

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**  
**Question Taken on Notice**

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**To:** Hon Kate Worden

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**Agency:** Territory Families, Housing & Communities

**Subject:** Power issues at Wundigalla

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**QUESTION**

Has the power issues at Wundigalla in the Gulf of Carpentaria community been fixed?

Has a resolution been found with reports that the batteries and solar system are running at 50% capacity?

**ANSWER**

Regarding the battery and solar system capacity, Wundigalla—community ID 996—is actually a homeland, not a community, in the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is not part of the Indigenous Essential Services program; however, it receives funding from the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities Homelands Program which falls under the responsibility of Minister Uibo. The department contributes \$12,983 in 2023–24 to Aboriginal Enterprises Australia—AEA—to provide homeland services to one dwelling in Wundigalla. The department is aware of power issues at the Wundigalla homeland with the older power system at the end of its life, and it does require replacement. The department is working with AEA and residents of Wundigalla to submit an application for the power system's replacement as part of the upcoming 2024–25 Homelands Capital Program which opens in August each year.