

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to Minister for Transport

Road Side Stops, Maintenance

1. How many Government sponsored road side stops providing water, ablution, rubbish collection and barbeque facilities are there in the Northern Territory and on what highways and main roads?

The following Government sponsored road side stops (rest areas) provide all the above facilities:

Stuart Highway: Prowse Gap, King River, Warloch Ponds, Newcastle Waters, Attack Creek, Taylor Creek, Tourist Attraction NT/SA border

Barkly Highway: Avon Downs

Victoria Highway: Limestone Creek, Saddle Creek

The attached map shows the location of all rest areas in the Northern Territory.

2. How many additional road side stops are planned elsewhere in the Northern Territory?

There are no additional rest areas planned in the current works program.

3. What is the cost per facility to construct and establish?

The cost per facility varies depending on design. The current standard including water, toilet and barbeque facilities are in the order of \$350 000 to construct.

4. How frequently are the road side stops visited by contractors and either serviced or repaired?

During the tourist season they are serviced at least once a week, and off-peak they are serviced weekly or monthly depending on location.

5. Who undertakes the service and repair work?

There are a number of period contractors that undertake the work across the road network.

6. If the work is outsourced, what is the cost of the periodic contact?

The period contracts are packaged to service infrastructure along the road network, including servicing of rest areas, as well as other infrastructure such as truck parking bays. An estimate of the cost for work relating solely to servicing rest areas is in the vicinity of \$1 million per annum.

7. What is the cost to maintain the road side stops per stop?

The average cost to maintain a rest area is \$18 000 per annum.

8. In the last 12 months, what repair work has been undertaken on each road side stop?

Repair of furniture, repair of toilets and weed control works.

