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From:Mr Willem Westra van Holthe to Hon Malarndirri McCarthy

Local Government and Regional Services

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are? How much do you owe the shires? How much are you in arrears at the

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Answer:

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Rate payments to Shire Councils

From:

Mr Westra van Holthe MLA To: Hon Malarndirri McCarthy MLA

Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

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Question:

Could you please advise to what quantum arrears payments to the shires are?

How much do you owe the shires? How much are you in arrears at the end of

31 May?

Answer:

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (Department) operates in accordance with Northern Territory Government's (NTG) 30 day payment policy and considers an amount to be in arrears where payment falls outside the 30 day payment term.

As at 31 May 2012 there were:

- no arrears for housing maintenance service agreements;
- \$2.9 million owing to shire councils under the housing maintenance service agreements. This was subsequently paid during June, within normal trading terms; and
- no arrears on rates notices relating to the 2011-12 financial year.

There was \$141,642 in arrears included on rates notices by one shire council, which relates to previous financial year rates notices. This amount comprises:

- \$129,332 relating to 2008-09 undeclared second garbage collection charges and accrued interest which the department has disputed; and
- \$12,310 relating to prior year charges which the department has sought further clarification from the shire council.

The Department is currently working with the council to resolve these matters.