

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Arrernte Living Cultural Centre, Akeyulerre Incorporated, 3-5 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs

You stated in your response to Written Questions 272 that the \$5m allocated to the Akeyulerre Incorporated Arrernte Living Cultural Centre was not a part of the Alice Springs Revitalisation Project. Yet the original Government press release dated 24 July 2019 and current Alice Springs Revitalisation website state it is.

1. Please explain this. Why was it announced and promoted originally as a part of the Alice Springs Revitalisation Project and now you say it is not a part of it?
2. If this \$5m was never allocated under the Alice Springs Revitalisation Project, why was it promoted and publicised as such?
3. Was \$5m ever taken out of the total of \$20m of the Alice Springs Revitalisation Project for the funding of the Arrernte Living Cultural Centre?
4. Was there a change in the funding arrangement at any time for this project? If so please explain and provide details.
5. How did Akeyulerre Incorporated apply for funding for the Arrernte Living Cultural Centre? Did they apply for a particular grants offered by the Government?
6. How was the concept of an Arrernte Living Cultural Centre by Akeyulerre Incorporated first presented to the NT Government?
 - a. Please provide details as to who, when and where did this information and proposal pass onto the NT Government.
 - b. Please provide information as to what Minister (s) were involved in the initial receipt of information , the initial contact or meeting with Akeyulerre Incorporated about this idea.

7. Were other submission from other organisations assessed at the same time as this submission from Akeyulerre Incorporated?
8. What was the name of the funding package that the Akeyulerre Incorporated applied for when they were successful in winning \$5m for their project, Arrernte Living Cultural Centre? Please provide details.
9. Was this a part of a capital funding package offered to organisations or businesses? If so, provide all details of when the package was announced (specific dates), how applications were assessed and approved and provide a list of all other organisations that were funded in this round of funding.
10. Was the capital funding for Arrernte Living Cultural Centre provided under an “unsolicited proposal”? If so, provide details.
11. Who in Government (the department, Minister or senior official) facilitated this funding?
12. What Minister (s) were involved in this funding deal?
13. The former manager of Akeyulerre Incorporated, Penny Drysdale, was employed by the former Minister for Territory Families, Dale Wakefield for a period. Did Ms Drysdale or Ms Wakefield have anything to do with the funding of \$5m to Akeyulerre Incorporated for the Arrernte Living Cultural Centre? If so, provide all details.

ANSWER:

The Territory Labor Government has outlined significant and historic redevelopment projects to recognise Alice Springs as Australia’s Inland Capital - creating jobs, boosting visitation and supporting local businesses.

The Media release of 24 July 2019, “New \$5 million Grant for Arrernte Living Cultural Centre” does not refer to the Alice Springs Revitalisation Project, however the Revitalising Alice website (<https://revitalisingalice.nt.gov.au/>) provides an overview of these projects and investments, including the Kilgariff Land Release, Sporting Infrastructure and the National Aboriginal Art Gallery. It is not limited to a single commitment.

Information regarding the Arrente Living Cultural Centre and its funding has been previously provided in Written Question 272.