

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Arafura Games:

Arafura Games – Cost Benefit Analysis

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In 2011, the Chamber of Commerce provided comment that cancellation of the "Arafura Games... left a 10 million dollar hole in the Northern Territory (NT) economy". As part of an Arafura Games 2019 Event Impact Evaluation report, an estimate of the economic contribution delivered by the games will be completed.

2. Why is economic analysis of the Games not being done until AFTER they have been held and the \$8 million has been spent?

The economic valuation cannot be done until after Arafura Games 2019 is complete as data would reflect the impact that the Games have had on the NT economy. It has been eight years since the last Arafura Games and much has changed. The economic analysis is one part of the evaluation with broader community and social impacts also being measured.

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The Arafura Games 2019 Event Impact Evaluation report will include:

- Profile of athletes, team officials, attendees including accompanying people and volunteers,
- Economic and tourism impacts,
- Experiential Social and Cultural Impacts,
- Community impacts and attitudes,
- Local Darwin Business impact;
- Volunteer and Employee information; and
- Local Business and immediate trade impacts from the Business Engagement Program; however, longer term trade and business impacts will be measured at six months post the Arafura Games 2019.

In addition to this, 1:1 debrief sessions will be held with each sport to capture the benefit of the Arafura games for local sporting groups.