

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development:

Town Camps

- 1. How much was spent last reporting period on town camps? How much, besides a million dollars for the Futures Unit, has been budgeted for implementing the recommendations of the town camps report?**

A total of \$38.43 million was expended in 2018-19 to services provided for the purpose of improving housing and infrastructure in town camps.

- 2. You committed to “developing a Town Camps Policy and Implementation Plan by mid-2019” (NTG response to recommendations, p4). Has that been developed and if so, would you please provide us with a copy? If not, please advise when it will be released.**

It is anticipated that the ‘Building our communities, together’ Town Camps Reform Framework 2019-2024 will be available on the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development website (<https://dlghcd.nt.gov.au/>) by the beginning of August 2019.

- 3. What pre-employment programs have you identified to promote greater participation in the workforce by town camp residents? (NTG response to recommendations, p9)?**

As at 30 June 2019, through the Town Camps Housing and Infrastructure Program, \$38.4 million has been provided to Aboriginal controlled organisations, local sub-contractors and wherever possible, local suppliers.

Key statistics related to this project as at 30 June 2019 include:

- 48 local suppliers and contractors have been engaged;
- eight Aboriginal Business Enterprises have been contracted to deliver services;
- 67 Aboriginal employees have worked on projects; and
- 25 Aboriginal employees have been employed on or after the commencement of projects.