

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Corporate and Information Services:

ICT Services

1. Please advise of the \$240 000 spend on My Fuel NT, how much of this was allocated for an FTE staff position?
2. What speeds and capacity will the broadband services under the Remote Telecommunications Co-investment Program result in?
3. What are the 37 remote locations which will benefit from the RTCP?
4. What did the grant for remote communications connectivity and capacity actually cover?
5. What role does your department play in NBN services in rural and remote Northern Territory?
6. Has the Independent Central Data Unit been established?

Answer:

1. A one-off budget of \$240 000 was allocated to DCIS to deliver the technology solution on behalf of AGD. The MyFuel solution was delivered as required. The DCIS budget did not include an FTE component.
2. Speeds will be up to 8mbps on fixed broadband ADSL connections. Capacity depends upon the plan purchased by the individual from their retail service provider.
3. There are 17 communities that will benefit from the NT Government / Telstra Remote Telecommunications Co-investment Program (2015–18):
 - Ali Curung

- Alpuurrulam
- Atitjere
- Barunga
- Belyuen
- Bulman
- Kaltukatjara
- Kintore
- Manyallaluk
- Minyerri
- Mt Liebig
- Santa Teresa
- Timber Creek
- Titjikala
- Umbakumba
- Weemol
- Yarralin

The Government is investing a further \$14 million towards the next phase of the program, matched by Telstra. This investment will go towards connecting more remote communities, transport corridors and tourism hot spots, with priorities to be identified.

4. This funding addresses scope for advancing strategic project opportunities for improving remote telecommunications that will supplement existing co-investment programs.
5. NBN is the Australian Government's responsibility. DCIS monitors the NBN rollout in the Northern Territory, advocates on behalf of Territory communities to the Australian Government and NBN Co in relation to service delivery concerns, appropriate service deliver models suited to the Territory context and options for improvement.
6. The NT Government is moving to make Government data more accessible to support economic development and jobs, as well as putting in place a framework for data sharing across agencies to better support the community and frontline service delivery. Data analytics is currently being addressed in the context of growing capability.