

**Question on Notice  
No. 1637  
Asked on 30 October 2008**

MR O'BRIEN asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)—

**QUESTION:**

Will he advise how much his department will spend this year on maintenance, upgrades and new houses in Indigenous communities in my electorate (separated by community)?

**ANSWER:**

In 2005, the State Government approved the Housing Improvement Program for Indigenous communities. This program focuses on maintaining and upgrading existing dwellings as well as constructing new dwellings on Indigenous communities.

During 2008–09, in the electorate of Cook, the Department of Housing will spend over \$60 million for Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) housing:

- \$10.714 million on maintenance
- \$22.947 million on upgrades
- \$27.270 million on new houses.

It should be noted that anticipated maintenance and general upgrades expenditure in 2008–09 is subject to change as actual expenditure will be based on property condition assessments and on a client priority basis (such as disability modifications) which cannot be determined in advance by the local area office.

Within the electorate of Cook, existing houses will be repaired and maintained, and upgrades to existing and vacant dwellings will bring them up to an appropriate standard. The new houses being built will enhance and extend social housing options within communities.

DOGIT funding is allocated to each community within the electorate of Cook as follows:

## The Torres Strait Island Regional Council Communities

<b>Council Community</b>	<b>Funds on Maintenance 2008–09</b>	<b>Funds on Upgrades 2008–09</b>	<b>Funds on New Houses 2008–09</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Badu Island</b>	\$701,462	\$3,587,290	\$524,724	five new houses commenced in 2008 and due for completion in 2009–10
<b>Boigu Island</b>	\$290,839	\$100,335	\$1,790,547	five new houses
<b>Dauan Island</b>	\$206,841	—	\$1,652,878	three new houses
<b>Erub (Darnley) Island</b>	\$401,668	\$119,526	\$1,249,779	four new houses
<b>Hammond Island</b>	\$185,211	\$180,000	\$999,062	seven new houses commenced in 2008 and due for completion in 2009–10
<b>Iama (Yam) Island</b>	\$270,510	\$831,000	\$100,986	outstanding claims on four new houses completed in February 2008
<b>Kubin</b>	\$288,435	—	\$746,223	one new house
<b>Mabuiag Island</b>	\$178,503	\$1,632,268	\$267,908	outstanding claims on three new houses completed in July 2008
<b>Masig (Yorke) Island</b>	\$264,320	\$283,578	\$470,124	outstanding claims on three new houses completed in July 2008
<b>Mer (Murray) Island</b>	\$407,718	\$664,377	\$54,729	outstanding claims on two new houses completed in October 2008
<b>Poruma (Coconut) Island</b>	\$192,233	\$1,293,025	\$257,906	outstanding claims on two new houses completed in April 2008
<b>Saibai Island</b>	\$257,653	\$630,058	\$18,538	outstanding claims on three new houses completed in April 2008
<b>St Pauls</b>	\$288,866	\$350,651	\$19,323	outstanding claims on two new houses completed in January 2008
<b>Ugar (Stephen) Island</b>	\$78,672	\$295,082	—	—
<b>Warabar (Sue) Island</b>	\$181,078	\$889,919	—	—

### Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Communities

Council Community	Funds on Maintenance 2008–09	Funds on Upgrades 2008–09	Funds on New Houses 2008–09	Other
<b>Bamaga</b>	\$819,712	\$165,300	\$2,207,362	eight new houses
<b>Injinoo</b>	\$321,725	\$73,900	\$306,670	Work commencing on two new houses in November 2008 and due for completion in 2009–10
<b>New Mapoon</b>	\$337,855	\$824,110	\$561,250	one new house
<b>Seisia</b>	\$194,280	\$270,807	\$977,769	two new houses
<b>Umagico</b>	\$263,603	\$123,379	\$919,671	three new houses

### Other funds are allocated to each community as follows

Council Community	Funds on Maintenance 2008–09	Funds on Upgrades 2008–09	Funds on New Houses 2008–09	Other
<b>Aurukun</b>	\$653,897	\$1,544,577	\$2,548,638	10 new houses
<b>Hope Vale</b>	\$889,353	\$968,145	—	—
<b>Kowanyama</b>	\$775,463	\$1,427,691	\$7,464,159	18 new houses will be completed
<b>Lockhart River</b>	\$407,481	\$291,105	\$ 29,999	outstanding claims on three new houses completed in January 2008
<b>Mapoon</b>	\$211,578	\$684,641	\$1,330,110	five new houses
<b>Napranum</b>	\$856,854	\$2,689,006	\$279,151	outstanding claims on two new duplexes completed in June 2008
<b>Porpuraaw</b>	\$473,700	\$2,159,970	\$ 1,974,267	seven new houses
<b>Wujal Wujal</b>	\$314,752	\$867,383	\$ 519,087	one new house