NO CHANGE IN HEALTH PROGNOSIS

The 2008/09 report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare illustrates the ongoing failure of the Henderson Government to improve health services in the Territory.

“The NT spends more money per head than any other State or Territory yet we still collect the wooden spoon for important heath services, says Matt Conlan, Shadow Health Minister.

“Despite having the highest per capita expenditure on health the Northern Territory has the longest median waiting time of Australia’s Hospital Emergency Departments,”

“The Northern Territory Emergency Departments have a median waiting time of 40 minutes per patient, which is twice the national average.

“As a result 11,867 Territorians walked out of Emergency Departments before being treated. That’s around twice the number of Tasmania which has about double our population.

“Anyone has waited hours on end to be seen in an Emergency Department knows just how frustrating the delays can be.

“The failure to see patients within the required time frame puts lives at risk.

“It's only patients in need of resuscitation, people at death’s door, that receive emergency care within the required time frames.

“The Territory falls behind the national average in every other category and is the worst performing jurisdiction overall.

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