

## Estimates Committee 2003 Questions Taken On Notice

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**Question:**

PREAMBLE

Budget Paper #3 of 2002-03 page 190 had an allocation of \$11m to construct, upgrade or replace Government Employee Housing in all regions, including 20 houses specifically for teachers in remote locations. In response to a question put to The Minister last year, The Minister said that, "The 2002-03 commitment to upgrading teacher housing is estimated at \$0.45m and will see in the order of 55 dwellings upgraded to current standards for security, fencing, carport, sheds and replacement of substandard fixtures and fittings".

The Minister further said that, "Housing Business Services has also initiated a replacement program whereby dwellings which are beyond economical repair and the old one bedroom units are replaced by new two or three bedroom dwellings. The 2002-03 commitment to this program is for 13 new teacher dwellings across the NT at an estimated cost of \$2.2m.

There is no mention of the success or otherwise of the program and no mention of it in Budget Paper #3 of 2003-04.

QUESTION

Where were the 20 houses built and are they now occupied and by which professionals? How does this reconcile with the budgeted 33 new dwellings listed on Page 191 of 2002-03 Budget Book #3, to be constructed in remote localities for 2002-03? What is the status of this project?

**Answer:**

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Answer: For 2002/03 forty-six (46) dwellings were identified for government employee housing construction in remote communities for all agencies across government.

Thirty-four (34) dwellings were completed costing approximately \$4.7M and the remainder is works in progress. The type of accommodation completed varies between two bedroom transportable homes, two bedroom duplex and three bedroom house.

Of the 34 dwellings constructed, 25 dwellings (\$3.5M) are for teacher housing which equates to 73% of the dwellings completed. The balance

were for Health and Community Services and for Batchelor College.

The 25 dwellings built for teachers are in the locations presented below:

Alice Springs  
Yuendumu 1  
Finke 1  
Hermannsburg 6  
Yuelamu 1  
Papunya 2  
Utopia 2

Barkly  
Alpurulum 1  
Kiana 1

East Arnhem  
Yirrkala 3  
Galiwinku 5

Darwin  
Wooliana 1  
Dundee Beach 1

TOTAL: 25