LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Small Business:

Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant

- 1. Why did Shaun Drabsch fail to notify the team of public servants working on the Darwin Turf Club (DTC) market led proposal for the grandstand, or their Director, that the cabinet decision to grant the money had been made?
- Please quantify the cost of the public servants continuing to work on the Market Led proposal after 14 June 2019?
- 3. Was a market-led proposal the most transparent process for the funding of the DTC grandstand?
- 4. What sanctions have you caused on the Department for being found by the ICAC in the report "Investigation into the application for, award and expenditure of a grant to the Darwin Turf Club for a public grandstand" (The Report) to have engaged in "unsatisfactory conduct"?
- 5. What sanctions have you caused on Shaun Drabsch for being found by the ICAC in the Report to have used a "deceptive process and hiding the true fact that the process was going to lead to a grant"?

Answer

The process that led to the decision, and everything that happened after it, is addressed in the ICAC Report and made no findings of unsatisfactory conduct against any government department or any Minister. The public servant in question was counselled about the issues raised in the report.