

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Business, Jobs and Training:

Support for Regional Business

1. Please advise in the 2021/22 financial year of any new projects in the North East Arnhem region?

- Aquaculture and oyster trials on Groote Eylandt
- Equatorial Launch Australia – Construction phase, rockets launching July 2022
- Gapuwiyak Community Centre, which will also house the Future Gapuwiyak Arts and Cultural Centre
- Nhulunbuy Aged Care Facility

2. What are the capacity building visits to Aboriginal communities from the Department?

DITT staff make quarterly visits to main communities in each region.

a) How many days do these visits run for?

2-3days

b) Who do they meet with?

Local businesses, Aboriginal organisations, CDP providers.

c) Are they run in local languages?

No

d) What outcomes do these visits achieve?

- Provide information on policy and programs – such as the Aboriginal Procurement Policy or Major Project Development
- Identify business and workforce training needs
- Provide information about relevant services and grant opportunities
- Seek referrals for people or organisations in the community that need support or assistance
- Contract and program delivery monitoring

3. Since 2016 has there been an increase in local Aboriginal run businesses in remote areas, and by how much?

Raw data is processed directly from the Australian Business Registry. There is no requirement in the ABN registration process to identify as an Indigenous Business. Assessing any changes in numbers of businesses with accuracy can therefore be difficult, however staff utilize the Registry information and the results of consultation and networking activities to maintain records as up to date as possible. These are maintained in a Customer Relationship Management system.

The Aboriginal Procurement Policy was launched in July 2022 and as part of this the Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN) has established an Aboriginal Business Enterprise Register. This will enable the identification and tracking of Aboriginal businesses by region. Noting this will work together with Supply Nation, ORIC and the Industry Capability Network NT.

a) In what regions and industries?

Noted new business developments include:

- Ramingining: Retail Hub/Commercial precinct (Bulungkunum), Takeaway, Coffee shop, Cleaning supplies store, general goods stores, Sausage Sizzles, Arts and textiles creation and sales, tourism, fishing and hunting equipment sales, hunting equipment manufacturing, tourism
- Gapuwiyak: Aboriginal Coastal Licence, Sausage sizzle business, Cultural Consultancy
- Milingimbi: Human Services, Cabinetry
- Galiwin'ku: Small food stores, Takeaway, Small building business, Ice sales, Café, bus service, clothing sales, Lawn care services, Fishing equipment lure design and sales
- Laynhapuy and Marthakal Homelands regions: Tourism businesses, Aboriginal Coastal Licence, arts and textiles, General goods stores
- Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala region: Arts, Lawn Care Services, Aboriginal Coastal Licence, Surveying, Construction, Mining, Painting, Cultural Consultancy, Tourism and Fishing Charters
- Groote Eylandt region: Housing Management and Maintenance.

b) How many of these businesses have operated for longer than 12 months and are still operational?

This information is difficult to provide by region. The Regional Business Capability snapshot is attached for East Arnhem which shows 42 discrete Aboriginal Businesses. This data will now be tracked by region over time for future use.

4. With a view to future job opportunities and local Aboriginal community aspirations, rather than current workforce requirements, has a training audit been done in remote communities to link training opportunities with potential industry development on country?

Regional Business Capability and Regional Workforce Capability snapshots have been developed for each region – including East Arnhem region (attached). These inform the region's Growth Plans and together with the Local Decision Making Plans identify community priorities and opportunities.

Current workforce needs are determined when speaking with organisations. Future workforce needs are linked with priorities identified in Territory, Regional and Industry growth plans.

5. During the 2021/22 financial year, how many Aboriginal Business Development Program grants have been provided in NE Arnhem Land?

Two

a) And for how much?

\$40,780

b) And to which businesses were these grants provided?

- Buku Larrnggay Mulka Incorporated
- Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts Aboriginal Corporation.

6. During the 2021/22 financial year, what other NTG grants have been provided to businesses in the NE Arnhem Land region?

In 2021-22, the following funding was approved and/ or paid under these programs in East Arnhem:

- Business Growth program: \$8250
- Business Pivot program: \$19,033
- Biz Secure: \$123,509
- Work Stay Play (Round 1): \$24,750
- Business Hardship Grant: \$21,000
- Tourism Survival Fund and Visitation Reliant Support: \$163,000

a) And for how much?

Total funding provided in 2021-22 to East Arnhem recipients in question 6 was \$359,542.

b) And to which businesses were these grants provided?

Grant Recipient Legal Entity Name
Aaron Nugent
Alan Bruce McVicar
Alyangula Golf Club Incorporated
Arirrki Aboriginal Corporation
Arnhem Early Learning Centre Pty. Ltd.
Australian Sportfishing Charters Pty Ltd
B.I.G. Carpentry Pty Ltd
Banubanu Beach Retreat Pty Ltd
Cross Developments Pty. Ltd.
Culture College Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation
Dhambaliya Cruises Pty Ltd
East Arnhem Real Estate Pty Ltd
Florence Brigitte Johnstone
Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

Gove Squash Club Incorporated
Gove Unit Trust
Gove Yacht Club Inc
HDA Contracting Services Pty Ltd
John Bedwell Management Pty. Limited
Lirwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation
MAF International
Mazera Pty. Ltd.
MJD Foundation Limited
Nhawe Enterprises Pty Ltd
The Trustee for Bukmak Constructions Trust
The Trustee for Groote Eylandt Lodge Trust
The Trustee for P. Krishna Family Trust
The Trustee for Rulku Enterprises Trust
The Trustee for the Dinybulu Regional Services Trust
The Trustee for the MGE Family Trust
The Trustee for the Walkabout Trust
Yirrkala Enterprises Pty Ltd