

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Treasurer:

Funding for Aboriginal Disadvantage

1. Please advise how much Commonwealth funding is provided specifically for Aboriginal disadvantage?
2. Please provide a budget breakdown of which Agencies this funding is distributed to, and a further budget breakdown of how each agency distributes these funds?

ANSWER

NB: This answer includes budgeted Commonwealth revenue received under Commonwealth funding agreements which are directly related to addressing Aboriginal disadvantage.

These figures exclude universal Commonwealth funding and funding made under agreements which, while not specifically aimed at addressing Aboriginal disadvantage, may also be used to deliver services in remote communities or for services which may largely be utilised by Aboriginal people. In addition, this answer does not include payments paid directly from the Commonwealth to Northern Territory Government agencies for Commonwealth Own-Purpose Expenses. Notwithstanding, the Productivity Commission's 2017 Indigenous Expenditure Report showed that the Territory spends over half of its budget on services to Indigenous Territorians.

Question 1

The Territory's 2022-23 Budget includes Commonwealth revenue specifically for Aboriginal disadvantage of \$243 million in 2022-23. This comprises payments made under:

- National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment
- National Partnership for Remote Housing Northern Territory
- Improving Trachoma Control Services for Indigenous Australians.

Question 2

| Agency | 2022-23 \$000 |
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| Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics | 153 163 |
| Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services | 25 083 |
| Department of Education | 21 841 |
| Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities | 19 101 |
| Department of Health | 17 901 |
| Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet | 3 762 |
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade | 2 106 |
| Department of the Attorney-General and Justice | 126 |
| Total | 243 083 |

Further breakdown of how these funds are distributed should be sought directly from each agency.