

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

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

In July 2019 the NT Government allocated \$5 million to build the new Arrernte Living Culture Centre.

1. What is the current status of this Northern Territory Government project?

The project is not a Northern Territory Government managed project and is being constructed and delivered by Akeyuleere Incorporated through a capital grant agreement.

Akeyuleere Incorporated has advised that design for the Arrernte Living Culture Centre (LCC) was finalised in mid 2020. A tender for construction was awarded to Edifice NT on 8 July 2021 and works commenced on site on 20 July 2021 starting with the demolition of the house on Lot 194.

Earthworks for the Centre have been completed, footings and concrete slabs have been laid, structural steel is in place, wall framing is currently being installed and the roof is expected to be finished before the end of 2021.

2. Where and when exactly did the \$5 million come out of the Northern Territory Budget?

The \$5 million funding was provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to Akeyulerre Incorporated as a Capital Funding Grant in June 2019.

3. Why has the Northern Territory Government not mentioned this project at all in the 2021 Northern Territory Budget or public documents since 2019?

Any announcements will be jointly delivered with Akeyuleere Incorporated.

4. What is the total cost to the Northern Territory Government of the Arrernte Living Culture Centre project?

\$5 million.

5. When will the Arrernte Living Culture Centre project be completed?

The completion date is anticipated to be June 2022.

6. What contractors were tendered by the Northern Territory Government in relation to the Arrernte Living Culture Centre?

Sue Dugdale and Associates and Edifice NT were tendered by Akeyulerre Incorporated in relation to the Arrernte Living Culture Centre.

7. Please provide details of all the contracts awarded within this project, including the names of the successful tenderers and the amount of the tenders.

- Sue Dugdale and Associates - architectural services - \$29 279.25.
- Sue Dugdale and Associates - project management services - \$382 617.54.
- Edifice NT –construction - \$5 660 339.

8. Is this project apart of the Alice Springs Revitalisation Project?

No.

9. Will the Northern Territory Government be providing ongoing operational funding for the Arrernte Living Culture Centre?

Ongoing operational funding is not provided for the centre.

10. Why has the Government been so secretive about this project?

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