

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins for the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development:

Homelands

1. How many jobs have been created and maintained under the \$6 million Homelands Jobs program? In which communities?

In 2018-19, the Homelands Jobs program provided grant funding to service providers for the employment of 145 local Aboriginal employees in the delivery of services in homelands and town camps.

2. How many houses/dwellings do you estimate are needed currently in the Territory's homelands?

In 2018-19, grant funding for the delivery of homelands services for 1464 homes in 383 homelands.

The 2016 Homelands and Outstations Assets and Access Review (HOAAR) findings indicate that approximately 1600 homes are required in funded Northern Territory homelands to provide for a housing occupancy rate of two persons per bedroom.

3. How many new houses have been provided by the Territory Government to homelands since March 2018 and where?

The existing Northern Territory Homelands Policy does not provide for the funding of new homes on homelands.

4. Please provide an update on the Government's work on its aim to implement 40 year leases for homelands and outstations.

There is no policy commitment relating to the introduction of 40 year leases on homelands.