

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Mr Bill Yan

To: Hon Natasha Fyles MLA

Portfolio: Minister for Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: Funding for drug and alcohol abuse issues in remote communities

QUESTION:

What funds are being provided to communities to tackle the issue of drug and alcohol abuse in remote communities?

ANSWER:

The Northern Territory Government takes a multifaceted approach to tackling AOD matters. Therefore the true level of investment in this area is difficult to quantify.

NTG provides funding to a number of AOD services that service remote communities.

However, total funding for Alcohol Action Initiatives (AAI) across 2016-2021 can be provided and is as follows:

| Region | Number of AAI Projects | Investment to date (\$) | Average per project (\$) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Katherine | 139 | \$4,334,800 | \$31,886 |
| Tiwi Islands | 36 | \$1,147,919 | \$31,886 |
| Arnhem | 43 | \$1,178,240 | \$27,400 |
| Central | 46 | \$1,697,041 | \$36,892 |
| Top End/Daly | 49 | \$1,217,000 | \$24,836 |
| Barkly | 53 | \$1,765,000 | \$33,301 |
| Territory-wide | 7 | \$643,000 | \$91,857 |
| TOTAL | 373 | \$11,983,000 | \$278,058 |