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From: Mr Chansey Paech

To: Hon. Lauren Moss

Portfolio: Tourism & Culture

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Subject: Arafura Games

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Date: 21/06/2017

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QUESTION:

What is envisioned for the Arafura Games investment? How many sports will be invited to participate in the Arafura Games? What will be the basis of cost appointment for the Arafura Games? What are the principles for cost-bearing to be applied and how does that reciprocate attendance at other peer regional competitions to the Arafura Games? If badminton was to be included in the 2019 Arafura Games, what are the venue options being considered? What is included in the cost projections for the venue hire for the Arafura Games badminton program? What is the expected athlete draw for badminton nations and numbers? On the projected venue: over how many days for the Arafura Games? What investment in hosting officials and volunteer support is forecast for the 2019 Arafura games program? What are the expected outer years following budgets likely to deliver with respect to a suitable permanent badminton playing venue to host the Arafura Games as well as locally and nationally significant competitions?

ANSWER:

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation is the lead agency of Bringing Back the Arafura Games election commitment. The number and make up of sports participating in the Arafura Games is still under consideration.

To deliver a successful Arafura Games in 2018/19 it is important that they engage with Asia and our community to strengthen and sustain existing networks and leverage growth and opportunities in the tourism, business and trade industries, as well as act as a pathway to develop our emerging athletes.

Following sign off by government, an Organising Committee will be established to work through matters raised in these questions, and progress will be communicated regularly to the community, including to the Badminton Association.

\$4 million in 2018-19 has been allocated for the Games.