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QUESTION

Nhulunbuy Housing Shortage

Mr GUYULA to MINISTER for HOUSING

How is the government working with Rio Tinto and other stakeholders to increase housing stock in the Nhulunbuy where there is a significant shortage of housing for our services providers and businesses that service the north-east Arnhem Land region?

ANSWER

Madam Speaker, as you know we have a base of our department in Nhulunbuy. At a departmental level housing for not only Nhulunbuy but all the surrounding homelands—Yirrkala—are a priority.

When it comes to the transition with Rio, I can tell you that those conversations in regard to the transition at Nhulunbuy for the Gove Futures is well and truly under way. We want to ensure that sufficient housing is available in that area for public housing through that transition. That work is being monitored. GEH housing is there with opportunities for government staff, but when it comes to public housing the work being done is part of the overall transition. Member for Mulka, I can assure you that housing is at the forefront of what we are looking at across the board.

In short, housing is a priority in all parts of the Northern Territory. Remote housing is picked up through the \$4bn housing agreement over the next 10 years, and we are working to build 2,700 homes over the next 10 years. We are still committed to \$40m a year for homelands and the remote housing package.

In Nhulunbuy we are working as part of the Gove Futures transition to ensure that there is sufficient housing for everybody living in that area. I am more than happy to speak to you offline about any concerns you have in that area because I know from some of our past conversations how interested and committed you are to ensuring that all those issues are dealt with as part of the Gove transition. I am more than happy to sit down with you and go through any concerns or issues you have regarding housing in Gove, Yirrkala and all those areas nearby. That is essentially where things are up to with housing through the Gove transition

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