

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Community Services:

Remote Engagement, Coordination and Language Services

1. Please provide a list of all current members of local reference groups for each of the Northern Territory's Remote Service Delivery Local Implementation Plans.
2. Please provide details of all meetings of local reference groups established to support the development and implementation of local implementation plans agreed under the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement for 2012/13 and 2013/14 detailing date of meetings, location of meetings, the people present at each meeting and the key issue discussed at each meeting.
3. Please provide details of all travel by the current Minister for Community Services to Northern Territory towns included in the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement to discuss progress with local implementation plans, including date of travel, mode of travel, time spent in each community on each trip, the names of other government Minister's participating in the meeting and the key issues discussed on each visit.
4. Please provide details of any amendments or changes to the implementation plans under the Northern Territory Stronger Futures National Partnership Agreement in 2013/14, including change to activities and funding arrangements included within the implementation plans.
5. Please provide:
 - a) A comparative analysis for both 2012/13 and 2013/14, by location, of staff employed by the Department of Community Services to provide Aboriginal Language Services.
 - b) A list of all Aboriginal languages that the Department of Community Services can provide Aboriginal language services for, by location and the level of accreditation of available interpreters and translators.
 - c) A breakdown of language services provided by the Department of Community Services in 2013/14 by functional area eg health, justice, community engagement and any other work categories used by the Department.
 - d) Details of all training provided in 2013/14 to enhance the skill level and workforce development of Aboriginal interpreters and translators employed by the Department including location, period and number of staff benefitting from training opportunities.
 - e) Details of any changes between 2012/13 and 2013/14, and proposed for 2014/15, to fee structures for the use of Aboriginal language services provided by the Department of Community Services.

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