

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

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

#### Grants, Funding, Efficiency Dividends

- You have funded three trial programs through your Homelessness Innovation Fund – The Salvos' Katherine Doorways Hub, The Nest in Darwin and My Place, operated by the Central Australian Affordable Housing Company. How much funding did you provide each? Was it one-off or recurrent funding? If it was recurrent, will your grants efficiency dividend diminish the funding?**

The programs trialled under the Homelessness Innovation Fund were time-limited to 30 June 2019 and funds provided were non-recurrent and not subject to the efficiency dividend. Total funding provided to each program over the three year period is as follows:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total \$ GST exclusive</b>
The Katherine Doorways Hub – operated by The Salvation Army Katherine Corps	546 741
The Nest – operated by The Salvation Army Darwin Corps	280 000
My Place, Alice Springs – operated by the Central Australian Affordable Housing Company	980 124
<b>Total 2016-2019</b>	<b>\$1 806 865</b>

Due to the results of the evaluation, the Katherine Doorways Hub and My Place, Alice Springs programs were allocated ongoing funding of a total of \$1.1 million across both programs.

- Please provide a full list of how much each local government entity will be cut in grants by the Government through your three per cent grant efficiency dividend.**

All affected local government grants will be reduced by three percent through the three percent grant efficiency dividend.

- 3. How much overall do you expect to save by implementing your three per cent grant efficiency dividend?**

The Department is on track to achieve the full amount of savings imposed under the Budget Repair measures, by a reduction of \$5.76 million from agency output appropriation during the 2019-20 financial year.

- 4. Will the Government's grants efficiency dividend of three percent affect the Northern Territory operational subsidy for local government regional councils? If so, how?**

No.

- 5. Does the government have plans to increase the operation subsidy?**

The amount for operational subsidies is subject to changes year to year based on a number of factors.

- 6. In 2017/18 the Department spent more than \$200 million in grant funding overall. How much will that be reduced to in 18/19? Which grants will be affected?**

The Department spent a total of \$318.95 million in grant funding during the 2017-18 financial year. Currently, the Department is likely to record a total of \$362.42 million spend in grant funding for the 2018-19 financial year.

\*As the accounting period is still open at the time of this report, the 2018-19 actuals could be subject to minor changes.