13 October 2002
Injured victims arrive in Darwin

The first group of injured victims of the Bali bombing is expected to arrive in Darwin around 1.30am on board a RAAF Hercules.

The group of 37 will be transferred to the Royal Darwin Hospital for further treatment.

Further groups of injured victims are expected to arrive during the night.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said that as a result of prompt action, the Royal Darwin Hospital was well prepared to cope with the first group of victims.

Ms Martin said the Territory Government had advised the Commonwealth Government it was ready to help in any way possible.

While precise details of the dead and injured are still unclear, the Territory Government would continue to work with the Commonwealth to determine the number of Territorians involved. In any one week it is estimated there are around 150 Territorians on Bali.

The Territory Counter Disaster Council met this morning to ensure the Territory was prepared and ready to offer assistance. It will meet tomorrow to discuss overnight events.

The Chief Minister said in order to take care of the Bali victims, the RDH had advised that some hospital services had been cancelled for tomorrow (Monday 14 October 2002).

These were elective surgery, Pre-admission clinic and Outpatients clinic.

The hospital will contact patients regarding re-scheduling of their appointments as soon as possible.

The hospital has also encouraged these patients, where possible, to visit their GP and use after-hours medical services in lieu of visiting RDH Emergency Department.