

Estimates Committee 2007 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Commonwealth Funding for Roads on Aboriginal Lands and Pastoral Leases

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Mr Elliot McAdam
Minister for Local Government

Question: **9-1**
What is the status of attracting Commonwealth funding in relation to roads on Aboriginal lands and on pastoral leases?

Answer:
Answered On: 27/06/2007
Answer: Commonwealth funding is provided to local government bodies (LGB) for roads managed by local governing bodies.

If the Northern Territory Grants Commission recognises a road as a responsibility of a specific LGB, regardless of whether that road lies within a pastoral property, mining or exploration lease the LGB is responsible for maintaining the road. Type of tenure of the land is not a pre-requisite to negotiating funding under grants commission arrangements.

In terms of seeking additional funds for local roads in the Northern Territory, there are two initiatives under way. Firstly minister McAdam has written to the Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads seeking a one-off payment of \$10m. Secondly, a joint submission is being prepared by the Northern Territory Government and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory to the Australian Government requesting additional recurrent funding for local roads.

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