More Government Employee Housing in the Territory

The Territory Government is spending an additional $42 million over four years to provide more houses for government employees living in remote communities.

The Minister for Housing, Kon Vatskalis, said the construction of the new government employee houses is well underway with the first nine complete.

“This work demonstrates the Northern Territory Government's commitment to the Closing the Gap package addressing Indigenous disadvantage across a range of areas including health, education, housing, community safety, jobs and economic development,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“The new houses are also part of the first stage of this Government’s 20 year Indigenous Generational Plan, to provide more houses for government employees living in remote communities.”

The Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development, Karl Hampton, said the construction program was good news for the bush.

“We’re building a total of 32 houses during the 2007-08 financial year, meaning more teachers and health workers can move into remote communities to provide much needed services,” said Mr Hampton.

“Nine houses have already been built at Canteen Creek, Engawala, Epenarra, Ngukurr, Laramba and Mt Liebig with three more houses due to be completed at Ali Curung and Maningrida.’

A further three houses are due to be built in Minjilang and Nauiyu by the end of May with the remaining 17 houses to be built at various locations throughout the Territory by August 2008.

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