

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Housing and Homelands:

Remote Tenancy Management Support Services

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities has outsourced the function of remote tenancy management support services to indigenous owned organisations located within the remote towns and communities.

1. What is the cost difference in outsourcing these functions compared to the cost of the Department undertaking these functions?
2. How many jobs have been cut from the Department as a result of these functions being outsourced?
3. How many new private sector jobs have been created in remote towns and communities as a result of outsourcing these functions?
4. What was this decision to outsource these functions based on?
5. Does the Department still undertake any remote tenancy management support services? If so, for which communities?
6. Estimates highlighted a significant amount of unpaid rents in remote housing. What is the role of the organisations undertaking these outsourced functions in recovering unpaid rents or this still centralized within the Department?
7. What strategies and plans are being considered or put in place to recover the large amount of unpaid rents in remote public housing?