

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Giles to Minister for Business and Employment.

#### **Aboriginal Employment and Businesses**

- 1. How many current Territory Government employees that identify as Indigenous are working in the 73 prescribed communities? Please list by Agency and location at community and outstation/homeland level.**

Details of staff location are not held centrally.

The main agencies with employees in the prescribed communities are the Department of Education and Training, Department of Health, Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services and Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services.

These agencies keep their own records as to the number of employees in each location, including prescribed areas.

- 2. How many Aboriginal owned businesses are currently operating in Aboriginal Communities across the Territory. Where are they, what is their business structure, what is their level of Indigenous employment and is the employment permanent or part-time or casual**

The Northern Territory Government does not hold detailed business information on every business based in or operating in remote communities.

A survey of the Territory Growth Towns was conducted in 2010. There were 140 businesses known to be operating in Territory Growth Towns.

The ownership and structure of these businesses is mixed between associations, trusts, Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations or Australian Securities and Investments Commission registered corporations and sole traders.

There were 478 full-time, 240 part-time and 236 casual Indigenous employees employed by those businesses at that time.