

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Mr Dheran Young

To: Hon Lia Finocchiaro

Portfolio: Minister for Police

Agency: Northern Territory Police Force

Subject: Cost to evacuate Nauiyu via helicopter

QUESTION:

Could you please provide a breakdown of the total helicopter cost to evacuate residents from Nauiyu affected by the floods? In that breakdown, could we get the number of helicopters used, hours flown and the cost per operator? Also, which companies or providers were used to provide helicopters for the evacuation? Were there any privately owned? Also, could we get a breakdown of the cost to each company?

ANSWER:

This response has been prepared with collaboration from the Transport and Engineering Functional group, which is consistent with Emergency Management arrangements within the Emergency Operations Centre.

- The evacuation operation did not use privately owned helicopters.
- Costs attributed to each provider:

Operator / Provider	Total (\$)
HM Air Services	97,680.00
North Australian Helicopters Pty Ltd	72,361.25
Outback Helicopter Airwork NT Pty Ltd	33,567.20
Remote Helicopters Australia	28,433.00
Rotor Services Australia	4,800.00
NT Heli-Ops & North Horizon Heli Adventures	27,887.50
Finniss River Helicopters	11,400.00

Note: Costs are based on invoices received as of 18 June 2026. Any unsubmitted invoices or reconciliations may result in minor adjustments to the final figures.