

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Giles to Minister for Indigenous Development.

Outstations, funding and housing

- 1. Please provide a current list of all Indigenous Communities in the Northern Territory according to their English and Aboriginal names and their geographical location. Please include details of the funding classification of each of these whether they are classed as a Town Camp/Growth Town/Community/Small Community/Outstation (Funded)/Outstation (Unfunded).**

Attachment A contains a list and classification of all Aboriginal communities registered in the Northern Territory. The list also contains communities by alternate name and their geographical location.

A list of funded outstations, homelands and urban living areas is provided in the answer for Question 2.

- 2. Please provide a list of all funded Outstations/Homelands and the services that are currently provided at each of these and who is the funded organisation and whether they are in administration or not.**

Details of Outstations and Homelands funded for municipal and essential services are provided in Attachment B.

Details of Outstations and Homelands funded for Housing and Management programs are provided in Attachment C.

In December 2010 a specialist administrator was appointed under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* to administer the Ramingining Homelands Resource Aboriginal Corporation.

In December 2011 the Governance Committee of the Laynhapuy Homelands Association agreed that the Laynhapuy Homelands Association (incorporated under the Northern Territory *Associations Act*) should accept the appointment of a statutory manager and take steps to come under the legislative requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*.

That recommendation has yet to be endorsed (as required) by a special general meeting of the Association, planned for January 2012.

3. **Also please provide the name, year of construction if known and assessed value of every accommodation dwelling in every Indigenous community and whether they are tenanted or not and by which agency or Territory Housing.**

The details regarding the year of construction and assessed value of every accommodation dwelling in homelands is largely unknown. The dwellings have been built over many years by various organisations and agencies with funding from various sources.

There is no assessed value for every dwelling on every Homeland or Outstation, with the valuation of dwellings complicated due to the land tenure issues and lack of an established housing market.

The dwellings are not assets of the Northern Territory Government and in most cases not the assets of the service provider. A consequence of this legal situation is the absence of normal tenancy management arrangements and detailed records of tenancy.

4. **In regard to outstations/homelands please detail –**

- (a) **number of houses in each outstation;**
- (b) **whether they are occupied or not;**
- (c) **whether they are occupied more than 8 months or not;**
- (d) **what funding level is provided for each of these outstations/homelands house/dwelling and to which agency/body for administration; and**
- (e) **by way of a breakdown by location which of these dwellings are houses and the size of these houses and which are lean-tos or metal sheds.**

Attachment D provides the occupancy status for each outstation/homeland.

Attachment E (Housing Management and Maintenance Report 2010-11) (provides a breakdown of the number of houses in each outstation, the funding level provided for each community dwelling and the service provider for the homelands funded under the Housing Management and Maintenance Program. This report also categorises dwellings as improvised dwellings, 1-2 bedroom houses and 3-5 bedroom houses.