

**Division 27: Aboriginal Affairs —**

***[Supplementary Information No A56.]***

*Question:* Ms L.L. Baker requested an explanation for the big increase in the workforce reform reduction in 2015–16, referring to the tenth line item on page 314 of budget paper No 2.

*Answer:* The significant reduction in 2015–16 is a result of the reduction to the agency’s approved salaries expense gross cap, as part of the corrective measures approved by Cabinet in September 2012, not previously being applied to the 2015–16 out year. The reduction aligns the Department’s salary levels with these corrective measures.

***[Supplementary Information No A57.]***

*Question:* Mr B.S. Wyatt requested information on the progress of the provision of electric power and water at the Jigalong Aboriginal community.

*Answer:* The Department of Housing is managing the water and power supply project in Jigalong. The design component of the power upgrade is underway; however finalisation is contingent upon the outcome of a community flood study.

The Department of Planning has completed the scope to undertake a Flood Hazard Report for Jigalong and the request for quote closes on 3 September 2013. Community consultation is planned to secure feedback based on recommendations arising from the report.

The Department of Housing tender for the water treatment system is closed and it is anticipated that the contract for construction will be awarded before the end of September 2013.

A total of \$10 million has been allocated through the Royalties for Regions program: \$6 million in 2013–14; and \$4 million in 2014–15. The actual cost the project will not be known until the project design is complete and costs are tested against the market through the finalisation of the tender process.

The Department of Regional Development is providing regular updates to Jigalong Community Incorporated and other stakeholders.

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is monitoring progress and providing support and assistance as required.