

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Housing and Community Development:

Our Community, Our Future, Our Homes - Progress

The timeframe for the following questions is 31 August 2016 to 1 March 2019
OR since the program was launched (if after 31 August 2016) to 1 March 2019

Homebuild NT

1. What contracts have been awarded to construct new public houses under this program? Please list by date awarded, contractor, location, and progress (e.g. completed, under construction etc)

HomeBuild NT officially commenced on 1 July 2017.

Contracts awarded are published on the Northern Territory Government's Quotation and Tenders Online website or mobile app for smartphones and tablets:
www.tendersonline.nt.gov.au.

2. Since the inception of the program how many public houses have been constructed?

Since 1 July 2017, 266 houses have been constructed across all programs in remote communities.

3. How many new houses are now possessed by tenants? Please list by location e.g. Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek

The allocation of homes is usually within six weeks of completion. There are instances when this may vary due to unforeseen cultural activities occurring in the community.

Room to Breathe

4. What contracts have been awarded to renovate existing public houses under this program? Please list by date awarded, contractor, location, and progress (e.g. completed, under construction etc)

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5. Since the inception of the program how many public houses have been renovated and how many public houses have demonstrably improved living conditions for residents?

Community	Number of Dwellings Improved	Number of Bedrooms	Number of Other Living Spaces
Ali Curung	4	1	4
Ampilatwatja	5	4	3
Areyonga	8	7	14
Beswick	4	4	1
Bulman	3	3	2
Engawala	2	2	2
Lake Evella	5	5	4
Hermannsburg	14	6	6
Kintore	4	1	1
Lajamanu	6	4	5
Maningrida	25	16	17
Milikapiti	8	2	4
Milyakburra	2	1	2
Ngukurr	8	8	0
Numbulwar	4	3	1
Ramingining	7	7	6
Titjikala	3	3	4
Wadeye	8	2	9
Warruwi	2	0	2
Weemol	7	9	17
Wurrumiyanga	1	1	0
Total	130	89	104

6. Please list the communities of each house renovated under this program, the extent of the renovations and the timings of those renovations under this program. For example, 3x2 bedroom houses in Yuendumu, 2 houses had kitchens added, the other house had another bedroom added, work started July 2018, completed September 2018

See Q5 reply for a summary of completed works broken down by community, number of dwellings and overall additional bedrooms and other living spaces.

Repairs and Maintenance

7. What contracts have been awarded for repairs and maintenance under this program? Please list by date awarded, contractor, location, and progress (e.g. completed, works underway etc)

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8. Since the inception of the program how many repair jobs have been undertaken and finished? Please list examples.

The Preventative Repairs and Maintenance program under Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. is in addition to the ongoing repairs and maintenance on homes across all remote communities.

The number of individual jobs is in the thousands.

9. Please list the communities of each house repaired, the extent of the repairs and the timings of those repairs under this program. For example, 3x2 bedroom houses in Yuendumu, minor repairs, work started July 2018, completed August 2018

The administrative resources required for the level of detail requested is excessive, impacting on the delivery of the program.

Government Employee Housing

10. What contracts have been awarded to construct new staff houses under this program? Please list by date awarded, location, and progress (e.g. completed, under construction etc).

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11. Will existing staff houses be receiving renovations or R&M? If so, what are the timeframes planned for those renovations and/or repairs?

Business as usual repairs and maintenance on government employee homes in remote communities is in place.

12. Was there an actual expenditure of \$20 million per year on Government Employee Housing in 2017 and 2018? If not, why not? If so, please provide a breakdown on the funding, where it was spent on which properties for what reason.

Although \$200 million is allocated across 10 years, \$10 million was allocated per year for the first two years of the program recognising planning, land availability and land tenure requirements necessary for construction.

Government Employee Housing allocation for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial years totals \$20 million. Government Employee Housing expenditure to 28 February 2019 totals \$4.1 million, with a current commitment of \$5 million.

	2017-18 \$M	2018-19 As at 28 Feb 2019 \$M	Program to date as at 28 Feb 2019 \$M	Value of Works Underway \$M
Expenditure	0.9	3.2	4.1	12.3
Allocation	10.0	10.0	20.0	

Various Matters

13. Out of the total of \$1.1 Billion over 10 years for Housing through the programs listed above, how much was expended as of 21 December 2018?

Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. commenced in July 2017. Consistent with the Northern Territory Government's local decision making agenda, the 2018-19 program has been heavily focused on planning and community engagement.

Impeding progress across all programs of construction has been the lack of available serviced lots and land tenure negotiations.

As at 28 Feb 2019	Expenditure 2017-18 \$M	Expenditure 2018-19 as at 28 Feb 2019 \$M	Program Expenditure to date as at 28 Feb 2019 \$M	Value of Works Underway \$M
HomeBuild NT	1.6	20.0	21.6	81.1
Room to Breathe	8.8	1.7	10.5	21.6
Remote Government Employee Housing	0.9	3.2	4.1	12.3
Repairs and Maintenance	17.2	6.0	23.2	16.2
	28.5	30.9	59.4	131.2

14. What works have been undertaken, or are scheduled to be undertaken, in the following communities:
- Wadeye
 - Douglas/Daly
 - Peppimenarti?
 - Emu Point? Emu Point is a family outstation; Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. is focused on communities.
 - Nganmariyanga?
 - Woolianna?
 - Palumpa?

- h. Other communities in the Northern Territory (please list by community and which phase of the program the community will receive housing or renovations in)

Emu Point and Woolianna are family outstations. See below for current progress and plans -

HomeBuild NT Homes Planned and Progress as at 28 February 2019

	Complete	Approved Program	Local Decision Making Outcomes		Briefs issued to DIPL	Underway
			Planned New Builds	Planned Replacements		
Nganmariyanga		6	6	0	6	6
Peppimenarti	1	1	1	0	1	0
Wadeye		17	17	0	17	0
Total	1	24	24	0	24	6

Room to Breathe Program Achievements as at 28 February 2019

Community	Number of Dwellings Improved	Number of Bedrooms	Number of Other Living Spaces
Wadeye	8	2	9

Room to Breathe Program Progress - 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Community	Number of Dwellings Planned	Number of dwellings scoped for consideration
Naiyu	20	23
Wadeye	10	0
Total	30	23

Government Employee Housing Progress - 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

	Dwellings under construction	Dwellings completed
Nganmariyanga	0	1

