

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Giles to Minister for Construction

**Infrastructure Delivery in Territory Growth Towns**

In relation to the delivery of infrastructure in Northern Territory Growth Towns:

For each of the identified growth towns of Maningrida, Wadeye, Borroloola, Galiwinku, Nguiu, Gunbalanya, Milingimbi, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Angurugu/Umbakumba, Gapuwiyak, Yuendumu, Yirkala, Lajamanu, Daguragu/Kalkarindji, Ramingining, Hermannsburg, Papunya, Elliott and Ali Curung –

1. What planning has been put in place to answer the needs of the proposed growth towns in each of the following areas:
  - (a) Water supply;
  - (b) Waste water management (sewerage);
  - (c) Waste materials management (landfill and other waste disposal);
  - (d) Energy supply;
  - (e) Identified source and supply of construction materials;
  - (f) Community and Civic Facilities;
  - (g) Education and training facilities;
  - (h) Health, aged care and disability facilities;
  - (i) Recreation and sporting facilities and management of public open space;
  - (j) Public housing construction; and
  - (k) Transport and roads, both within the towns and between major centres.

Answer:

This question has been referred to the Minister for Indigenous Development for answer

All of the issues outlined in the Question are being considered in the context of planning being conducted in line with inter-government agreements made under the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement

This includes:

(i) Systematic collection of baseline data to describe the current situation in each town and a detailed picture of government services and infrastructure in each town, as well as an analysis of strengths and areas for Local Implementation Plans to address.

(ii) Development of Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) for each of the Growth Towns, developed with the assistance of Government Business Managers, Indigenous Engagement Officers, Local Reference Groups, Shire Councils and relevant Territory and Australian Government agencies.

The LIPs prioritise the actions of governments and communities in each Territory Growth Town over the next five years and are being closely linked with Shire service delivery plans and the Budget processes of the Australian and Territory governments

Detailed plans for each location are currently in preparation, with Northern Territory Government input overseen by the Service Delivery Coordination Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

The Local Implementation Plans can be made available as they are endorsed by local reference groups and the partners involved, including local shires.