

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Marie-Clare Boothby

Portfolio: Attorney-General

Agency: Attorney-General's Department

Subject: Funding for community-led programs in the Mulka region

QUESTION:

How much funding is being provided by your department for community-led programs in the Mulka region? Please provide a breakdown of funding for each community and the organisations that receive the funding.

ANSWER:

The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) provides a range of Territory wide services including, prosecutions, mediation, legal assistance, victim support and courts.

AGD administers NT and Commonwealth Government funds to legal assistance providers that deliver services to clients in the Mulka region. This includes the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Legal Aid Northern Territory, North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service and Top End Women's Legal Service. Funding is allocated to each provider at an organisational level and a breakdown of funding specific to the Mulka region is not available.

AGD programs are Law and Justice Groups and Community Courts. These community-based programs support justice initiatives are often supported by other NTG agencies including the Department of Corrections and the Department of Children's and Families. In the Mulka region the AGD supports:

- one Law and Justice Group – through the Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation (nil payments made during the reporting period, and 2025-26 payment totalled \$445,000); and
- undertakes Circuit Court and Community courts.

Table 1 - Law and Justice Group in Mulka

Provider	Region(s)	2025-26 \$000
Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corp	Ramingining Binipilingmirring Djagaginin Mala	445

Table 2 - Circuit and Community Court sittings in the Mulka electorate

Circuit Court Name	Circuit Region	Sitting Days	Community Court Sitting Days	Community Court Y/N
Galiwinku	Northern	9		No
Nhulunbuy	Northern	30		No
Ramingining	Northern	18	5	Yes