



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 232

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Hon Lia Finocchiaro  
MLA:

### **Additional Estimates Questions for Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Service Outputs**

1. What assessment has the Government undertaken of emergency services resourcing requirements following the most recent wet season?
2. Has the Government identified any additional emergency services capability, staffing, equipment or infrastructure needs following the most recent wet season?
3. If yes, what additional needs have been identified and what funding has been allocated to address them?
4. The Commonwealth Government has committed up to \$1 billion over five years through the Disaster Ready Fund. How much Disaster Ready Fund funding did the Northern Territory Government apply for in the most recent funding round?
5. How much Disaster Ready Fund funding was approved for Northern Territory projects in the most recent funding round?
6. Please list each Disaster Ready Fund project approved for the Northern Territory in the most recent funding round, including the project name, location, total project value, Commonwealth contribution and Northern Territory Government contribution.
7. Were any Northern Territory Disaster Ready Fund applications unsuccessful in the most recent funding round?
8. If yes, please list each unsuccessful application and the amount of funding sought.
9. What criteria does the Northern Territory Government use to identify and prioritise projects for Disaster Ready Fund applications?

10. What work is currently underway to prepare Northern Territory applications for future rounds of the Disaster Ready Fund?
11. Has the Government provided any funding, grants or in-kind support to emergency services volunteer units for personal protective equipment, uniforms, boots or other essential operational gear in 2025–26?
12. If yes, please provide the total amount of support provided, the recipient units or organisations, and the purpose of the funding.
13. If no, why has no specific funding been provided for those items?
14. Is the Government aware of any emergency services volunteer units raising donations from the public to purchase boots, personal protective equipment or other essential operational gear?
15. If yes, what action has the Government taken in response?
16. Are emergency services volunteers required to personally purchase any operational clothing, boots, personal protective equipment or essential gear?
17. If yes, please identify which items volunteers are required to purchase themselves.
18. What is the Government's policy on the provision of essential equipment to emergency services volunteers?
19. Has the Government reviewed whether emergency services volunteers have sufficient equipment following the recent floods and severe weather events?
20. If yes, what did that review find?
21. What is the current status of the Nhulunbuy community cyclone shelter project funded through the Disaster Ready Fund?
22. What is the total project value for the Nhulunbuy community cyclone shelter?
23. What is the current project scope, expected commencement date and expected completion date?
24. Has there been any change to the scope, cost or delivery timeframe for the Nhulunbuy community cyclone shelter?
25. If yes, please outline the change and the reason for it.

26. What is the current status of the \$2 million Flood Resilience Assessment of the Northern Territory's National Highway Network funded through the 2023–24 Disaster Ready Fund?
27. Who is undertaking the Flood Resilience Assessment?
28. When did the assessment commence and when is it expected to be completed?
29. Will the Government publish the findings of the Flood Resilience Assessment?
30. If yes, when and where will the findings be published?
31. How will the Government use the Flood Resilience Assessment to improve the flood resilience of the Northern Territory's road network?
32. What is the current status of the NT Flood Warning Systems communications upgrade funded through the 2023–24 Disaster Ready Fund?
33. What was the total funding allocation for the NT Flood Warning Systems communications upgrade?
34. What works have been completed under the NT Flood Warning Systems communications upgrade to date?
35. Were all planned upgrades completed before the most recent wet season?
36. If not, which upgrades were not completed and why?
37. What impact, if any, did incomplete flood warning communications upgrades have during the most recent wet season?
38. When will the remaining flood warning communications upgrades be completed?
39. What is the current status of the \$890,000 project to upgrade flood data management and storage funded through the 2023–24 Disaster Ready Fund?
40. What works have been completed under that project to date?
41. What works remain outstanding?
42. When is the flood data management and storage upgrade expected to be completed?

43. Has the Government reviewed emergency preparedness and emergency management arrangements following the most recent wet season?
44. If yes, what findings or recommendations have been made?
45. If no, will the Government undertake a review?
46. What changes, if any, will the Government make to emergency preparedness, disaster resilience and emergency management arrangements before the next wet season?