

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

7th Assembly

09/05/1996

108. Local Road Funding

Mr. BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

QUESTION

1. How much funding was spent by:
 - (a) the Northern Territory Government;
 - (b) the Commonwealth Government; and
 - (c) Local Government authorities within the Northern Territory, on each of the following classes of roads:
 - (i) national highways;
 - (ii) urban arterial roads;
 - (iii) rural arterial roads;
 - (iv) local (incorporated);
 - (v) local (unincorporated); and
 - (vi) Aboriginal communities,in each of the following financial years:
 - (vii) 1987-88;
 - (viii) 1988-89;
 - (ix) 1989-90;
 - (x) 1990-91;
 - (xi) 1991-92;
 - (xii) 1992-93;
 - (xiii) 1993-94; and
 - (xiv) 1994-95.

ANSWER

Answered on 20/11/96

Expenditure on the various categories of roads under the control and responsibility of the Department of Transport and Works for the period 1987/88 to 1994/95 is set out at ATTACHMENT A.

It should be noted that arising from the Commonwealth Government's 1992 decision to pay local road funds directly to local governing bodies, from 1992/93 onwards Commonwealth Local Road Funding in Aboriginal community areas has been provided through the NT Local Government Grants Commission direct to Aboriginal community councils/associations.

Actual funding allocations distributed to individual councils/associations is detailed in the NT Local Government Grants Commission Annual Report each year.

Funding distributed through the NT Local Government Grants Commission for Aboriginal community roads is untied and actual expenditure levels on roads is a matter for each council/association to determine.

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	NATIONAL HIGHWAYS							
		Commonwealth	18393	16093	13526	21216	21798	
		Northern Territory	139	156	841	649		
	URBAN ARTERIALS							
		Commonwealth	2798	1510	418	167		
		Northern Territory	1665	2528	970	647	815	
	RURAL ARTERIALS							
		Commonwealth	715	3423	4229	4401	1286	

		Northern Territory	128	1381	2752	1115	154
	LOCAL INCORPORATED		<i>Information not kept by Department of Transport & Works. Available from appropriate councils or associations</i>				
	LOCAL ROADS						
		Commonwealth	6697	6913	9205	3149	541
		Northern Territory	2226	5378	6080	4795	7526
	ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES						
		Commonwealth					
		Northern Territory	809	1430	1440	1498	1017

Note: (1) Expenditure details have not been kept by source of funds and road category for all years. Break-up is best possible.

(2) Aboriginal Communities expenditure funded from NT sources. All expenditure eligible for assessment under Aboriginal Community Service category of Commonwealth Grants Commission

(3) Aboriginal Communities - 1992/93 (transition year) onwards. Commonwealth Local Roads funding provided direct to Aboriginal Communities (through NT Local Government Grants Commission)

(4) Urban Arterials, Rural Arterials and Local Roads expenditure in 1991/92-1993/94 include Commonwealth Blackspot

(5) Figures are on ground costs only and exclude overheads

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	NATIONAL HIGHWAYS		9263	9090	9593	9961	7708	
	URBAN ARTERIALS		1510	1326	1734	1663	2170	
	RURAL ARTERIALS		4214	6531	6442	5999	7587	
	LOCAL ROADS		7211	10663	10258	8320	10779	
	LOCAL INCORPORATED		<i>Information not kept by Department of Transport & Works.</i>					

			<i>Available from appropriate councils or associations</i>					
	ABORIGI NAL COMMU NITIES		1373	2154	2564	2213	2101	

Note: (1) Expenditure details have not been kept identifying source of funds by road category. Unable to provide break-up.

- (2) Unlike Capital Works projects, detailed information is lacking particularly for urgent/unforeseen and corrective maintenance.
- (3) From 1993/94 expenditure details only available source of funding eg Commonwealth shown against National Highways, NT against Local Roads.
- (4) Local Roads include the balance of roads, excluding "Local Incorporated" roads, for which the NT is responsible.
- (5) Aboriginal Communities expenditure funded from NT sources. All expenditure eligible for assessment under Aboriginal Community Service category of Commonwealth Grants Commission
- (6) Aboriginal Communities - 1992/93 (transition year) onwards. Commonwealth Local Roads funding provided direct to Aboriginal Communities (through NT Local Government Grants Commission)
- (7) Figures are on ground costs only and exclude overheads

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EXPENDITURE BY ROAD CATEGORY

			1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93
			(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
	NATI ONA L HIGH WAY S							
		Repairs & Maintenance	9263	9090	9593	9961	7708	
		Capital Works	18532	16249	14367	21865	21798	
	Total Natio nal High ways		27795	25339	23960	31826	29506	
	URB AN ART ERIA L ROA DS							
		Repairs & Maintenance	1510	1326	1734	1663	2170	
		Capital Works	4463	4038	1388	814	815	
	Total Urba n Arter ial Road s		5973	5364	3122	2477	2985	

	RUR AL ART ERIA L ROA DS							
		Repairs & Maintenance	4214	6531	6442	5999	7587	
		Capital Works	843	4804	6981	5516	1440	
	Total Rura l Arter ial Road s		5057	11335	13423	11515	9027	
	LOC AL (INC ORP ORA TED)		<i>Informati on not kept by Departme nt of Transport and Works. Available from appropria te councils or associatio ns</i>					
	LOC AL (UNI NCO RPO							

	RATED)							
		Repairs & Maintenance	7211	10663	10258	8320	10779	
		Capital Works	8923	12291	15285	7944	8067	
	Total Local (Unincorporated)		16134	22954	25543	16264	18846	
	ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES							
		Repairs & Maintenance	1373	2154	2564	2213	2101	
		Capital Works	809	1430	1440	1498	1017	
	Total Aboriginal Communities		2182	3584	4004	3711	3118	
	TOTAL FINANCIAL YEAR		57141	68576	70052	65793	63482	

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- (2) Information available by road category/type of work/financial year until 1992/93.
- (3) 1993/94 onwards information provided between National Highways and Northern Territory Funded Roads (shown as Local)
- (4) Local Roads category include the balance of roads, excluding incorporated local roads, for which the Northern Territory is responsible for.
- (5) Aboriginal Communities - 1992/93 (transition year) onwards funding provided direct to Aboriginal Communities
- (6) Figures are on ground costs only and exclude overheads