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QUESTION

Minister, in the 2021–22 budget there is \$4m allocated to the Remote Telecommunications Co-Investment Program. What was the breakdown of \$4m spent and in which communities, and the number of local people employed for this program?

ANSWER

The Remote Telecommunication Co-Investment Program (RTCP) is jointly funded and governed by the NT Government and Telstra. The NT Government contributes \$4M per year to the program, delivered in four payments of \$1M per quarter.

The works on each site do not fully align to the payment schedule as the timing of works depends on site access, weather conditions, availability of equipment and other factors.

Communities and sites receiving works under the RTCP in the current financial year include:

Avon Downs

Cahills Crossing

Canteen Creek (Macro) and Wutunugurra

Laramba

Larrimah

Nyirripi

Willowra

Yuelamu

Yuendumu

Canteen Creek

The works are delivered wholly by Telstra and their partners. The NT Government has no visibility of the number of local people employed under this program.