

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 13 June 2019

Subject: Local Government Entity Grant Reductions

From: Leader of the Opposition, Mr Gary Higgins MLA

To: Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development,
the Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA

Agency: Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Number: 5-14

Question: Can I get a list of how much each local government entity will be cutting in grants from the Northern Territory Government through the three per cent grant efficiency dividend, noting that that work has not been completed, but if we could be provided with data when it is complete.

Answer: NT Operational Subsidy 2019-20

The operational subsidy has not been finalised at the time of writing.

With respect to the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy funding allocations to individual councils for 2019-20, the population figures are derived from the Northern Territory Grants Commission Financial Assistance Grants general purpose methodology. Formal advice is yet to be received from the Australian Government as to the population count used for the general purpose funding to the Northern Territory.

Once known, the Department is able to calibrate the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Estimated Resident Population for each council. This is usually received from the Australian Government by mid-July, along with the final allocation amounts. Therefore the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy allocations cannot be finalised until mid-July.

Local Authority Project Funding 2019-20

	2019-20 Grant
Barkly	460 880
Central Desert	545 920
East Arnhem	1 249 260
MacDonnell	571 710
Roper Gulf	829 620
Tiwi Islands	359 880
Victoria Daly	336 220
West Arnhem	630 170
West Daly	468 340
Total	5 452 000

Indigenous Jobs Development Funding

	2019-20 Grant
Barkly	968 000
Belyuen	39 000
Central Desert	679 000
East Arnhem	1 228 000
MacDonnell	1 335 000
Roper Gulf	1 601 000
Tiwi Islands	571 000
Victoria Daly	727 000
West Arnhem	760 000
West Daly	592 000
Total	\$8 500 000