

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Housing

Public Housing Repairs and Maintenance

1. What is the total cost for public housing repairs and maintenance in 04/05 and why is there no reference to this in the Budget papers?

ANSWER

Repairs and maintenance has always been included in Territory Housing's budget estimates. Specifically, estimates for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 years are provided in Budget Paper 4 (pages 11,37 & 38) and in Budget Paper 3 (page 208).

The 2004-05 expenditure figures are estimates only, as they do not include any late Budget adjustments that may be required as part of the year end processes. These adjustments are often not known until after the Budget Papers are published.

In terms of total expenditure on public housing, the unaudited figures at 30 June 2005 are:

- \$18.4m spent on repairs and maintenance; and
- \$8.8m spent on public housing upgrades throughout the Territory.