

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Education:

**Funding for Remote Schools**

1. The school budgets for my region show that most schools have a budget in 2021 that is similar to or less than the school budgets of 2015.
  - a) Given that populations have increased over time, why are schools not seeing greater education budgets?
  - b) Why do schools in large communities, such as Gapuwiyak, Maningrida, Shepherdson College all have significantly less in their budgets?
2. Budget Paper 3, in the 2016/17 financial year estimated that the overall 2015/2016 Education expenditure would be \$931 685 000. This year there is a projected budget of \$1 184 774 000.

That's an increase of approximately \$250 million since the 2015/16 budget – but none of it has come to remote schools. Please provide a detailed and itemised explanation of which areas of the Education budget have increased to the combined total of \$250 million?

3. The current budget outlines staffing at 4364 FTE, this is an increase from 4131 in the 2015/16 budget. Please advise what these 300 positions that have been created are, as well as the breakdown of staff for the entire 4364 positions including how many of these positions are school based, and how many are corporate positions, and what type of positions these are?