

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Infrastructure funding figures

- 1. There appears to be an \$11M increase under Infrastructure Investment Delivery (BP3, p89) which is attributed to additional resourcing “to support the delivery of economic stimulus programs and additional funding to underground power lines”. Given you have stated \$10M is to be earmarked for undergrounding power lines, does this mean just \$1M will go towards your much touted economic stimulus programs?**

This output in the budget papers contains operational funding only for the department and does not include stimulus provided to each agency’s Repairs and Maintenance Budget, Minor New Works and Capital Works. The \$11 million increase between years contains the \$10 million in grants for undergrounding power lines for the Power Water Corporation as well as approximately \$1 million in operational funding to support the delivery of the stimulus program.

- 2. If we’re reading that wrong, please provide a breakdown of which programs the extra \$11M is going towards precisely?**

Please refer above.

- 3. Please fill in the blanks of the attached table and correct any errors in the figures.**

The table provided requires Whole of Government figures, and hence has been transferred to the Department of Treasury and Finance for review and response when whole of government figures for 2017-18 are finalised in the coming weeks.

	1 July 2017			30 Jan 2018	31 Mar 2018	7 Apr 2018		1 May 2018			
	Program Allocation (DIPL only)	NTG Overall* Program Allocation	NTG Overall Cash*	Expenditure	Expenditure (DIPL only)	Program Allocation (DIPL only)	DIPL approved cash	17/18 ESTIMATE NTG Overall^ Program Allocation	17/18 ESTIMATE NTG Overall Cash^	NTG Overall^ Program Allocation	NTG Overall Cash^
Infrastructure Program	1.897B		1.75B		544M	2.099B	933M				1.44B
Capital Works Program	1.543B	1.87B	967M	336.5M**	381.2M	1.709B	606M	2.05B	747M	1.89B	863M
Grants	94M		219M		35.4M	111M	88M		249M		147M
Repairs and Maintenance	223M		297M	90.6M	118.3M	228M	221M		276M		201M
Infrastructure-related payments			3M						4M		4M
GOCs (capital works and R&M)			267M						234M		234M
Recoverable Works and Consultants Program	37M			\$7.8M	9.3M	50M	18M				

* From Infrastructure Program (BP4 2017-18 Budget)

**includes MNW (\$311.5M capital works, \$25M minor new works)

^ From Infrastructure Program (BP4 2018-19 Budget)

KEY:

From Media Brief – monthly update, January 2018

From Opposition Brief – Spend and Contracts Awarded for DIPL only, March 2018

OTHER FIGURES

At the end of March 2018, projects valued at over \$130M were out to market - Opposition Brief – Spend and Contracts Awarded for DIPL only, March 2018

“Of the Territory’s expenditure – between \$1.4 and \$1.5 billion – the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics plans to spend between \$850 million and \$900 million in 2017-18. The revote figures I discussed during the Estimates committee hearing this week relate to a program of works that includes projects that will be delivered over a few years and do not relate to anticipated cash expenditure in any particular year” – Andrew Kirkman, NTN p 16, 15 June 2018

“...the Government is on target to spend between \$1.4 billion and \$1.5 billion on infrastructure during 2017-18” – Nicole Manison, NTN p 16, 15 June 2018