

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality:

Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant

1. Why did Tourism NT write a letter of support for a grandstand at Darwin Turf Club (DTC)?
2. Did the Minister see a copy of the letter of support:
 - a. Prior to it being sent to the DTC?
 - b. After it was sent to the DTC but before 14 June 2019?
 - c. After 14 June 2019?
3. Did the Minister know that Tourism NT was supportive of a government funded grandstand at DTC?
4. Did the Minister meet with any person about the proposal to build a grandstand at the DTC? If yes, please detail the dates of these meetings and who attended?
5. 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"?
6. 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 ICAC Report details correspondence in support of the Grandstand 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.