

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development:

#### **2018/19 Annual Report – Our People and Achievements**

1. How do you explain the increase in FTEs and ATSI employees? (p15)

The increase in full time equivalent staff (FTE) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) employees is due to:

- the establishment of the Remote Program Delivery Office, which is responsible for the delivery of remote housing infrastructure under 'Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.' This program was established on 1 July 2017 and is funded through the Northern Territory Government's commitment of \$1.1 billion to remote housing over 10 years and the Australian Government's commitment of \$550 million over five years;
- the increase in the usage of casual interpreters (Aboriginal Interpreter Service and international); and
- the establishment of the Urban Housing Stimulus project which is funded under the Northern Territory Government's \$100 million Urban Housing Stimulus Program.

2. Which designation rose the most? That is, did you employ more AO5s or AO3s? (p15)

The AO5 designation rose by 20.63 FTE.

3. You recruited 37 new positions for the public housing stimulus program – how much has it cost administratively to manage the program? (p16)

As at 5 November 2019, \$2 502 020 has been spent through the \$100 million public housing stimulus program on operational costs, including personnel, vehicle leases, IT equipment and small consultancies such as Quantity Survey reports.

More than 1150 contracts have been awarded to date. Each contract (package of works) has to be identified, scoped, procured through normal Northern Territory Government procurement processes and contract managed. The vast majority of works are occurring on tenanted properties, which requires significant liaison with tenants and logistics.

4. How many Territory Housing properties are now operating under alcohol restrictions? How many have applications in to operate under alcohol restrictions? (p23)

As the requested information is captured by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, this question should be referred to that agency.