

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARISING OUT OF THE ABORIGINAL
AFFAIRS BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING OF 28 AUGUST, 2006

Can you advise on the status of projects delayed under the Aboriginal Community Development Program from 2005-06 due to “project refinement issues”?

The Aboriginal Communities Development Program (ACDP) is due for completion in June 2009. At present, it is expected that all projects will be completed by this time.

How many projects have been delayed?

Nine of the 22 Priority Communities have experienced delays in their construction management.

What type of infrastructure they are (stet), do they include housing, where are they located and what are the estimated start and completion dates for these projects?

The ACDP targets housing and infrastructure including water and sewerage projects where they have been identified as requiring work.

The actual completion date for these projects cannot be given as the ACDP is made up of a series of rolling projects which are cumulatively anticipated to finish in 2009.

The approach was adopted to allow Aboriginal communities self determination and to enhance Aboriginal employment and contribution to the local economy.

The nine communities that have experienced delays are:

- BOGGABILLA /TOOMELAH
- BOURKE
- CONDOBOLIN
- MENINDEE
- MOREE
- MULI MULI
- WALGETT
- WEILMORINGLE
- WILCANNIA