

Joint Steering Committee to the National Partnership for Remote Housing Northern Territory

Communique – Meeting #8

The Joint Steering Committee held its eighth meeting on Thursday 15 July 2021. Representatives from the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency, Northern Territory (NT) Government Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, NT Government Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Anindilyakwa Land Council and Tiwi Land Council were in attendance.

Australian National Audit Office observers

The meeting was observed by the Australian National Audit Office as part of its in-progress [performance audit on remote housing in the NT](#). The objective of the audit is to assess the effectiveness of the National Indigenous Australians Agency's administration of relevant funding.

Performance Summary

The NT Government tabled a Performance Summary as at 31 May 2021 and advised this will be provided to members on a monthly basis. Members noted the Performance Summary and provided feedback on presentation of data.

The Performance Summary complements quarterly reporting under the [Reporting Framework](#) as at 31 March 2021 provided to members out of session. The Performance Summary provides a break down by Expenditure, Value of Contracts Awarded, Number of Contracts Awarded, Land Servicing, Overcrowding and Program delivery for HomeBuild and Room to Breathe. Reporting on the Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. (OCOFOH) [website](#) has been updated to 31 May 2021.

Capital Works Plan Scheduling

The NT Government tabled revised program forecasting for capital works for discussion by members and advised a draft Annual Capital Works Plan for 2021-22 will be provided out of session. Members agreed to continue to work together on strategies to support program delivery. The NT Government will continue to report against capital works delivered in 2020-21.

Community Engagement Update

Members noted advice from the NT Government on completed and proposed Local Decision Making Community Engagement meetings for OCOFOH capital works and supporting land tenure.

Property and Tenancy Management

Members noted the NT Government's update on Property and Tenancy Management delivery and discussed proposed milestone measures and targets for the 2021 calendar year. Members noted the Australian Government has certified the payment of \$17.5 million to the NT Government for Property and Tenancy Management for the period July to December 2020. The Joint Steering Committee approved the measures for 2020-21 and agreed to develop updated measures and targets for agreement out of session.

Land Council Update on Leasing Applications

Land Council members advised they continue to monitor the status of leasing applications. The Central Land Council tabled an example of reporting for members' information. There were no significant issues raised by NT Government or Land Council members in relation to impacts on housing delivery.

Joint Review of Remote Housing and Leasing Subcommittee

Members noted the National Indigenous Australians Agency is in the process of engaging an expert provider to assist the Subcommittee with the second phase of the Joint Review which focuses on remote housing.

The next meeting was agreed to be held in September 2021.