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STATISTICAL NOTE –

LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVALS

IN MAJOR NORTHERN REGIONS

As part of some recent research, we took out the Building Approvals for government (Public) as opposed to "Private" over the seven financial years 2011-12 to 2017-18 for major northern regions.

The figures again confirm the pitifully low level of government investment in the Cairns region compared with other northern regions.

Table: Value of Building Approvals, Public Sector, Major Northern Regions, 2011-12 to 2017-18

	Cairns SA4 Region	Townsville SA4 Region	Fitzroy SA4 Region	Northern Territory
2011-12	$50 m	$273 m	$66 m	$202 m
2012-13	$31 m	$245 m	$200 m	$301 m
2013-14	$34 m	$78 m	$80 m	$220 m
2014-15	$24 m	$80 m	$23 m	$254 m
2015-16	$54 m	$147 m	$61 m	$569 m
2016-17	$124 m	$133 m	$39 m	$433 m
2017-18	$66 m	$284 m	$386 m	$400 m
Total	**$383 m**	**$1240 m**	**$855 m**	**$2,379 m**

Source: ABS Cat. 8731.0.

Note the SA4 (Statistical Area Level 4) region in Queensland that covers the regional centres of Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton and their immediate surrounding region – in the case of Cairns it includes Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, much of Mareeba Shire and Douglas.