Minister tours $18.6 Million Medi-Hotel with New Doctors

Royal Darwin Hospital’s new 100-bed short term patient accommodation facility - dubbed the “Medi-Hotel” - is progressing rapidly, with work now moving to its walls and roof.

Minister for Health Kon Vatskalis toured the Commonwealth funded $18.6 million facility today with some of RDH’s new first-year intern doctors.

“It is great to be able to show these new doctors the gains the Northern Territory is making in our ability to offer treatment and accommodation options for our patients,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The 50-unit complex’s walls are now up; roof work is commencing, and the building of the eight accommodation blocks and administration area is progressing well.

“Among the uses, this facility will provide a ‘home away from home’ for remote area patients while they are receiving treatment.”

Senator Trish Crossin said the Medi-Hotel, due to be finished mid-year, is a valuable asset in delivering better health outcomes for Territorians.

“The vastness of the Territory can be a challenge at times, a reality some of our new intern doctors who have grown up and studied here would be aware of.

“It’s not hard to realise the difference a facility such as this will make to remote and rural patients requiring hospital treatment.”

Mr Vatskalis welcomed the intern doctors to RDH, some of whom were already quite familiar with the hospital.

“Of the 27 interns who’ve joined Royal Darwin Hospital this year about half have completed their studies through the NT Medical Program and this shows their passion and commitment to improving health care in the Territory,” he said.
“It’s great to hear the enthusiasm that new Territory-trained doctors have for their future careers delivery healthcare to Territorians.

“Once complete, the facility will provide a comfortable, home-like environment for patients coming to Darwin.”

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