

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Housing & Homelands:

Homelands & Housing Infrastructure Audit

1. When will the audit of homeland infrastructure and housing be complete?

On 31 May 2022, the Advisory Committee on Homelands requested that the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities audit Northern Territory Homelands to establish the cost of essential upgrades necessary to provide homelands residents with safe and healthy living conditions. The Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Audit was undertaken by consultants AECOM Australia Pty Ltd, and was completed on 14 November 2022.

The report is currently under consideration by Government.

2. Is there a commitment from the Commonwealth Government for regular funding for housing and infrastructure in our homelands?

On 6 April 2023, the Northern Territory and Australian governments signed the Restoring Funding for Northern Territory Homelands – Federation Funding Agreement for the investment in 2022-23 and 2023-24 of \$100 million into homelands housing and infrastructure across the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to negotiating with the Australian Government to include ongoing funding of homelands as part of the next Federation Funding Agreement for remote housing in the Northern Territory.