

Estimates Committee 2014

Questions Taken On Notice

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From: Mr Gerry Wood to Hon Bess Price
Department of Community Services

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Answer:

Answered On: 08/07/2014

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To: The Hon Bess Price MLA, Minister for Community Services
Agency: Department of Community Services

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Question: **Could you say what the total policy budget was for the maintenance of homes was? How much was promised to be spent each year? How much was spent in the first year? Was the money that was not spent in the first year allocated for the next year?**

Answer: Funding to provide repairs and maintenance to dwellings on Homelands and at Town Camps (excluding Town Camps where the Department of Housing maintain dwellings) is provided to Service Providers throughout the Territory to undertake these works. The 2013-14 budget for the Housing Maintenance program is \$7.3 million. In 2014-15, \$7.3 million has been allocated to this program.

Annual funding is distributed to Service Providers on a per-occupied dwelling basis, with weighting for remoteness and access to the power grid. Service Providers are required to expend and acquit the funding accordingly.

The Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA) program is a four year program that commenced in 2012-13. The budget for the duration of this program is \$14 million. Funding was allocated as follows:

2012-13 - \$2 million;
2013-14 - \$2 million;
2014-15 - \$4 million; and
2015-16 - \$6 million.

Applications for the HEA were received from 1 July 2013 and processed throughout 2013-14. No applications were received in 2012-13. The budget for 2013-14 was fully expended. Budget allocated for 2012-13 will be considered for utilisation in 2014-15 and 2015-16 should demand exceed the allocated funding.