



## Community Bulletin

INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES

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The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (the department) is pleased to advise that the 2024-25 Annual Report on Service Delivery Arrangements (SDA) for the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) has now been released.

The report provides transparency to the IOT communities, and the broader Australian public, about the Australian Government's delivery of services and essential infrastructure to Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. It summarises the delivery of essential services and activities undertaken by Western Australian Government agencies in partnership with the Australian Government to support residents of these remote communities.

In 2024-25, the partnership between the Australian and Western Australian Governments saw the delivery of \$58.94 million in essential services to the communities of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands through the SDAs. This significant investment, which is in addition broader federal government funding for services and infrastructure on the islands, reflects the Government's commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the IOT communities.

Some highlights from the 2024-25 reporting year include:

- Olympics Unleashed: Two Olympians travelled to the IOTs to deliver school and community activation sessions through the Australian Olympic Committee program
- Multicultural Health and Wellbeing program: Delivered by the Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Service
- Cultural activities: A tour by the Steve Hensby Band, which included live performances, workshops, and the creation of two original songs professionally recorded and gifted back to the islands
- Better Beginnings Family Literacy Program: Delivery of 200 reading packs to parents and children by the IOT libraries, supporting literacy and family engagement.

The department thanks residents and the broader community for their ongoing engagement and support for SDA programs and acknowledges the continued partnership with Western Australian agencies to ensure services meet the needs of the local community. A full copy of the 2024-25 SDA Annual Report, including detailed outcomes and service highlights, is available on the department's website at: [Service Delivery Arrangements \(SDA\) Annual Report Indian Ocean Territories 2024-25—March 2026—PDF](#)

The Australian Government remains committed to delivering high-quality, fit-for-purpose services and essential infrastructure to the Indian Ocean Territories through ongoing SDA partnerships.

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