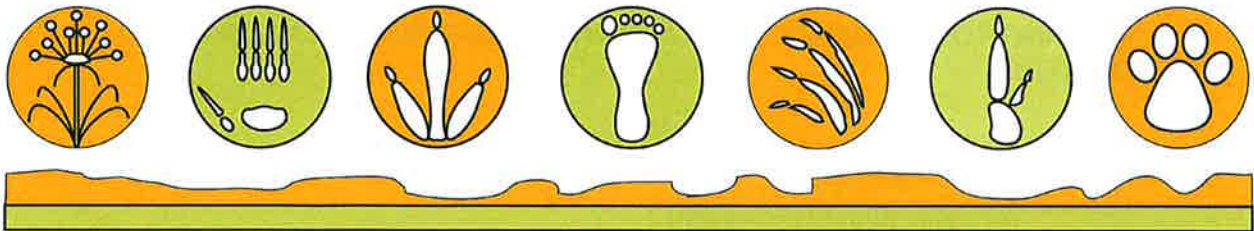


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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AGENDA

ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2018

The Alpurrrulam Local Authority will be held in Alpurrrulam on Wednesday, 4 April 2018 at 11:00am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

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MEETING TO COMMENCE WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

1 OPENING & ATTENDANCE

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Nil

6 CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

7 BRC'S REPSONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

14 BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

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Nil

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Nil

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 243018
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Alpururulam Local Authority Meeting held on 14 March 2018

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Alpururulam LA - Unconfirmed minutes - 14.03.2018.pdf



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MINUTES

ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018

The Alpururulam Local Authority was held in Alpururulam on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 12:00 with Cameron Long as chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Gordon Long
- Clarence Campbell
- Cameron Long (Chair)
- Meredith Morton
- Doreen Kelly
- Garry Koppes
- Mayor Steven Edgington

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

- Donna Carter (Community Care Co-Ordinator)
- Mark Parsons (Director of Operations)
- Troy Koch (Area Manger)
- Michelle Heinen (Senior Customer Service Officer – Minute Taker)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

NIL

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Valerie Campbell
- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Alpururulam Local Authority meeting.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Alpururulam Local Authority Meeting held on 14 February 2018

Moved: LA Member C Campbell

Seconded: LA Member D Kelly

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 7/18

3. **ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.1 ACTION LIST FROM 14 NOVEMBER 2017**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and Note the action list
- b) Note all actions completed since last meeting

Moved: LA Member C Long**Seconded: LA Member D Kelly****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 8/18***4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****4.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT FOR ALPURRURULAM****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note Alpururulam Area Manager report.

Moved: LA Member G Long**Seconded: LA Member G Koppes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 9/18***5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN***Nil***6. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA***Nil***7. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED***Nil***8. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA***Nil***9. LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT***Nil***10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR***Nil***11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS***Nil***12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

Nil

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

14. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member C Campbell

Seconded: LA Member G Koppes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 10/18

15.2 LETTER FROM THE ACTING CHIEF MINISTER

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member D Kelly

Seconded: LA Member C Campbell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 11/18

- Troy presented the Community Induction booklet & this will be rolled out in all communities. Positive feedback was given.
- Peter Morgan presented a letter from the University of Queensland requesting to come to the community to talk about the effects of Opal Fuel in the community – All were happy for them to attend.

15.3 NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

- b) Confirm the date of the next Alpururulam Local Authority as the second Wednesday of every month

Moved: LA Member C Long

Seconded: LA Member M Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 12/18

15.4 PURCHASE PORTABLE TOILET

MOTION

The Authority

- a) Allocate funds towards purchasing 2 trailers and portable toilets for the cost of \$22,033.

Moved: LA Member C Long

Seconded: LA Member G Long

Resolved 13/18

16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Alpururulam Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 14 March 2018 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 11 April 2018.

Cameron Long
Chair

Troy Koch
Area Manager

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Alpururulam Local Authority Action Item List
REFERENCE 243074
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm and remove all completed actions from the list

SUMMARY:


BACKGROUND


ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Alpururulam Local Authority Action List.pdf

<div>  ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY ONGOING ACTION LIST </div>						Updated after 14 March 2018 Meeting
MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS	
1 26.11.15	LA Authority request research undertaken for the viability of repairing public toilets or alternatively purchasing portable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Recommendations to Council for purchase of portable toilets. Research cost of buying portable toilets for the LA to use at community activities. 	LA	Area Manager	Status update to be given to the LA on May 5 2016 on cost of repair vs portable toilets and servicing them. Photo's of portable toilets were presented to LA by Area Manager with rough costing. Pricing for 2 separate portable toilets required. LA did not want them on the same trailer. Purchase Portable Toilet Moved: Cameron Long Second: Gordon Long	
2 14.11.17	LA Authority request roles of visitors to Alpururulam be followed up by AM and Chairman			Area Manager	Attachments placed in LA Members' folders. Area Manager to write letter to all service providers (sign in letter) contractors/ outside visitors	
3 14.11.17	LA request quotes for toilets/ kitchen to be built at the Shiny Shed (Lot 64) Youth Sport and Recreation Building	AM, Maxie Ray, Gordon Long Reggie Nelson and Janjani JHA to consult on design	LA	Area Manager	PENDING Work will commence by next meeting	
4 14.11.17	LA requests a quote to insulate the Shiny Shed on Lot 64.	Contact Insulation companies and obtain quote as part of the work on the upgrade tot eh Shiny Shed.	LA	Area Manager	PENDING Funding Allocated Painting will start a week after easter	

<div>  BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL </div> <div> ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY ONGOING ACTION LIST </div> <div> Updated after 14 March 2018 Meeting </div>				
5	14.02.18	Police Support in Alpururulam	Mayor to follow up on lack of Police Resources in Alpururulam	Mayor
6	14.02.18	Community Footy Team Jumpers	Quotes to be obtained for Jumpers, Shorts & Socks	Area Manager
7	14.02.18	Airport Plaque	Further investigation into the legislation of upgrading the plaque with Governance	Area Manager
8	14.02.18	Sorry Business	Further discussion is required with Community Elders in regards to a better way of requesting sorry days as its affecting service delivery.	LA Members
9.	14.03.2018	Roads repair	April road repairs will commence around community.	
10	14.03.2018	Truck Dates	Michelle to provide Truck dates to Mark Parsons to ensure that the LA Meeting don't clash with Truck deliveries	Michelle Heinen

AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Alpururulam Area Managers Report
REFERENCE 242989
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Area Manager Report.pdf

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**AREA MANAGER REPORT – Alpururulam****Month – March 2018****VISITORS TO ALPURRURULAM:**

- CLC held meeting
- George Peckham BRC (night patrol)
- Health (Doctor)
- Mark Parsons (Director of Operations).
- Steve Edgington (Mayor)

GENERAL:

- The Service Delivery Centre is doing a good job delivering the Postal and Centrelink services again with only one staff member present for most of the month.
- The Aged Care Team Leader continues to do a good job as does her team. The new employee has started and at present has a poor attendance record which may result in her being replaced.
- Our ESO is meeting all PAWA contractual requirements and has completed quarterly power and water billing reads.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Getting a quorum for the LA for 2 consecutive months.
- Having 5 Municipal Workers has made a significant difference in the works around the community.

Barkly Regional Council – Area Manager Report March 2018

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ISSUES:

Citrix is working well with no outages although it still slows down at times, but generally speaking it is as good as it has ever been.

Having no permanent Police presence is a huge issue that remains an ongoing issue.

LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING

LA Funding total		\$ 180,389.93		
Acquittal date funding		Project	Resolution No in LA Minutes/Date	Endorsed by Council Resolution No/Date
Committed not expended (list projects and amounts) Must be minuted	\$			
Completed Projects (list projects and amounts)	\$			
Total Funding unexpended	\$ 180,389.93			



CORE BUSINESS and PROGRAMS (n/a if Program not run in community) As much detail as is necessary for the Directors – this section does not go to Council unless the Director decides something should

ADMINISTRATION	AM 63 Hours Staff 239.6 hours (64.4LWOP) only one staff member this month covering post office, Centrelink AM covering all other duties.
DEPOT	AM 40 Hours Staffing 503.5 hours (6 A/L, 22.5 Sorry Day, 30 LWOP, 8 Personal)Slashing, cutting around the community is continuing as well as normal Municipal Services.
ESSENTIAL SERVICES	AM 15 Hours plus 96 hrs on call Staffing 114 total hours Dave continues to meet PAWA requirements
SPORT & REC	AM 10 Hours Staffing 201.5 total hours
AGED CARE	AM 3 Hours Staffing 352.5 hours (21.5 LWOP) Aged care is performing well with probably the best attendance this month..
NIGHT PATROL	AM 10 Hours Staffing 150 hours. The Night Patrol service this month has been good with one staff member resigning leaving us with 2 Night Patrollers.
AREA MANAGERS TRAVEL	AM 3 Days in Tennant Creek 1120km
HOMELANDS	N/A
SAFE HOUSE	N/A
WATERPARK	N/A
LIBRARY	N/A
PLAY GROUP	N/A

OTHER

We have had some rain in the region and travel is day by day basis.

LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Alpururulam Finance Report
REFERENCE 242970
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Alpururulam Local Authority Finance Report

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 LA Financials Alpururulam.pdf

Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405 Alpururulam

VISION: The Bakkly is a strong and vibrant Shrine that values and respects its cultural diversity

INCOME

Operating

Grants Received

INCOME TOTAL

Approved
Minutes

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended

Apr-16 Remedial Roadworks
Dec-17 Shiney Shed Refurbishment

LA Funding Committed

Dec-17 Shiney Shed Refurbishment
Feb-18 Animal Management Activities
Mar-18 Portable Toilet Trailers

Expenditure Date

May-16

PO Raised: 14-02-2018

PO Raised: 14-02-2018

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures				
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Total
261,708.73	58,086.73	67,751.00	67,751.00	68,120.00	261,708.73
261,708.73	58,086.73	67,751.00	67,751.00	68,120.00	261,708.73
13,198.80	13,198.80				13,198.80
	22,734.09				22,734.09
180,393.00	22,153.84	67,751.00	90,488.16		180,393.00
20,000.00				\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
22,033.00				22,033.00	\$ 22,033.00
235,624.80	58,086.73	67,751.00	90,488.16	42,033.00	258,358.89
26,083.93	0.00	0.00	-22,737.16	26,087.00	\$3,349.84

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE 243000
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

This Month has been all about Local Authority Meetings with me being in attendance at all of them. This has been the first Month that I have been in control of doing all the Local Authority Agendas. This has proved to be a quick learning curve for my Admin Assistant and myself but now we have done it once each month should get easier.

All Communities are still tracking well and the concentration this month is on getting action items completed so we can clean up the action lists.

Whilst travelling to all the Local Authority meetings I am making time to work with the Area Managers over anything that they may be having issues with.

Alparra

Staff meeting are occurring every Monday at 10am, where possible, with Barkly Regional Council and Urupuntja Aboriginal Corporation staff. Weekly movements and activities are discussed including WH&S Issues. Working together is the way forward. All other services are tracking well except for the municipal team which we are in the middle of recruiting new staff.

Ampilatwatja

We are working with CDP on a joint project. We are building a shelter for the older woman of the community to use.

We have also been gifted a Tyre changing and wheel balance machine by My Pathways. Their will be some training done around the use of this machine which two of our staff will be involved in.

Wutunugurra

Still had some staff shortages early this month due to Ceremony.

We have a new CDP supervisor on Community and he has started some new projects with the participants including a BMX track.

Alpurrurulam

We have employed two new Municipal staff this last month and we have also started recruiting for a new works supervisor. We have had the whole inside of the service center painted and it has made a bright change to our surroundings. We have had our grader returned from Tennant Creek so we will be upgrading our fire breaks as soon as weather permits.

Elliot

We have a stand in Area Manager for the next month in Elliot. All staff are working well and all our contracts are being fulfilled.

Ali Curung

Mediation training is ongoing in Ali Curung at the moment.

We are recruiting for a new Sport and Rec Officer and a new ESO at the moment.

Local Authority have agreed to a \$15000.00 input into the animal management program.

I am still only new to my position after only three months in the job, but we seem to be getting good outcomes throughout the communities and the Area Managers seem to be getting comfortable in having the extra support that I can offer.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.2
TITLE Letter from the Acting Chief Minister
REFERENCE 243019
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Letter to Chief Minister 15 February 2018 - 2.pdf
- 2 Acting Chief minister to Mayor Edgington 128.02.2018 .pdf



15 February 2018

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister,

I am writing to you to seek your feedback in regard to concerns raised by community members throughout the Barkly region.

Before I discuss the latest concerns I would like to express our Council's disappointment in your office for failing to respond or advising of any unexpected delay in responding to letters written to you on 29 November 2017 and 21 December 2017.

During a recent visit to the Alpururulam Community I was advised there are now no police officers based in the community and there is a shortage of staff at the health clinic.

The importance of police being permanently based in Alpururulam to holistically approach and address issues in partnership with the community relating to domestic and family violence; alcohol / substance abuse and related offences; and road safety cannot be underestimated. Residents at Alpururulam have expressed their concern about high levels of domestic violence and the amount of alcohol being brought into the community and fear this will only increase if there is not a permanent police presence. I am advised it is common knowledge that people across the region, including Tennant Creek use the Sandover Highway to travel to Queensland to purchase alcohol due to the Banned Drinker Register and Police being positioned outside licensed premises in the Northern Territory.

The other matter raised by residents in Alpururulam relates to staffing of the Health Clinic. I was advised by residents that there are 3 positions at the Clinic but one of those has remained vacant for approximately 3 months.

Our Council also notes that the Barkly Work Camp is currently overcrowded and queries whether your government has any plans to increase the capacity of the facility here in Tennant Creek.

This morning a concerned resident from Tennant Creek approached my office advising that she attempted to lodge a complaint with the Department of Housing and Community Development at the local office but was advised that she would need to ring a 1800 number in Darwin to report the matter.

Can you please provide a response to the above concerns and to the following questions:

1. When can our Council expect to receive a response from your office to the letters dated 29 November 2017 and 21 December 2018?

41 Peko Road P.O Box 821, Tennant Creek NT 0861

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2. What is the gazetted number of police positions for the Alpururulam Community?
3. Are there any police officers permanently based in the Alpururulam Community? If not, why not? If so, how many?
4. Is there a Community Safety Action Plan being actively implemented in Alpururulam? If not, why not? If so, how often has the Community Safety Committee met over the last 18 months and what outcomes have been achieved?
5. Are there any plans in place to recruit or employ an Aboriginal Community Police Officer at Alpururulam?
6. How many full-time positions are there attached to the Alpururulam Health Clinic?
7. Are there any vacancies at the Alpururulam Health Clinic? If so, how many and is there a plan in place to recruit to the positions?
8. Are residents from this region able to lodge a complaint about public housing tenancy matters over the counter at the Department of Housing and Community Development here in Tennant Creek? If not, why not?
9. Does the Department of Housing and Community Development have a position / person based in Tennant Creek responsible for the investigation of complaints? If not, why not?
10. Does your government have any plans to permanently employ a team of Public Housing Safety Officers here in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, when will this be put into place?
11. Does your government have any plans to increase the size and capacity of the Barkly Work Camp here in Tennant Creek? If so, what are the plans, timeframes and what capacity will the work camp be expanded to?

Thank-you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Edgington
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council

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Mr Steven Edgington
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
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TENNANT CREEK NT 0861

Via Email: steven.edgington@barkly.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor *Steve,*

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2017 outlining the recent achievements of the Barkly Regional Council. I commend your Council on its leadership. Your letter also sought responses to a number of questions related specifically to Tennant Creek and the Barkly district.

Please find a detailed response to your questions at Attachment A. If you seek further clarification to specific responses, please contact Mr Martin Plumb, Regional Director, Department of the Chief Minister on telephone (08) 8962 4434.

Yours sincerely

NICOLE MANISON

28 FEB 2018



**Question 1**

When will the residents of Alpururulam, Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara become part of the national telecommunications network and be able to access mobile phone and fixed broadband services?

The communities Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara were all considered for the NTG/Telstra Co-investment program but unfortunately were unsuccessful in the analysis using the criteria for the Co-investment program. Alpururulam is still under consideration.

Future programs would consider small communities (populations around 100-200 people). These communities are generally very isolated with high cost to deliver services (around \$5 million each).

Imangara has a Centre for Appropriate Technology mobile phone hotspot installed under a grant provided by the NTG; residents can use this hotspot for mobile phone services.

Please contact Kate Lassan from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet directly on telephone (02) 6152 3783 for a response to this question in relation to other possible Federal funding for remote communities.

Question 2

Residents at Alpururulam advise they were promised a new morgue quite some time ago. When will the new morgue be constructed and available for use?

- Design documentation and planning approval for the construction of a new morgue facility at Alpururulam was completed to enable the project documentation to be prepared for tender in July 2017.
- Prior to tender, however, concerns were raised by community members about the proposed location of the facility.
- On 3 August 2017, a community consultation concerning the location of the morgue was held on site at the health clinic in Alpururulam with the community, Department of Housing and Community Development and all relevant stakeholders. Agreement was obtained that the morgue would be relocated to the adjacent lot forming part of the health clinic lease.
- Due to the change in lots, the Project Manager, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, was required to engage the designer to both reconfigure the design and re-enter the planning phase of the development. Consent to construct and Sacred Site Clearance was subsequently obtained from the Central Land Council at the end of October 2017.
- Procurement of the morgue has commenced and a tender is targeted for late February 2018.
- The Alpururulam morgue is currently expected to be delivered in late May 2018.

Question 3

Residents in Alpururulam advise that new houses being built in the community do not have air-conditioning installed. Given the extreme temperatures often experienced combined with families on low incomes, what is your government's policy regarding installation and maintenance of air-conditioning in public housing?

- It has been the Department's practice in arid regions to provide evaporative air-conditioning to new builds, except where there are water quality issues or the community is water stressed.
- Alpururulam has both water resource capacity and water quality issues related to salinity, iodine and fluoride, being at the limit or above the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The community demand has frequently exceeded the available production rate of 5.0 L/s with all current bores operating. On average the production rate is exceeded more than 40% of the time.

- On 3 August 2017, at the Housing Reference Group meeting at Alpururulam, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics advised members that fans would be installed to new builds and that further advice on air-conditioning would be provided. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics was unable to attend the next Housing Reference Group meeting and it is unclear whether members received the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' update.
- Given the decision not to install evaporative air-conditioning, provision was made during construction for tenants to install refrigerated air-conditioning.
- The Barkly Regional Office has spoken with tenants as they signed up for houses and explained that tenants would be able to install refrigerated air-conditioners to their homes themselves.
- In relation to maintenance of air-conditioning in housing with split system air-conditioners; these are considered to be a tenant "alteration or addition" (where the tenant has installed themselves, they own it not the Department) and these are not supplied nor maintained by the Department.
- For houses with evaporative cooling:
 - it has been the Department's practice to maintain existing evaporative coolers; and
 - if the evaporative cooling is not working, it is replaced/repared as required and then subsequently maintained.

Question 4

What are the land tenure arrangements in both South and North Camps at Elliott?

- Elliott North Camp is located on NT Portion 3720 and 3869 and is Aboriginal freehold land held by the Narwinbi Aboriginal Land Trust.
- Elliott South Camp is located on Lot 62 Town of Elliott and is held under Special Purposes Lease (SPL) 478 which was issued 2 May 1980 (6/8/81) to Wilyugoo Association Incorporated for the purpose of Aboriginal Communal Living.
- In March 2003, Wilyugoo Association Incorporated was dissolved and the lease is now held by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Department of Attorney-General and Justice (AGD), under Section 67 of the Association Act whereby the property of a dissolved incorporated association vests in the Commissioner. The Commissioner has broad powers to deal with the property under s 68 of the Act and accordingly could transfer the SPL to an Aboriginal corporation that was set up by the residents of the Town Camp.

Question 5

Earlier in the year, a house at South Camp was destroyed by fire and has now been demolished. Will your government be replacing this house? If not, why not? If so, when will construction commence?

- In November 2017, House 1 at Elliott South Camp was demolished following extensive damage in a house fire.
- The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Department of Attorney General and Justice (AGD), holds the lease for Elliott South Camp.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development is engaging with AGD regarding options for replacement of House 1.
- The Department has been advised that the former tenant of House 1 has now relocated to Alice Springs.

Question 6

How many dwellings does government have in Elliott, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?

- As at 31 December 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development has 22 government owned dwellings in Elliott. These are all occupied. Three are being utilised for public housing.

Question 7

Has your government had any discussion with the residents of Elliott regarding government taking a long term lease over the Town Camps to enable housing to be brought up to a standard consistent with other remote communities? If so, what has been the outcome of these discussions and what does your government see as the next steps?

- The Northern Territory Government has not held discussions with Elliott residents regarding the transfer of Elliot Town Camp leases.
- Issues relating to town camps are to be addressed in the Northern Territory Town Camps Review, which is currently under consideration by Cabinet.

Question 8

Both the North and South Camps at Elliott are in the process of receiving upgrades and improvements to housing being delivered by Triple P Contracting. What plans does your government have to conduct further improvements to housing and will the Room to Breathe program be delivered in Elliott Town Camps?

The Northern Territory Government made a commitment to invest \$3 million to address housing repairs and maintenance issues in Elliott town camps, a portion of which will be made available to provide additional rooms and/or extensions to address overcrowding in houses at the Elliott Town Camps. Future investment in Town Camps are to be considered as part of the Town Camps Review. The Town Camps in Elliott will continue to receive repairs and maintenance. The Room to Breathe program is targeting the remote communities, not town camps.

Question 9

The Elliott Local Authority advises that it wrote a letter to the Director General of Licensing on 17 May 2017 with the originals posted on 18 May 2017 but to date has not received a reply (Attachment B). Could your government please provide a response to the letter and a copy to my office?

The Director-General is still considering the options and the most appropriate way forward in relation to the community's request.

Question 10

For 2017-2018 your government through the Department of Tourism and Culture provides our council with \$204,000 to deliver services in Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and Elliott. Why is there no funding provided for Wutunugurra and will your government commence funding for this community? If not, why not?

- Funding outcomes are negotiated each year with recipients and under the 2017/18 agreement Barkly Regional Council has allocated its funding to:
 - support the delivery of 6 hours per week of sport and recreation activities in each of the communities mentioned
 - a contribution to the employment of a Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator
 - purchase sporting equipment
 - participation in regional pathway tournaments
 - indirect costs

- Wutunugurra (Epenarra School) received \$10,385 in 2016/17 under the Sport Voucher Scheme, and is eligible as an exempt school under the remote scheme. It has not yet requested funding for 2017/18.

Question 11

How many dwellings does government have in Tennant Creek, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?

- As at 31 December 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development has 211 government owned dwellings in Tennant Creek, including 157 public housing dwellings, of which 18 are currently unoccupied and are programmed for vacate work, maintenance, upgrades and disposal.

Question 12

Are there any dwellings deemed to be beyond economic repair in Tennant Creek? If so, how many and what is being done to replace them?

- There are seven properties assessed as beyond economical repair and all are scheduled for replacement to go back into stock for allocation to waitlist applicants.

Question 13

How many families and individuals are on the Tennant Creek public housing waitlist and what is the average wait time to obtain public housing?

- There are 164 wait list applicants for the township of Tennant Creek. Waiting times are as follows:
 - 1 bedroom - 4-6 years;
 - 2 bedroom - 2-4 years; and
 - 3 bedroom - 4-6 years.

Question 14

When does government expect to auction the latest residential land release in the Peko Road subdivision?

An options paper is currently being drafted for submission to the Minister on the methodology of release of the lots at Peko Road. It is expected that these lots will be made available for purchase prior to the end of this financial year.

Question 15

Is there a 20 + 20 + 20 year lease in place between the NT Government and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to manage the Tennant Creek Town Camps? If so, can you advise which government agency is responsible for managing this lease?

There are eight town camps in Tennant Creek, which are all secured by Crown Leases in Perpetuity. The leases are all owned by Julalikari Housing Incorporated. In 2008 agreement was reached to sublease all eight town camps to the statutory body of the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) for an initial period of 20 years with 20+20 year renewals. The subleases are for the purposes of providing public housing.

Question 16

Under the lease arrangement, has JCAC retained responsibility for any portion of the land within the Town Camp boundaries? If so, what area and what is JCAC's responsibility?

Certain areas of land not required for public housing, or related purposes, have been Underleased to Julalikari Council Aboriginal Council. These areas include community buildings and spaces, child care centres and ceremonial and traditional Aboriginal purpose areas.

Question 17

Which agency is responsible for the delivery of Tenancy and Property Management services for public housing in the Tennant Creek Town Camps and, if the services are being delivered under a contract arrangement, who are the contracted providers?

- The Department of Housing and Community Development is responsible for the delivery of Tenancy and Property Management services for public housing in the Tennant Creek community living areas.
- The Department's contracted providers are:
 - Harvey Developments for property management services (repairs and maintenance); and
 - T&J Contracting deliver tenancy management services.

Question 18

Which agency is responsible for maintaining municipal services including roads, drains, footpaths, street lights/power poles, undergrowth control, grass cutting and rubbish removal in the Tennant Creek Town Camps?

T&J Contractors are funded to deliver municipal services, including slashing, fire breaks, non-domestic rubbish collection and grounds maintenance beyond house fences. Barkly Regional Council undertake domestic rubbish collection. Street lights, power poles, roads and drainage issues are the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Question 19

When will your government remove the substantial amount of soil that has washed onto roads and potentially into drains in Kargaru Camp and other Tennant Creek Town Camps?

- Works to remedy this issue have been carried out. On 29 January 2018 an inspection of the works was undertaken by Acting Regional Manager, Barkly DHCD which confirmed the completion status.

Question 20

When will your government have the next 'business count snapshot' data available on the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) website? Can this data be broken down with Barkly specific information?

Business count data is available on an annual basis based on ABS data. It is released in February each year for the year previous. Data is broken down by region per the attached link.

<https://business.nt.gov.au/business/business-and-economic-data/business-count-infographic-data>

Question 21

Recently, your government reduced the number of staff in your DTBI Tennant Creek office by 50% (6 to 3). What are the reasons for your government choosing to do this?

And

Question 22

Has your government reduced the number of staff in any other government agencies based in the Barkly region? If so, Why?

There has been an increase of 8 staff across NT Government agencies based in the Barkly region. Government has recently made a commitment to a further 3 positions based in the Barkley region, bringing the total increase to 11 staff.

A decision was made to amalgamate the Economic Development Officer and Small Business Champion roles in Tennant Creek based on the amalgamation of the functions into the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation from the Department of the Chief Minister. Two workforce training roles were transitioned to other agencies through standard practices. These roles were legacy from the transition of the Training Centres to the Department of Education from the Department of Business in the previous term of government.

Question 23

I understand a tender was released and awarded to conduct a scoping or feasibility study for a Multi Modal Transport Facility in Tennant Creek? What was the outcome of this?

An interim report has been produced, further works are being progressed on the selection and demand analysis.

Question 24

Will your government be providing funding to support governance training for Local Authorities? If not, why not? If so, when will the funding commence?

- The Northern Territory Government is committed to strengthening local decision making in local government through supporting regional councils to empower local authorities.
- Regional councils are the key to strengthening the capacity and capability of local authorities. The Department's Local Government and Community Development Division has a regional network of regional managers and community development officers who provide governance, support and advice to councils and local authorities.
- Over the last few years, the Department's regional staff have worked closely with regional councils to build the capacity of local authority members and regional council staff who engage with local authorities. This work will continue with elected members and local authorities over this new term of council.
- The Department's regional staff will provide governance training to local authorities through 2018. This training will include information on the key functions of local authorities, roles and responsibilities of local authority members including the responsibility to consult locally, good governance, meeting procedures and conflict of interest.

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Alpurrurulam Local Authority as the second Wednesday of every month

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS: