

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
Questions Taken on Notice

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Agency: Power and Water Corporation

Subject: Solar setup program

QUESTION

As part of the set-up program, what communities were part of tranche one, and how much of the \$59m was spent in tranche one? What are the projected costs of the 15 communities for trench two?

ANSWER

The Solar Energy Transformation Project (SETuP) is a \$59 million program, funded through a \$27.5 million loan from the Northern Territory Government to Power and Water Corporation and a \$31.5 million grant from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

The following table shows the communities in tranche one and tranche two of the SETuP program:

SETuP – Tranche One Communities	SETuP – Tranche Two Communities
Maningrida	Galiwinku (Elcho)
Ramingining	Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)
Yuendumu	Wurruyiyanga (Nguiu / Bathurst Isl)
Arlparra	Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)
Lajamanu	Milingimbi
Kintore	Ngukurr
Nyirripi	Minyerri (Hodgson Downs)
Areyonga	Atitjere (Harts Range)
Kaltukatjara (Docker River)	Titjikala (Maryvale)
Mt Liebig (Amunturangu)	Warruwi (Goulburn)
	Apatula (Finke)
<i>plus</i> Nauiyu (Daly River)	Bulman
	Milyakburra (Bickerton)
	Minjilang (Croker)

The following tables shows the cost breakdown of the program:

Tranche One	\$15.4 million
Tranche Two	\$35.5 million
Daly River	\$6.6 million
Project design, establishment and overhead costs	\$1.5 million
Total	\$59.0 million

Note: The higher costs for the Tranche Two communities reflects the need to construct the infrastructure to withstand the environmental conditions associated with greater cyclone and lightning exposure.