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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 five financial years 2011-12 to 2015-16 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 2015-16

	<u>Cairns SA4 Region</u>	<u>Townsville SA4 Region</u>	<u>Fitzroy SA4 Region</u>	<u>Northern Territory</u>
2011-12	\$37 m	\$268 m	\$66 m	\$568 m
2012-13	\$33 m	\$245 m	\$344 m	\$319 m
2013-14	\$36 m	\$78 m	\$78 m	\$215 m
2014-15	\$26 m	\$83 m	\$24 m	\$274 m
2015-16	\$54 m	\$153 m	\$58 m	\$597 m
Total	\$186 m	\$827 m	\$570 m	\$1,973 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.