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Question:

What consultation has occurred with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities since the launch of the Northern Australia White Paper, in relation to specific initiatives in the White Paper?

Answer:

Consultations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities has been ongoing and managed by Department of Infrastructure as part of Northern Australia White Paper processes.

In relation to measures in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, township lease negotiations with interested communities are ongoing and consultation has commenced on the additional funding to support Prescribed Bodies Corporate.