction with Sanglah Hospital executives some new areas of priority that form the basis of an ongoing project plan for the next 6 months.

These include bringing 4 senior Sanglah clinical staff to Royal Darwin Hospital focusing on protocols in Emergency Department patient flow.

In addition to this the NCCTRC will fund an Emergency Department educator and nurse unit manager to assist with the implementation of improved patient flow and disaster training.

The first team will be at Sanglah Hospital from 5-17 June. The steps mutually identified will also assist Sanglah Hospital in its immediate coordination response and reception phase of a mass casualty event and ultimately improve outcomes for the injured.

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