

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Revote details**

- 1. Under the revote, there is \$7M allocated for the upgrade of the youth and domestic violence court in Alice Springs. What works will be or are being undertaken with this upgrade? What is the timeframe for completion of the upgrade?**

The scope for the Alice Springs Local Court Refurbishment consists of all required works to refurbish the full building. This includes fire service, mechanical, lift installation, electrical, data, communications and security upgrades.

Ground floor works include the provision of a private second entrance, two *Disability Discrimination Act* compliant entrance ramps, refurbished interview rooms and a new front counter / reception area.

First floor works include the fit out of a dedicated Domestic Violence court and a Multi-purpose Court, provision of stairwell access and refurbishment of small rooms to accommodate service providers and Local Court staff activities. Basement works include lift installation and cell refurbishment.

Timeframe for completion – Quarter four 2018.

- 2. You have budgeted \$1.2M under the revote for “renal-ready rooms in remote communities” – how many do you expect will be provided under that funding? Where will they be?**

This \$1.2 million revote funding for “renal-ready rooms in remote communities” is intended to provide renal ready rooms at two locations.

The first location is at Pirlangimpi Health Centre and design is well advanced. The second location has been confirmed at Mutitjulu Health Centre.

- 3. What are the timeframes for the \$6.6M fishing infrastructure upgrades outlined in the revote program?**

Delivery of projects under the \$50 million recreational fishing infrastructure program are progressing with a range of pre-construction activities underway, including design and engineering, engaging with key stakeholders and obtaining necessary approvals and permits.

Delivery timeframes are subject to the progression of pre-construction activities.

- 4. Under the revote program, \$5.4M has been allocated for “new visitor experiences” including interpretative displays in Tennant Creek. What are the timeframes for this project? What was the reason for the delay in works?**

This question needs to be redirected to the Department of Tourism and Culture.

- 5. What is the \$2M, under the DCIS revote, for a “off-site leased accommodation fit out” for Fisheries for?**

This project is for the relocation of Fisheries to an offsite leased facility.

An agreement for lease tender has been awarded by Northern Territory Property Management to Jaytex.

Funding of \$2 million has been allocated for the Northern Territory Government fit out of the facility. Works have commenced on site with structural steel being erected and cladding commencing next week.

Timeframe for complete – Quarter four 2018.

**6. There is \$800,000 in the revote for a new safe house at Galiwin'ku – wasn't that a project that was due for completion last year? What stage is it at?**

The project was authorised in July 2017, however the Department has been in consultation with the Northern Land Council (NLC) in relation to Land Tenure. Endorsement from the NLC was given at the end of July 2018 for use of the lot adjacent to Lot 391. Consultation with the Women from Galiwin'ku in relation to the design concepts was held on 24 July 2018.

**7. Would you please outline the details behind the \$3.4M revote allocation for "new infrastructure to mitigate flooding" in Palmerston and Litchfield?**

There are two projects under this budget line item, Wadham Lagoon and Yarrawonga that require revoted funding to carry out works.

Wadham Lagoon revoted works for 2018-19 incorporates the upgrade of sections of the trunk drain downstream from Wadham Lagoon, upgrading culverts under Madsen Road, Fitzgerald Road and Langton Road and new underground concrete pipes.

Yarrowonga revoted works for 2018-19 include upgrading Tulagi Road and associated storm water drains within the eastern Yarrowonga industrial catchment.

**8. Please outline the details behind the \$14.1M revote allocation for “new infrastructure to mitigate flooding” in Darwin.**

The \$14.1 million revote allocation is for the Rapid Creek catchment mitigation measures, including construction of a detention basin. The tender for the detention basin was awarded to Sitzler Pty Ltd in May 2018. Excavation and bulk earthworks have commenced and are scheduled for completion before the onset of the wet season.

**9. The \$33.8M upgrade and seal of Gunn Point Road is part of the revote for Territory roads. In February a tender was released at \$40M and on 30 March \$32.3M in local contracts were announced to “realign and upgrade Gunn Point Road”. Exactly how much is it costing to upgrade Gunn Point and is any of the funding for the project from the Commonwealth? Are you confident the project will be completed within 12 months?**

The Gunn Point Road upgrade is all Northern Territory Government funding. The estimate for the project was \$40 million prior to going to tender and the award price for the three contracts was \$32.3 million. The construction of the three packages is already underway and is due for completion by Quarter four 2018, weather permitting. This is not a technically complex project and works are expected to meet this timeframe.

- 10. In BP4, p31 there is a \$2.8M allocation under the revote for “landscaping and lighting on the Stuart Highway to provide an entry statement at Bagot Road” – what type of “entry statement” are you planning to have?**

Community consultation will commence in the coming weeks which will inform the works.

- 11. Under the revote, there is a \$4M allocation of “funding to support community initiatives on local roads” – what sort of community initiatives is this covering?**

This is the last of the remaining local government grant projects funded under the Improving Strategic Local Roads Infrastructure Program. A total of 15 projects were awarded grants for a total of \$9.2 million. A total of 10 projects are complete with the remaining 5 to be completed.

These projects created jobs by resourcing local government to identify and address local infrastructure needs and stimulate economic growth in their own communities. The diverse range of projects supported as part of these programs brought about many social benefits such as road safety improvements.

The grant program was time-limited and no future funding rounds are planned under this scheme however, the Department of Housing and Community Development have a similar grants program entitled, “Strategic Infrastructure Fund.”