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Answer:
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Answer:

Under current Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for tenancy and property management between Territory Housing and local government Shires, Shires are required to have performed services utilising Indigenous workforces (40% stipulated for property management – repairs and maintenance and 50% stipulated for tenancy management). This performance requirement has and will continue to build and sustain Indigenous employment in remote community repairs and maintenance.

Further to the Indigenous employment requirement under the SLAs, a Housing Management Program is currently being developed with the Shires that will target Indigenous workforce development in activities including fencing, painting, landscape maintenance and tenancy sustainability programs.

The Housing Management Program will seek input from a working group that has been established to focus on the employment of Indigenous workers exiting SIHIP in identified program communities. DHLGRS staff will provide Shires with information relating to work experience and training received by SIHIP workers and will work closely with the alliances and Job Service Australia Providers to ensure SIHIP employees are given priority in the employment process.

The commitment by the Northern Territory Government to provide funding under the Indigenous Jobs Development (matched funding for core services) is also key to the continued support of sustained employment of residents in remote communities of the Northern Territory.
