

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Ah Kit

to Minister for Aboriginal Development

Aboriginal Services, Measurement by Commonwealth Grants Commission

I refer the Minister to the Commonwealth Grants Commission Report on General Revenue Grant Relativities 1996 Update and specifically to the assessments of the various states' performances on Aboriginal community services (p256):

1. Why is the actual expenditure for the Northern Territory falling.
2. Why is it that in none of the last four years has the actual expenditure on this item been equivalent to the needs as calculated by the Commission.
3. Do you accept that you are the only state which makes no effort to meet these needs or to justify why it does not.
4. Do you perceive electoral benefit in not meeting these needs.

ANSWER

When answering please return 2 copies to The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly