

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Guyula to the Chief Minister:

**Funding for Aboriginal Disadvantage**

1. Please provide a detailed budget breakdown of the expenditure of Commonwealth funding provided to your Agency specifically for Aboriginal disadvantage? The total figure for Chief Minister and Cabinet is supplied in the answer to Written Question 343.

The \$3.762 million referred to in the answer to Written Question 343 is provided to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) under the National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment. It is specifically allocated to the Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS).

However, the Commonwealth also provides universal funding to the Northern Territory Government which is allocated to all agencies (including CM&C) to address a range of Aboriginal advancement strategies.

Additionally, CM&C receives funding through other Commonwealth appropriations and funding agreements which, while not specifically aimed at addressing Aboriginal disadvantage, are also used to deliver services in remote communities or services which are largely utilised by Aboriginal people.

It is therefore not possible to provide a detailed breakdown of funding committed solely to Aboriginal disadvantage.