

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins for the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development:

Remote Housing

1. How many houses in how many remote communities do you expect to deliver in the next year (1 July 2019-30 June 2020)?
2. In BP3, p143 the proportion of Aboriginal people employed to deliver housing works and services is 40%. How many people does that equate to and what was the spread across the communities?
3. How did “local decision making” work in the delivery of housing in remote communities? Please provide a specific example.
4. Please advise if the delay in coming to an agreement with the Commonwealth over remote housing funding adversely affected the remote housing program and how?
5. Last year there were plans to deliver 450 new blocks of serviced land “over the new 18 to 24 months” – what is the status of that? How many serviced blocks have been turned out, at what cost and where?
6. Of the new serviced blocks - how many have been built on? How many have building works underway on them?
7. Why has Boundless Possible fence wrap been used around remote community housing projects?
8. How many projects have been wrapped and how much has it cost to wrap the projects in Boundless Possible fence wrap?

9. How much of the Remote Housing Investment Program allocation from last Budget have you spent? Please provide the figures broken down by package elements – for example, how much of the allocation for Government Employee Housing have you spent?
10. What evaluation measures have you put in place to ensure the remote housing stimulus packages have helped stimulate the local economy? When will your evaluation be completed and will you release it?
11. Last year there was \$41.4 million revoted for cyclone rectification works to remote Indigenous housing in Galiwinku (WQ290) damaged during cyclones Nathan (Mar 2015) and Lam (Feb 2015). The revote for the dwellings is now \$15m. How many dwellings at Galiwinku have been constructed and at what cost? Who were the contractors involved and how many local Indigenous people were employed? How much are the transitional accommodation pods costing?