

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Community Services:

Remote Infrastructure Coordination

1. Please provide details of all infrastructure projects being coordinated by the Department of Community Services showing:
 - a) location and name of each project,
 - b) Commonwealth financial contribution to each project,
 - c) date of the original budget commitment for each project,
 - d) projects completed in 2013/14, and
 - e) projects still in progress and the status of each project yet to be completed, including the current stage of projects (eg pre-design consultation, planning, construction).
2. Please provide details of the staffing within the Department of Community Services responsible for the coordination of land tenure for government assets in remote communities in the Northern Territory.
3. Please provide a list of land tenure agreements coordinated by the Department including, for each parcel of land:
 - a) location by Town,
 - b) the purpose for which the land is being leased or rented,
 - c) the valuation of the land,
 - d) the period of any lease or rental agreement,
 - e) the value of annual lease or rental payments, and
 - f) the recipient of lease or rent payments.
4. Please provide details of current Commonwealth funding for asbestos removal from non-government buildings in 34 remote Northern Territory communities including the period and annual value of the funding program and the amount being taken by the Northern Territory Government for administration of the scheme;
5. For each of the 34 communities:
 - a) the name of the community benefitting from the scheme,
 - b) the number of buildings in each community benefitting from the scheme,

- c) the value and recipient of any contracts let under the scheme,
 - d) arrangements in place to ensure that only trained staff and properly accredited companies are employed in removing asbestos, and
 - e) the number of works completed and the destination for the long term disposal of all asbestos removed under the scheme (by location).
6. Please provide details, by community, of all work undertaken in 2013/14 and planned for 2014/15 by your Department, or work being undertaken by other agencies in cooperation with your department, in relation to remote Northern Territory communities (including the towns identified in the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement) in the following areas:
- a) Estimated increase in population over the next decade;
 - b) Key community infrastructure requirements linked to expected population growth;
 - c) Estimated increase in job creation in each community for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17; and
 - d) The number of available jobs in each community and the extent of Indigenous uptake of available jobs.
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