

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 24 October 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Renal

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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

In relation to renal dialysis, the \$10 million available to spend in how to best use to support renal patient accommodation in Central Australia.

What are the options being discussed at the moment with the NT Government?

What are the options being explored at the moment with the NT Government?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health has renewed discussions with the Northern Territory Government on how best to outlay the \$10 million (rephased to 2014-15) that has been allocated for family centric renal accommodation in Central Australia.

The Department's discussions with the Northern Territory Government have to date focussed on the refurbishment of existing public housing stock to accommodate renal patients and their families in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. This is in line with the recommendations from the 2011 Central Australia Renal Study.