

Report on  
**Local  
Government  
Grant Programs**

for 1998/99



## **FOREWORD**

This report summarises the Local Government Division's funding programs for the 1998/99 financial year. Its purpose is to provide recipients of local government assistance with insight into the allocation of grants, and to allow relative comparisons across the range of recipients.

Over recent years the Local Government Division has implemented a number of changes to funding allocation processes aimed at providing a more equitable distribution of the NT Operational Subsidy, Minor Communities, Aboriginal Urban Living Areas, Capital Funding and Dump Funding Programs.

This Department sees the ongoing development and refinement of funding programs as essential and encourages all recipients of local government assistance to submit comments on any aspect of the grant allocation process, and discuss data input in relation to the delivery of local government services within their communities.

In presenting this report I extend my thanks to the officers of the Local Government Division for their efforts towards the further development of local government throughout the Territory.

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# CHAPTER 1

## Introduction

This is the ninth annual report on local government grant funding to be allocated to local governing bodies through the Department of Housing and Local Government during 1998/99. The allocations are based upon recommendations made by the Local Government Division for the distribution of funds provided under the Northern Territory *Appropriation Act 1995/96*.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to strong, independent local government. This policy is based on the premise that services should be devolved to the level at which they can most effectively and efficiently be managed, and that local government is the appropriate sphere of administration for the delivery of these services. There are two streams of local government within the Northern Territory:

- municipal government, which applies to the six major population centres; and
- community government, which provides for the local administration of small and remote communities throughout the Territory.

In addition to these incorporated local government authorities, the Department also provides funding and assistance to a number of "association" councils, special purpose towns, town camps, minor communities and other organisations providing local government services to Territorians.

The Northern Territory Minister responsible for Local Government may recommend to the Commonwealth Minister responsible for Local Government, that an "association" council be declared to be a local governing body if it is providing local government type services.

In all, there are 92 organisations receiving funding and other assistance from the Department of Housing and Local Government. These functions are undertaken in the belief that community self-management can best be achieved through local government, based on a suitable legislative framework and equitable funding programs.

A major aim of the Local Government Division is to promote and extend local government to all Territorians while maximising the proficiency in community self-management through such governance. In addition, the Division is the Agency providing advice to Government on local government matters throughout the Northern Territory.

The Department of Housing and Local Government has a regionally based field service network which provides a client responsive advisory service on local government. Field officers assist each community in their strategic planning, management and resource allocation. Assistance is also given to communities, if requested, with local government training programs.

The Department has taken the lead in the formulation and marketing of a range of micro-economic and other reforms associated with the medium term strategic development of local government throughout the Northern Territory. The publication of 'Focus For Change: Strategic Planning for Local Government in the Northern Territory', was produced. This articulates a wide range of reforms as a focus for discussion with the local government industry.

One of the Division's primary functions is to ensure the timely and equitable annual distribution of special purpose grants, operational subsidies and capital grants that facilitate local government and allow it to prosper and develop throughout the Northern Territory.

In publishing this report, the Department is also continuing the implementation of Recommendation 196 of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, which calls for an explanation of funding processes.

It should be noted that this Report deals only with funding provided by the Northern Territory to local government.

The Northern Territory Grants Commission prepares the recommendations for the distribution of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governing bodies. These grants are endorsed and approved respectively by both the Territory and the Federal Ministers responsible for Local Government. In 1998/99 the Northern Territory allocation through the NT Grants Commission totalled \$17.47M, comprising both untied financial assistance and local roads funding. The Grants Commission provides its own annual report which is available through Ms Beverley Croke on telephone 899 98473.

## KEY PERSONNEL

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## CHAPTER 2

### Program Funding Overview

During 1998/99 the Local Government Division will make payments of special purpose grants and subsidies to 62 local governing bodies and 24 organisations involved in the provision of local government services. These grants and subsidies amount to \$41.03M.

A major portion (\$17.48M) of the Local Government Division's budget comprises the payment of \$8.64M in Commonwealth financial assistance and \$8.84M in Commonwealth local roads funding to the 68 recognised local governing bodies throughout the Northern Territory. In addition \$14.18M in Northern Territory operational subsidies is distributed to 62 local governing bodies, which excludes municipal councils and special purpose towns. The Division also administers \$3M through the Council Loan Program.

Further, the Division finances a Capital Funding Program which allocates untied grants totalling \$2.50M to non-municipal councils for capital items such as key staff housing, plant and equipment, office furniture, motor vehicles and council offices.

In previous years there have been additional allocations for the provision of establishment grants to communities which change their status from "association" councils to become incorporated under the *Local Government Act* as community government councils. In 1998/99 there is no specific provision for grants to newly established community government councils. Each application for an establishment grant will now be considered individually on its merits.

Other grants and subsidies are provided for such purposes as training of elected members and staff, animal control, greening subsidy, provision of local government services on minor communities, maintenance of reserves and public conveniences, promotion and development of local government, manual accounting systems, audits, investigations and inquiries.

## CHAPTER 3

### Northern Territory Operational Subsidy Program

The Northern Territory Operational Subsidy program provides the main financial support to non-municipal local governing bodies to assist them in the provision of local government services.

The funding level of \$14.18M is a marginal increase on the previous years funding of \$14.044M. The increase (\$134,259) is the net of the population increase factor (\$316,000) plus the portion of the operational/membership subsidy no longer paid to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (\$135,000), less the portion of the 1997/98 grant applicable to the former Yulara Town Council (\$316,741).

This program was reviewed in 1997/98 to take account of issues relating to revenue sensitivity, eligibility, alignment with the Northern Territory Grants Commission funding program and key issues highlighted in the Local Government Ministers Conference micro-economic reform agenda. Consultation with the local government industry occurred through the participation of the Local Government Association of the NT on a steering committee. Recommendations made will be considered in the context of the Northern Territory Local Government Reform and Development Agenda.

In calculating a grant for each community under the current methodology, the Department takes into account six major factors. They are:

- a base grant of \$70,000 per community;
- a population grant of \$168 per capita;
- an incentive component derived from the service charges raised by each community, allowing the calculation of a relative revenue raising effort;
- the application of a status weighting of 30% which recognises formal community government incorporation under the *Local Government Act*;
- the application of an isolation works index based on the relative isolation of communities; and

- a loss assist factor to ensure that no council suffers a grant loss greater than 5.0% compared to the previous year.

The calculated grants are then adjusted in line with the total funding available for the program. The Minister for Local Government has increased the 1998/99 funding level and allocated \$14.18M to the NT Operational Subsidy Program.

Appendix 1 outlines the population figures used to calculate the 1998/99 grants.

The distribution of the NT Operational Subsidy to the 62 community government councils and local governing bodies is shown below.

### OPERATIONAL SUBSIDY DISTRIBUTIONS

NAME	1997/98 Grant	1998/99 Grant
<b><u>Alice Springs Region</u></b>		
Aherrenge	169,521	165,150
Arltarlpilta	162,104	168,181
Amoonguna	103,087	101,964
Anmatjere	443,819	489,246
Aputula	155,269	151,630
Areyonga	147,640	143,539
Ikuntji	118,851	125,565
Imampa	121,489	115,414
Kaltukatjara	155,788	157,963
Ltyentye Purte	223,821	235,440
Ntaria	175,115	183,122
Nyirripi	159,454	161,530
Papunya	161,664	153,581
Tapatjatjaka	153,832	157,977
Urapuntja	247,117	266,430
Wallace Rockhole	158,501	150,576
Walungurru	210,628	205,268
Watiyawanu	192,485	190,698
Willowra	168,339	171,096
Yuelamu	131,094	137,628
Yuendumu	415,121	414,935
Yulara*	316,741	0
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>4,291,480</b>	<b>4,046,933</b>

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
<b><u>Tennant Creek Region</u></b>		
Ali Curung	163,286	162,934
Alpurrurulam	181,755	268,985
Elliott	245,162	255,501
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>590,203</b>	<b>687,420</b>

<b><u>Darwin Region</u></b>		
Belyuen	165,482	157,208
Coomalie	396,282	399,672
Cox Peninsula	139,498	161,940
Kardu Numida	391,416	489,375
Kunbarllanjnja	361,077	343,023
Maningrida	341,983	360,783
Milikapiti	288,097	273,692
Minjilang	150,468	163,766
Naiyu Nambiyu	212,839	213,036
Nganmariyanga	159,079	166,702
Nguiu	524,634	498,402
Peppimenarti	155,205	170,224
Pirlangimpi	191,637	199,520
Waruwi	153,298	157,496
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>3,630,995</b>	<b>3,754,839</b>

<b><u>East Arnhem Region</u></b>		
Angurugu	342,586	325,947
Galiwinku	359,989	373,031
Gapuwiyak	240,826	267,587
Marngarr	171,353	195,000
Milingimbi	253,481	254,568
Milyakburra	131,568	137,993
Numbulwar	379,605	422,482
Ramingining	220,165	209,156
Umbakumba	177,303	201,241
Yirrkala	230,313	230,414
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>2,507,189</b>	<b>2,617,419</b>

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
<b><u>Katherine Region</u></b>		
Barunga/Manyallaluk	215,520	219,309
Binjari	129,953	136,643
Borrooloola	316,054	322,930
Daguragu/Kalkaringi	263,530	268,193
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	140,443	142,730
Jilkmिंगgan	140,813	134,535
Lajamanu	366,765	394,082
Mataranka	166,207	162,142
Pine Creek	241,816	230,993
Timber Creek	149,362	155,439
Walangeri Ngumpinku	213,314	209,442
Wugularr	246,570	236,893
Yugul Mangi	434,005	458,536
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>3,024,352</b>	<b>3,071,867</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,044,219</b>	<b>14,178,478</b>

\*The Yulara Town Council was dissolved by the *Ayers Rock Resort (Sale) Act 1997* during the 1997/98 financial year.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **Minor Communities Program**

The Minor Communities Program provides assistance to those smaller local governing bodies that are not eligible for assistance under either the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy Program or the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Program.

Minor Community Program grants are also calculated on the basis of a methodology basis.

The total program funding for 1998/99 is \$634,671.

In calculating a grant for each community, the Department takes into account four major factors. They are:

- base grant of \$70,000 per community;
- a population grant of \$168 per capita;
- a dispersion factor calculated on the number of communities that the organisation is serving that have a population over 40; and
- loss assist factor, to ensure that no council suffers a grant loss greater than 5% compared to the previous year.

Assistance to other minor communities which are moving toward local government incorporation may be available at ministerial discretion through Special Purpose Grants.

All recipients of funding under this Program have been advised that it is under review and that a much closer link will be required in 1998/99 between funding provision and the delivery of local government services.

The 1998/99 funding levels for the 12 minor communities are shown below.

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>1997 POPULATION</b>	<b>1997/98 GRANT</b>	<b>1998/99 GRANT</b>
Bawinanga	800	125,639	126,135
Orwairtilla	160	39,700	39,856
Daly Waters	17	9,995	9,495
Demed	299	59,123	59,356
Gulin Gulin Resource Centre	130	37,634	37,783
Julalikari Buramana	550	101,244	100,217
Larrimah	15	10,002	9,502
Mabunji	360	53,468	53,679
Mungkata	122	37,084	37,230
Murin	154	39,287	39,442
Ngaliwurru-Wuli	545	86,065	86,405
Thangkenharenge	98	35,430	35,571
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>634,671</b>	<b>634,671</b>

## CHAPTER 5

### Aboriginal Urban Living Areas

In each of the major municipal centres there are organisations servicing both resident and visitor Aboriginal populations. These Aboriginal Urban Living Area (AULA) organisations are commonly known as "town camp" organisations. The Department has an interest in the delivery of local government services within these areas.

In keeping with the principles of equity, the Department has developed a methodology to determine the funding relativities for each AULA organisation.

In calculating a grant for each AULA organisation, the Department has taken into account four major factors as follows:-

- . base grant of \$70,000 per town camp organisation;
- . a population grant of \$168 per capita; and
- . a distance disability factor; and
- . a level of loss assistance to ensure no organisation loses greater than 5% of its previous grant.

The 1998/99 funding levels for the six AULA organisations are shown below.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>1998 Population</b>	<b>1997/98 Grant</b>	<b>1998/99 Grant</b>
ADF	218	74,575	76,214
Bagot	450	101,836	104,074
Gwalwa Daraniki	180	70,111	71,651
Julalikari	936	190,731	194,923
Kalano	500	118,482	121,086
Tangentyere	1,200	244,265	232,052
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **Capital Funding Program**

The local government capital infrastructure deficiency throughout all communities in the Northern Territory has been recognised over a long period. For this reason the Department continues to support the Capital Funding Program.

The Northern Territory Government has supplied a total of \$24.74M over the past eleven years. Some of the infrastructure needs of councils addressed by this program include council offices and workshops, office furniture and equipment, key staff housing and essential operation plant and equipment.

While there have been significant advances made during this period, considerable development is still necessary to ensure that the infrastructure within all communities is raised to an acceptable standard. However, it is unlikely that Territory resources alone will be adequate for this task.

Funding for 1998/99 of \$2.50M is a decrease on the previous year as a result of the loss of funding to the former Yulara Town Council.

Funds are allocated to every community on an annual basis using a simple formula which takes into account:

- . a base grant of \$30,000 base grant; and
- . an allocation of \$168 per capita based on the population of each community.

This method of distribution enables communities to embark on accurate forward planning as councils can anticipate approximate grant allocations for future years.

Communities are informed of their notional allocation early in the financial year. Communities are requested to submit applications for capital items they wish to purchase to the Department of Housing and Local Government for approval prior to the release of these funds. This ensures that capital infrastructure expenditure is consistent with each community's objectives and financial management plan for the year.

The Department will continue to assist councils with financial management of capital funds. It will also assist in identifying their capital requirements, where a request for such assistance is made, as well as identifying other sources of funding that may be available.

Appendix 1 outlines the population figures used to calculate the 1998/99 grants. The 1998/99 Capital funding levels are outlined below.

### **CAPITAL FUNDING DISTRIBUTIONS**

	<b>1997/98 Grant</b>	<b>1998/99 Grant</b>
<b><u>Alice Springs Region</u></b>		
Aherrenge	37,780	36,958
Arltarlpilta	34,477	34,353
Amoonguna	34,393	34,334
Anmatjere	56,505	55,938
Aputula	35,943	35,797
Areyonga	34,522	34,749
Ikuntji	33,030	33,400
Imanpa	32,894	32,561
Kaltukatjara	35,989	35,822
Ltyenye Purte	40,446	40,742
Ntaria	40,901	41,164
Nyirрпи	35,840	35,665
Papunya	37,604	36,248
Tapatjatjaka	33,835	33,621
Urapuntja	45,053	46,060
Wallace Rockhole	32,894	32,940
Walungurru	40,317	39,084
Watiyawanu	35,256	35,299
Willowra	38,253	38,061
Yuelamu	34,633	34,942
Yuendumu	52,930	51,864
Yulara	49,465	0
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>852,960</b>	<b>799,602</b>

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
<b><u>Tennant Creek Region</u></b>		
Ali Curung	38,760	38,516
Alpurrurulam	39,557	40,711
Elliott	41,368	41,594
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>119,685</b>	<b>120,821</b>

**Darwin Region**

Belyuen	34,672	34,605
Coomalie	56,752	56,771
Cox Peninsula	34,692	34,769
Kardu Numida	64,130	66,183
Kunbarllanjnja	48,760	49,413
Maningrida	56,706	57,995
Milikapiti	39,343	39,197
Minjilang	34,224	34,088
Naiyu Nambiyu	38,506	38,484
Nganmariyanga	36,677	36,630
Nguiu	55,175	55,529
Peppimenarti	35,161	34,554
Pirlangimpi	36,521	36,340
Warruwi	37,364	37,097
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>608,683</b>	<b>611,655</b>

**East Arnhem Region**

Angurugu	47,996	47,016
Galiwinku	55,866	56,883
Gapuwiyak	46,200	48,014
Marngarr	35,489	35,961
Milingimbi	46,118	45,841
Milyakburra	33,400	33,690
Numbulwar	48,317	49,385
Ramingining	41,677	40,063
Umbakumba	38,876	38,701
Yirrkala	46,753	46,275
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>440,692</b>	<b>441,829</b>

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
<b><u>Katherine Region</u></b>		
Barunga/Manyallaluk	39,304	39,348
Binjari	33,815	34,138
Borrooloola	46,156	46,060
Daguragu/Kalkaringi	42,124	41,913
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	36,067	35,930
Jilkminggan	34,250	33,444
Lajamanu	49,031	50,369
Mataranka	34,704	34,737
Pine Creek	43,483	41,354
Timber Creek	33,952	34,151
Walangeri Ngumpinku	37,572	37,708
Wugularr	41,932	41,222
Yugul Mangi	55,590	56,254
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>527,980</b>	<b>526,628</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,500,535</b>	<b>2,500,540</b>

# CHAPTER 7

## Dump Funding Program

The Department of Housing and Local Government distributes Dump funding to communities and resource centres throughout the Northern Territory to enable them to provide and maintain local dumps.

Funds are distributed on a methodological basis that is population driven to ensure that each recipient council receives an equitable share of the funds commensurate with its responsibilities. Population figures for Dump funding allocation takes into consideration the impact of tourists on various communities.

In calculating the grants, the Department took into consideration four factors. They are:

- . a base grant of \$7,500;
- . a population grant of \$168 per capita;
- . the application of a cost index; and
- . the application of a dispersion index; ie numbers of dumps maintained by individual communities.

Communities are advised of their funding allocation early in the financial year. If all previous acquittals are complete, then funding is made available immediately.

The total Dump Funding Program for 1998/99 is \$570,970.

The break up of funding allocations are set out below.

### **DUMP FUNDING DISTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Community</b>	<b>1997/98 Grant</b>	<b>1998/99 Grant</b>
<b><u>Alice Springs Regions</u></b>		
Aherrenge	7,732	6,197
Arltarpilta	3,255	4,527
Amoonguna	3,294	3,327
Anmatjere	29,351	29,460
Aputula	6,080	5,399
Areyonga	3,688	3,917
Ikuntji	2,675	3,435
Imampa	2,469	2,052
Kaltukatjara	5,314	5,812
Ltyenye Purte	7,417	7,697
Ntaria	7,710	7,659
Nyirripi	6,492	6,308
Papunya	5,808	4,047
Tapatjatjaka	3,221	3,070
Urapuntja	16,350	18,069
Wallace Rockhole	2,442	2,434
Walungurru	8,993	6,800
Watiyawanu	4,377	4,413
Willowra	6,247	6,262
Yuelamu	3,768	3,317
Yuendumu	24,448	22,564
Yulara	29,030	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>190,161</b>	<b>156,766</b>
<b><u>Tennant Creek Region</u></b>		
Ali Curung	6,307	6,164
Alpurrurulam	7,451	10,123
Elliott	8,067	8,656
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>21,825</b>	<b>24,943</b>

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
<b><u>Darwin Region</u></b>		
Belyuen	3,465	3,505
Coomalie	23,985	24,355
Cox Penisular	3,501	3,671
Kunbarllanjnja	13,473	13,740
Kardu Numida	25,006	26,572
Maningrida	19,706	23,717
Milikapiti	7,007	7,070
Minjilang	3,488	3,304
Naiyu Nambiyu	6,142	6,301
Nganmariyanga	5,617	5,461
Nguiu	16,281	17,184
Peppimenarti	4,307	3,978
Pirlangimpi	4,841	4,731
Warruwi	5,879	5,365
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>142,698</b>	<b>148,954</b>

**East Arnhem Region**

Angurugu	13,488	11,618
Galiwinku	18,312	18,873
Gapuwiyak	12,195	13,780
Milingimbi	14,541	13,006
Milyakburra	3,055	3,802
Numbulwar	14,282	15,501
Ramingining	8,967	7,567
Umbakumba	9,068	8,756
Yirkala	12,074	11,004
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>105,982</b>	<b>103,907</b>

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
<b><u>Katherine Region</u></b>		
Barunga/Manyallaluk	6,374	6,479
Binjari	2,790	3,338
Borrooloola	12,403	11,618
Daguragu/Kalkaringi	8,900	9,376
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	4,961	4,957
Jilkminggan	3,197	2,672
Lajamanu	14,226	15,302
Mataranka	4,609	3,826
Pine Creek	9,149	6,383
Timber Creek	4,075	3,630
Wugularr	8,386	6,924
Yugul Mangi	18,125	19,980
Orwairtilla	9,149	2,550
Daly Waters	768	768
Julalikari Burumana	12,470	12,187
Larrimah	761	743
Mabunji	8,443	8,251
Ngaring man	7,860	7,682
Thangkenharenge	1,984	1,939
Walingeri Ngumpinku	7,226	7,795
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>145,856</b>	<b>136,400</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>577,492</b>	<b>570,970</b>

# CHAPTER 8

## Summary

Over recent years there has been a progressive refinement of grant allocation processes. In particular, there has been a transition from a largely subjective grant assessment to an objectively derived basis for determination of most grants.

The major advantages to client groups with this change in grant assessment is a greater consistency and predicability in the allocation of funds. This is, of course, essential for forward planning and effective future development of local government in the Territory.

The Department aims, where possible, to achieve greater equity and efficiency in the allocation of funds. While it is appreciated that some communities may have difficulty with future funding levels, it is considered that a formula based methodology will allow councils to plan and develop more effectively in the future, whilst providing a greater degree of equity in funding distribution.

The Department has an ongoing commitment to review its local government funding programs, and welcomes any comments or suggestions for improvement from the local government industry. The review of Territory funding schemes conducted during 1997/98 was intended to reaffirm their continued appropriateness, relevance and effectiveness in the context of the Department's strategic planning objectives, and in line with the national efficiency reform agenda. The recommendations of that review are now to be considered in the context of a wider reform and development agenda for local government.

Funding allocations will change as increasing numbers of organisations, including minor communities, become community government councils. These impacts will continue to be monitored. The Department will be most receptive to any feedback on the revised grant assessment techniques, including suggestions for improvements.

Councils and organisations should continue to target funds to areas which result in effective service delivery to residents. Local government has a responsibility to deliver more effective services in an efficient manner, and reduce costs and demands for external funding.

In conclusion, it is apparent that despite the steady availability of total funding, there have been few major increases in funding allocations to councils, local governing bodies and other organisations. There is continued pressure for the extension of the "user pays" principle in council operations. The response to this pressure, and to the incentive component of the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy Program, continues to be positive.

# Appendix 1

## POPULATION (INCLUDING RELATED SERVICE POPULATIONS)

Name	Calculated Populations			3 Year Average Pop	O/Stat Pop	Adj'ed Pop	Tourist Pop	Total
	30.6.96	30.6.97	30.6.98					
<b>Alice Springs Region</b>								
Aherrenge	250	323	320	298	140	70	0	368
Alice Springs	26,212	26,979	27,519	26,903	0	0	1,492	28,395
Amoonguna	222	230	235	229	65	0	0	229
Anmatjere	1,356	1,356	1,400	1,371	0	0	5	1,376
Aputula	271	288	273	277	29	29	0	306
Areyonga	241	256	256	251	0	0	0	251
Arltarpilta	230	230	275	245	0	0	0	245
Ikuntji	160	160	219	180	59	0	0	180
Imanpa	160	126	120	135	0	0	0	135
Kaltukatjara	290	283	350	308	0	0	0	308
Ltyentye Purte	565	565	573	568	0	0	0	568
Ntaria	600	600	570	590	38	0	0	590
Nyirripi	300	300	298	299	8	0	0	299
Papunya	366	306	266	313	35	18	0	330
Tapatjatjaka	196	187	191	191	2	0	0	191
Urapuntja	806	860	880	849	0	0	0	849
Wallace Rockhole	146	160	160	155	0	0	5	160
Walungurru	550	490	400	480	0	0	0	480
Watiyawanu	280	280	280	280	70	0	0	280
Willowra	416	426	436	426	15	0	0	426
Yuelamu	162	182	210	185	102	77	0	261
Yuendumu	1,178	1,178	1,110	1,155	0	0	0	1,155
Yulara	1,000	1,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
SUB TOTAL	35,957	36,765	36,341	35,688	563	194	1,502	37,382
<b>Tennant Creek Region</b>								
Ali Curung	450	450	450	450	0	0	0	450
Alpurrurulam	500	498	700	566	0	0	0	566
Elliott District	594	594	650	613	0	0	4	617
Tennant Creek	3,800	3,808	3,800	3,803	200	50	100	3,953
SUB TOTAL	5,344	5,350	5,600	5,432	200	50	104	5,586

Name	Calculated Populations			3 Year Average Pop	O/Stat Pop	Adj'ed Pop	Tourist Pop	Total
	30.6.96	30.6.97	30.6.98					
<b>Darwin Region</b>								
Belyuen	240	240	250	243	0	0	0	243
Coomalie	1,351	1,421	1,472	1,415	0	0	41	1,456
Cox Peninsula	231	261	264	252	0	0	2	254
Darwin	70,515	70,515	71,079	70,703	0	0	1,476	72,179
Jabiru	1,733	1,823	1,880	1,812	0	0	150	1,962
Kardu Numida	1,850	1,910	1,910	1,890	88	22	0	1,912
Kunbarllanjnja	900	980	1,010	963	250	63	2	1,028
Litchfield	13,014	13,241	14,400	13,552	0	0	40	13,592
Maningrida	1,270	1,270	1,700	1,413	550	66	2	1,481
Milikapiti	480	480	498	486	18	0	1	487
Minjilang	221	218	209	216	38	0	0	216
Naiyu Nambiyu	443	461	441	448	0	0	2	450
Nganmariyanga	327	338	341	335	60	15	0	350
Nguiu	1,272	1,375	1,400	1,349	0	0	4	1,353
Palmerston	13,297	14,810	16,569	14,892	0	0	0	14,892
Peppimenarti	214	260	248	241	173	50	0	241
Pirlangimpi	335	335	335	335	0	0	0	335
Warruwi	365	365	350	360	15	15	0	375
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>108,058</b>	<b>110,303</b>	<b>114,356</b>	<b>110,905</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>112,806</b>
<b>East Arnhem Region</b>								
Angurugu	870	815	810	832	135	68	0	899
Galiwinku	1,000	1,329	1,404	1,244	534	176	0	1,421
Gapuwiyak	859	859	969	896	225	56	0	952
Marngarr	273	319	329	307	16	8	0	315
Milingimbi	840	850	754	815	187	22	0	837
Milyakburra	150	200	235	195	15	15	0	195
Numbulwar Numburindi	928	1,095	1,050	1,024	155	0	0	1,024
Ramingining	402	452	512	455	382	76	0	532
Umbakumba	400	470	450	440	60	20	0	460
Yirrkala Dhanbul	800	800	800	800	300	60	0	860
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>7,189</b>	<b>7,313</b>	<b>7,008</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,495</b>

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	30.6.96	30.6.97	30.6.98					
<b>Katherine Region</b>								
Barunga								
Manyallaluk	482	500	500	494	0	0	1	495
Binjari	183	223	250	219	0	0	0	219
Borrooloola	800	810	810	807	280	42	17	866
Daguragu	525	645	675	615	29	15	1	631
Gulin Gulin and Weemol	300	320	320	313	203	0	0	313
Jilkmिंगgan	185	180	181	182	0	0	0	182
Katherine	10,518	10,660	10,928	10,702	0	0	485	11,187
Lajamanu	1,018	1,028	1,081	1,042	68	34	0	1,077
Mataranka	237	237	277	250	0	0	92	342
Pine Creek	649	659	492	600	0	0	14	614
Timber Creek	200	224	234	219	0	0	60	279
Walingeri								
Ngumpinku	379	409	434	407	29	0	0	407
Wugularr	634	634	511	593	0	0	0	593
Yugul Mangi	1,239	1,434	1,489	1,387	0	0	0	1,388
SUB TOTAL	17,349	17,963	18,182	17,830	609	91	670	18,593
TOTAL	173,230	177,570	181,792	176,863	4,573	1,067	3,996	181,862

## Appendix 2

### NORTHERN TERRITORY OPERATIONAL SUBSIDY COST INDEX

<b>COMMUNITY NAME</b>	<b>COST INDEX</b>
Aherrenge	1.4
Arltarlpilta	1.3
Amoonguna	1.05
Anmatjere	1.4
Aputula	1.4
Areyonga	1.3
Ikuntji	1.4
Imampa	1.25
Kaltukatjara	1.45
Ltyentye Purte	1.2
Ntaria	1.2
Nyirripi	1.5
Papunya	1.3
Tapatjatjaka	1.3
Urapuntja	1.4
Wallace Rockhole	1.25
Walungurru	1.5
Watiyawanu	1.4
Willowra	1.35
Yuelamu	1.35
Yuendumu	1.35
Ali Curung	1.25
Alpurrurulam	1.4
Elliott	1.25
Belyuen	1.1
Coomalie	1.1
Cox Peninsula	1.1
Kardu Numida	1.35
Kunbarllanjnja	1.2
Maningrida	1.25
Milikapiti	1.25
Minjilang	1.3
Naiyu Nambiyu	1.25
Nganmariyanga	1.35
Nguiu	1.2
Peppimenarti	1.35
Pirlangimpi	1.25
Warruwi	1.3
Angurugu	1.25
Galiwinku	1.35
Gapuwiyak	1.3
Marngarr	1.2
Milingimbi	1.35
Milyakburra	1.5
Numbulwar	1.45

<b>COMMUNITY NAME</b>	<b>COST INDEX</b>
Ramingining	1.3
Umbakumba	1.35
Yirrkala	1.2
Barunga/Manyallaluk	1.15
Binjari	1.1
Borrooloola	1.3
Daguragu/Kalkaringi	1.3
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	1.3
Jilkminggan	1.15
Lajamanu	1.35
Mataranka	1.15
Pine Creek	1.1
Timber Creek	1.25
Walangeri Ngumpinku	1.3
Wugularr	1.2
Yugul Mangi	1.3