

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

Budget for Aboriginal Interpreter Service

1. How much has the budget increased for the Aboriginal Interpreter Service for this financial year?

ANSWER:

The 2022-23 budget for the Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) is \$7.634 million, a reduction of \$1.868 million compared to the 2021-22 budget, largely associated with the timing of Commonwealth funding.

In June 2022, a new Commonwealth funding agreement was signed, providing an additional \$1.2 million for legal interpreting services in 2022-23. This additional funding will be incorporated in the 2022-23 Budget at the Mid-Year Review.