

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Housing and Community Development:

#### **Budget and Finance**

1. In the 2017-18 Budget Papers there were “budget improvement measures” listed. For the Department of Housing and Community Development, \$1.8M was lost under operational reforms. What were those reforms and were the savings achieved?
2. Overall, the “budget improvement measures” accounted for a cut of \$3.5M. Which programs were rationalized and how and where were the savings achieved?
3. In the Operating Statement on page 156 of BP3, under the “Income” table, there appears to be a \$15.9M increase in Current Grants and Subsidies Revenue. It appears the increase is coming from Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants for Local Government (page 159). The footnote states the extra dollars “reflects a portion” of 2017/2018 Commonwealth funding “brought forward in 16/17”. How much was the portion? Does this mean the funding was underspent in 2016/2017?
4. The Revenue Statement also shows a new Commonwealth allocation of \$19.1M under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. Now that the Commonwealth has agreed to another round of funding for remote housing, will we see the full \$19.1M spent on homelessness issues? How will it be spent by the Territory?