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Portfolio: Youth, Seniors and Equality

Agency: Department of People, Sport and Culture

Subject: Progress on Regional Youth Action Plans

QUESTION:

Can you provide an update on the progress of each regional action plan in the reporting period, what actions were completed, and funding allocated?

ANSWER:

Progress:

The Northern Territory Government has adopted a new planning model for regional youth engagement, transitioning from static multi-year Regional Youth Action Plans to more responsive, regionally owned annual working plans. This new model, currently being planned for, enables more agile, co-designed planning with young people and service partners, allowing actions to be adjusted in real time and aligned with available funding and regional priorities.

Under the previous format, many Regional Youth Action Plans struggled with delivery and evaluation due to limited resourcing and rigid timelines. This prompted a strategic redesign, aligned with the NT Youth Strategy 2023–2033 and the NT Youth Strategy Action Plan 2024-2027.

Funding:

The Regional Youth Services Program is place-based to ensure the different needs of each region can be addressed through local decision-making processes supporting program delivery including grant funding.

Description	2025-26 Budget \$000
Youth Services – Katherine	669
Youth Services – Alice Springs	2 847
Youth Services – East Arnhem	618
Youth Services – Tennant Creek	696
Youth Services – Darwin	2 464
Youth Services – Palmerston	2 064
Total	9 358