

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Moss to the Minister for Housing:

Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA) Program

1. How many houses have had reparations undertaken as part of Homelands Extra by region and by year – 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15?
2. How much has been expended on the program by region and by year?

ANSWER

1. No funding was expended in 2012/13 and therefore there were no works completed in that year due to the implementation of the new program. Funds were first released in November 2013/14.
2. Funding was provided for the following number of houses by region in each financial year.

Region	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Totals
Central Australia	0	72	207	279
Arnhem	0	187	241	428
Barkly	0	31	145	176
Big Rivers	0	121	12	133
Darwin (including Tiwi Islands)	0	6	118	124
Grand Total	0	417	723	1140

3. Service providers are combining funds across financial years to enable larger or more costly repairs to be undertaken. Service providers are planning their works program across 331 different homelands. To date, 62 per cent of funded dwellings have participated in the program.
4. The Arnhem region suffered two cyclones during 2014/15 hampering commencement of works. The service providers have now re-scoped the works and have plans in place to complete works by the end of this financial year. HEA works will be carried out in conjunction with cyclone recovery funding
5. The majority of 2014/15 funds were also released late in the financial year with a focus on directing funding to cyclone affected areas to assist in the recovery efforts. Reports of work completed by 30 June 2015 are currently due, with thirteen of the twenty eight reports received indicating 124 fully completed in 2013/14 and a further 169 fully completed or in progress as at 30 June 2015. Outstanding reports are currently being followed up.

6. Some service providers have provided photos of works completed indicating the range of extensions, upgrades to kitchens and bathrooms, painting, screen doors and windows, concreting and fencing.
7. The following amounts were released to service providers during 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 by region.

Region	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Totals
Central Australia	\$ -	\$ 374,400	\$ 1,076,400	\$ 1,450,800
Arnhem	\$ -	\$ 972,400	\$ 1,253,200	\$ 2,225,600
Barkly	\$ -	\$ 161,200	\$ 754,000	\$ 915,200
Big Rivers	\$ -	\$ 629,200	\$ 62,400	\$ 691,600
Darwin (including Tiwi Islands)	\$ -	\$ 31,200	\$ 613,600	\$ 644,800
Grand Total	\$ -	\$ 2,168,400	\$ 3,759,600	\$ 5,928,000

8. A further \$5 709 600 is committed for 2015/16 for 1098 dwellings
9. The next reporting period is the end of January 2016.