

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hickey

to Minister for Local Government

1. Over the past two financial years 1996/97 and 1997/98, what money has been spent on community visits by town based staff to monitor and negotiate with Aboriginal community based council staff.
2. What was the total number of these visits.
3. What was the average length of stay of these visits.

ANSWER

See attachment.

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTION NO 61

1. As the question was directed to the Minister for Local Government, the figures provided by the Department are only relevant to the activities of the Local Government Division and have been calculated by estimating what percentage was for community visits as opposed to management meetings, training etc. Katherine Region figures have been omitted to enable parity with the non-availability of their visit statistics (see below).

1996/97			1997/98		
Total 1996/97 : \$225,923			Total 1997/98 : \$234,716		
Travelling Allowance	Fares	Fuel	Travelling Allowance	Fares	Fuel
\$111,333	\$77,313	\$37,277	\$122,992	\$70,887	\$40,837

- 2-3. The figures below are for visits made by Local Government Division staff to communities and are the best available estimates over the two year period. Visit figures do not include Katherine Region as their records were destroyed in the January 1998 floods.

1996/97		1997/98	
Total number of Visits : 852		Total number of Visits : 841	
Visits averaging 3 nights	Single Day Visits	Visits averaging 3 nights	Single Day Visits
561	291	533	308