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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: What has been the cost—how much for, say, the water?

Ms Barnes: I would have to get back to you but in those remote areas, under those conditions, it is quite expensive. I can get the details back to you.

Answer:

In 2016-17 \$500,000 of capital and \$817,000 of operational funding is allocated to maintaining essential services (power, water and sewage) for the Muṭitjulu community.

Of the capital funding, \$330,000 is allocated to purchase two new power generators and \$53,000 was spent on the sewage system. The operational funding is allocated for day to day management and maintenance, including for diesel, staff time and minor maintenance works.