

Estimates Committee 2005

Questions Taken On Notice

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Department of the Chief Minister

Question: **3-8**
In Budget Paper No 3, page 52, there were five major tourism infrastructure projects services provided. What were they and what were the costs of each of these projects?

Answer:
Answered On: 12/07/2005
Answer: The NTTC facilitated 5 major tourism infrastructure services. Response as follows:

The performance measure associated with these services is not project focussed as it encompasses advice and business case assistance provided to potential developers. Potential developers range from proponents who have only an idea and want to gather statistics and general information to progress their ideas, to proponents who have advanced business plans and are seeking information to assist in feasibility studies etc. Because the NT Tourist Commission is bound by commercial in confidence arrangements, the details of proponents and their concepts cannot be disclosed.

The NT Tourist Commission provided services relating to 6 major tourism infrastructure proposals in 2004-05 (1 in Darwin, 1 in Katherine, 1 in regional Top End, 1 in Alice Springs and 2 in regional Central Australia). The only one that has progressed to public announcement is Voyages Hotels and Resorts development of Wildman River Resort - a luxury experiential lodge comprising free standing guest rooms, lodge facilities consisting of dining, lounge, library, pool and small conference area.

The costs associated with these services vary according to the nature of the proposal and advancement of the proponents' initiative. Costs cut across several staff positions. The Wildman River Resort proposal can be used to provide an indicative example of costs:

Personnel costs estimated \$6 500
Research and Consumables estimated \$1 500

An addition to costs not yet incurred will be the Government support provided to facilitate this development of \$500 000.

NB: It is not anticipated that this level of assistance will be provided to all proposals, however, it is important to note for the Wildman River Resort.