



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Remote Housing Reforms and Programs

1. Within the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD) Remote Housing Reforms and Programs work area:
 - (a) How many FTE staff are currently employed?
 - (b) How many executive contract level officers are currently employed, and at what level?
 - (c) How many SAO2 level officers are currently employed?
 - (d) How many SAO1 level officers are currently employed?
 - (e) How many AO7 level officers are currently employed?
 - (f) How many technical level officers are currently employed, and at what level?
2. Within the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD) Remote Housing Reforms and Programs work area how many FTE staff are currently based in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy and what are the levels of officers based in each office?
3. Within the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD) Remote Housing Reforms and Programs work area how many FTE staff identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? And what level are each of these staff employed at?
4. For this financial year, what is the total dollar commitment to the Homelands Program (excluding the Homelands Housing & Infrastructure Program)?
5. What is the total administration dollar amount DHLGCD allocates to the Remote Housing Reforms and Programs work area?
6. How many homelands have been defunded by DHLGCD over the past financial year?
7. Can DHLGCD provide the methodology used to defund homelands?

8. Are homeland service providers involved in all negotiations to defund homelands?
9. As the legislated representatives of the Aboriginal land trusts on which homelands are located, are land councils and traditional owners involved in negotiations to defund homelands?
10. How many homelands are currently funded by DHLGCD?
11. The NT government's data shows there has been an approximate 35% decrease in annual funding for homelands since 2015 when the NT took back full fiscal responsibility for homelands from the Commonwealth. What is the Northern Territory (NT) Government's current homelands policy, and what is the commitment to ongoing support for homelands?
12. South Australia is achieving a 7-star Nationwide House Energy Rating (NatHERS) for remote housing construction across the APY Lands, while the NT accepts a 5-star NatHERS rating for remote housing. What is the NT Government's plan to lift housing design to increase energy efficiency and improve and incorporate culturally responsive housing design?