LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick   **to**   Minister for Housing

Indigenous Housing for the Territory: "Closing the Gap" Program

In regard to the Prime Ministerial statement on "Closing The Gap" in the Commonwealth Parliament on the 26 February 2009:

1.   The Prime Minister in his statement said that since the end of 2007 there are 80 new houses built or nearing completion for indigenous people in the Territory:

   (a)   Please advise in what locations these houses have been built;

   (b)   How many have been built in each location;

   (c)   What was the cost of each of these dwellings; and

   (d)   Were these houses new or were they refitting / renovating existing homes.

2.   The Prime Minister said in his "closing the gap " speech that 4200 new houses for indigenous people nationwide would be built:

   (a)   Please advise how many of these new houses will be built in the Northern Territory;

   (b)   In what locations will they be built (please specify each community);

   (c)   What are the numbers to be built in each location;

   (d)   In what timeframe will these houses be completed i.e. how many will be completed in financial years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-12 etc;

   (e)   What is the budgeted cost for each of the houses;

   (f)   What is the population of each of these communities;

   (g)   How many houses are already in these communities; and

   (h)   Is the Territory govt. providing any additional funding to this housing.

3.   The Prime Minister also said in his "closing the gap" speech that 4800 houses would be upgraded:

   (a)   Please advise how many of these will be in the Territory;

   (b)   In what locations will upgrades take place (please specify each community);

   (c)   How many upgrades will take place in each location;

   (d)   In what time frame will these house upgrades take place i.e. how many will be completed in financial years 2009-2010, 2010-1011, 2011-2012 etc;

   (e)   What is the budgeted cost for each of the house upgrades; and

   (f)   What is the percentage of total housing stock in these individual communities that is being upgraded.

ANSWER