

Question on Notice

No. 142

Asked on 03 March 2026

HON L ENOCH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURALISM (HON F SIMPSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund Tranche One funding—

Will the Minister provide (a) an update on the projects at Aurukun, Kowanyama, Cherbourg and Woorabinda and (b) an outline of the number of First Nations people accessing the infrastructure included in the funding?

ANSWER:

In reference to the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund established for tangible and practical infrastructure projects for the benefit of remote and discrete communities -

- a) I am advised that the long overdue Aurukun, Kowanyama and Woorabinda projects to deliver clean and safe drinking water are on track under this fund for delivery within their expected timeframes.

The tender process for the Cherbourg State School Buwu Centre opened on 13 March 2026.

- b) The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing the infrastructure will be based on the official census data for these communities.