

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Sport and Recreation

Major Sporting Fixtures Funding

1. Detail your Department's sponsorship and financial contribution to all major national and international fixtures that were held in the Territory in 2004-05 i.e. Netball, AFL, NBL, Rugby and V8 Super Cars.

ANSWER**Hockey**

In July 2004 the department provided \$5,000 to support the costs associated with staging a Pre-Olympic Men's Hockey Tournament in Darwin.

Netball

The department entered a partnership agreement with the Northern Territory Netball Association to deliver one Commonwealth Bank Trophy Netball game between the AIS Canberra Darters and the Queensland Firebirds. The Government's financial contribution to the agreement in 2004-05 was \$56,280.

AFL

The department has a contract with the AFL that commits the AFL to playing pre-season matches in Alice Springs and Darwin, a Western Bulldogs home and away match in Darwin, team camps in the Northern Territory, and every second year an Aboriginal All Stars game in Darwin. The government's financial contribution to the agreement in 2004-05 was \$250,000.

NBL

The department has a contract with the Perth Wildcats basketball club to play one home and away season game in Darwin, as well as conduct clinics in Alice Springs, Darwin and two remote communities. The government's financial contribution to the agreement in 2004-05 was \$60,000.

Rugby

The department entered a partnership agreement with the Northern Territory Rugby Union to conduct the game between the NT Mosquitoes and the national Samoan team. The government's financial contribution to the agreement in 2004-05 was \$35,000.

V8 Supercars

This department does not manage the V8 Supercars event in Darwin – it is managed by the Northern Territory Major Events Company.

Cricket

On 1 July 2005 the Test Match between Australia and Sri Lanka commenced. The contract with Cricket Australia does not involve a fee to Cricket Australia, but rather in-kind event and facility support. The Department expended \$75,000 on providing event support to Cricket Australia, this figure excludes the salary costs of the Events Branch staff who provided this support.