

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Community Services:

Indigenous Essential Services

1. Please provide a copy of the current agreement with Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd for the provision of electricity, water and sewerage services to 73 remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.
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ANSWER

1. Since 2010, my Department has had three year rolling agreements with Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd (IES P/L), a not for profit subsidiary of the Power and Water Corporation, for the provision of essential services to 72 communities for the period 2013-2016. The agreement is held as commercial in confidence and is not available for public release.

The Northern Territory budget allocation for essential services is \$73.125 million.

The agreement between the Northern Territory Government and IES P/L is due for renewal in 2016.

The list of 72 communities provided with essential services under the agreement is at Attachment A.