

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Justice:

Community Courts

- 1. Where are community courts currently operating? How many more community courts are anticipated to be operating in the next financial year, and in which communities?**

Community Courts (CCs) are currently operational on Groote Eylandt (Angurugu) and Kintore. Final preparations are underway for the commencement of CC at Maningrida in September 2024.

Consultation is occurring with other approved communities around the commencement of CCs.

- 2. Of the \$8.8 million outlined for community courts, how much is budgeted for the Law and Justice Groups generally, and how much is specifically dedicated for the Ramingining group?**

In 2022, the Northern Territory Government committed \$300 000 per annum over four years (2022-23 to 2025-26) to support readiness of prospective Law and Justice Groups (LJGs).

In Budget 2023-24, the Northern Territory Government committed \$5.045 million to fund the operation of LJGs:

- \$1.68 million in 2023-24 for three LJGs; and
- \$3.365 million in 2024-25 for three additional LJGs (six total).

As at July 2024, six locations were approved for the establishment of LJG's across the Northern Territory, including Ramingining. Each of these communities have received either or both:

- readiness grants (up to \$60 000) to support prospective LJGs to develop Local Action Plans and build their capacity to implement those plans as a LJG; and
- operational grants (up to \$560 000) to support the operation of LJGs to implement their Local Action Plans, including through the development and delivery of law and justice related activities and initiatives, and engagement with CCs.

Ramingining received a readiness grant of \$60 000 in May 2024 and will be paid an operational grant of \$560,000 in July 2024.