

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****WRITTEN QUESTION**

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to Minister for Women's Policy

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**Community Engagement - Women's Advancement Focus Groups**

1. How many public focus groups were conducted under the area of Community Engagement for Women's Advancement in 2004-05?
2. When were they held and what was the nature of each focus group?
3. What was the cost to conduct these focus groups?
4. If focus group participants were paid to attend how much were they paid?
5. Where can members get the details and findings of these publicly funded focus groups?

**ANSWER**

1. No focus groups (public or private) were held for Women's Advancement in 2004-05. Public meetings that were conducted under the area of Community Engagement for Women's Advancement included the Community Cabinet Women's Forums.
2. Community Cabinet Women's Forums provide an opportunity to talk with the Chief Minister Clare Martin, Minister Marion Scrymgour, Government Departments and other women about local issues. Women's Forums are also structured to provide information or training sessions on a case-by-case basis. Locations of Community Cabinet Women's Forums held in 2004-05 were:
  - Jabiru (26 July 2004)
  - Nhulunbuy (9 August 2004)
  - Tennant Creek (30 August 2004)
  - Darwin (23 October 2004)
  - Humpty Doo (25 October 2004)
  - Daly River (22 November 2004)
  - Batchelor (7 March 2005)
  - Ntaria (8 April 2005)
  - Alice Springs (23 May 2004)
3. Women's Forums cost a total of \$34,793.47 in 2004-05.
4. No participants were paid to attend Community Cabinet Women's Forums.
5. Feedback from the women's forums are available on the Community Cabinet web site (see [http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/cabinet/community\\_cabinet/womens\\_forum.shtml](http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/cabinet/community_cabinet/womens_forum.shtml)). Hard copies of feedback are posted to all participants after each event.