

Question No: 148

Question: Agreements between Aboriginal Communities and Power and Water Authority

Date: 11/08/92

Member: Mr BELL

To: MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. In which Aboriginal communities have councils made agreements with the Power and Water Authority to read meters and present bills.
2. In Aboriginal communities where such agreements have not been made, were bills prepared and presented to individual consumers for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 March 1992.
3. Were bills prepared and presented to individual consumers for the period from 1 April 1992 to 30 June 1992.
4. Was legal advice obtained by the minister about the enforceability of agreements where signatories were unaware of amounts they had promised to pay; if so, what was this legal advice.

ANSWER

1. Alice Springs -

Aputula; Areyonga; Haasts Bluff; Imanpa; Pmara Jutunta Social Club Inc and Wallace Rockhole.

Darwin -

Gapuwiyak; Gunbalanya; Kardu Numida; Milikapiti; Nauiyu Nambiyu; Nganmariyanga; Nguiu; Numbulwar; Peppimenarti; Ramingining; Umbakumba and Warruwi.

Katherine -

Barunga-Wugularr (covers Barunga and Eva Valley); Daguragu (covers Daguragu, Kalkaringi and Pigeon Hole); Gulin Gulin-Weemol (covers Bulman and Weemol).

2. Letters were prepared and posted to community councils. It is not known how many letters reached individual consumers.
3. Yes. Presentations were carried out in August 1992.
4. No.