

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Tourism and Culture

Appropriation Bill – Tourism and Culture

Please provide copies of:

- all questions, which you have received from the public in relation to the Estimates process and consideration of the Appropriation Bill for the 2017/18 financial year; and
- the answers to those questions that were presented to the Estimates Committee.

Please provide the information requested below for Agencies and Government authorities for which you have responsibility, as at 31 March 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Please accept apologies if questions are not under the correct Output. Where this is the case, it would be appreciated if you could indicate the appropriate Output in your response. Thank You.

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4. What consultation has been undertaken to support this strategy?
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7. Please advise the location of current Tourism NT overseas offices.
8. How much will be spent in financial year 2017/18 on international marketing?
9. How much will be spent in financial year 2017/18 on domestic marketing?
10. Please provide the most up to date numbers for international and domestic holiday visitors.
11. What is the average hotel occupancy rate in Darwin?
12. Please advise how has this changed over the last 12 months.

Blatherskite Park

1. Please provide an update on developments at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs.
2. What are the Government's plans with respect to sporting activities at Blatherskite Park and in particular for AFL?

Sport and Recreation

1. On page 205 of Budget Paper 3 sport event revenue goes from \$190,000 in financial year 2016/17 to nil in financial year 2017/18. Why is this so?
2. What actions will the Government take, or has taken to address this?

Bringing back the Arafura Games

1. In Budget Paper 2, page 46, \$376,000 is allocated for the Arafura Games. Please advise how this figure was calculated.
2. What economic modelling has been done around the benefit of restarting the Arafura Games?
3. Similarly, is there a business case for the Arafura Games? Please provide a copy.
4. Which stakeholders have been consulted in relation to bringing back the Arafura Games? What has been the outcome?

Sports Masterplan

1. The previous Government committed significant resources (\$250,000) to developing a Sports Masterplan. When will this Sports Masterplan be finalised? When will it be made public?
2. How much has been spent on developing the Sports Masterplan in financial year 2016/17?
3. Please advise how much has been spent to date on developing said Masterplan.

National and International Events

1. Will the Government continue its support for the Women's AFL National Competition and for how long? What budget allocation has been made for this?
2. What sponsorship has or will be sought from the private sector to support the delivery of the Arafura Games?
3. What is the Government doing to improve sporting opportunities and participation in sport for people with a disability?
4. What efforts and resources have been made available to date to support this objective?
5. What support will be provided to major sporting organisations such as Basketball NT and AFL to host National Sporting Events?
6. Please advise if the Government intends to continue to support the Melbourne Football Club. If not, why not?
7. What support will be provided to sporting organisation in the NT to host International Sporting Events?
8. What modelling or research has been done on the economic benefit of hosting national and international sporting events? Please provide copies of this.
9. Please provide copies of economic impact statements commissioned by the current government in relation to hosting national and international sporting events.
10. What objectives have or will the Government set when it comes to attracting AFL games to the NT?
11. What additional infrastructure spends will be required to host national events for Cricket?
12. Will the Government commit to continued financial support for the Parramatta Eels and/or other strategic NRL sponsorship deals?

NT Major Events Company

1. How many FTEs will the NT Major Events company employ in the 2017/18 financial year?
2. How does this compare to financial year 2016/17?
3. What program of events are proposed for 2017/18?

Squash NT

1. The previous Government made a commitment to provide \$4.5 million to upgrade the Marrara squash stadium. Please advise why the Government decided not to fund this project.
2. What economic modelling or business case was conducted prior to the decision not to fund this project? Please provide a copy.
3. What support is the Government providing to Squash NT to host the Australian Squash Nationals in Darwin in November 2017? Will this event still go ahead in Darwin without the upgraded facilities?
4. Please advise how much is hosting the Squash Nationals worth to the economy in Darwin.
5. Please advise what consultation occurred prior to the decision taken to not fund this upgrade. Were local builders consulted?

Cricket NT

1. What is the Government's plan to support Cricket NT to deliver Big Bash League cricket to Alice Springs?
2. Please provide an update on the Government's intentions for Traeger Park.

Basketball

1. What work has gone into researching optimal governance models and structures for the development of basketball in the NT?
2. How much has been spent on these studies?
3. Is there a plan to unify the different government bodies for the sport in the NT?
4. Does the Government support an NBL franchise coming to the NT?
5. Please advise what funds will be allocated towards achieving the objective of bringing an NBL franchise to Darwin.

Sporting Infrastructure in the Rural Area

1. What plans does the Government have to support and grow sporting participation in the rural area?
2. Please advise what new sport infrastructure will be delivered in the rural area over the forward estimates.
3. Will the Government build a pool in the rural area?

4. Please advise when work will begin on the rural pool.

Goodline Oval

1. Please provide an update on the plans the Government has for Goodline Oval.
2. Do these plans address the lack of change rooms and other facilities at Goodline Oval?
3. Please advise what funds are allocated for upgrades at this sporting oval.

Entrance Statements –Tennant Creek

1. Please detail what study or needs analysis has been undertaken to support the Government's decision to spend \$1 million on new entrance signs to Tennant Creek?
2. Will this project comply with "Buy Local"?

Marrara Sports Facilities

1. Given that the Government has committed to significant upgrades and additional investments in the sporting infrastructure in Marrara, including a new \$18 million netball stadium, is there a traffic management plan?
2. Please advise what changes are proposed to manage the additional traffic flow arising from the increased user base at Marrara.
3. Are traffic numbers available for the roads in and out of the Marrara sporting complex? Please provide the details.
4. Has the Government considered a park and ride facility to service the sporting infrastructure in Marrara?

Warren Park

1. Why was Warren Park fast tracked from a two stage process in Budget 19/20, and 21/22 to a single allocation of \$25m project in Budget 17/18?
2. Please advise how this project can proceed in 2017/18 when agreement on the lease at South Darwin RL has not been secured.
3. Was a cost benefit analysis undertaken before commissioning a new stadium at Warren Park? Please provide a copy.
4. What is the timeframe for the delivery of this project?
5. The 1050 seat stadium on the Sunshine Coast on which Warren Park is being modelled was at a cost of \$10million in 2011. Please advise why a stadium of the same size will cost 150% more only 6 years later.

6. What lighting will be installed at Warren Park and what is the lux in the design?
7. What will the floor space of the facilities be?
8. Please advise what economic modelling was done and provide a copy.
9. What is the ongoing commitment in terms of cost?
10. Once Warren Park is operational there will be fewer games at Goodline Oval. Please provide details of the subsidy that will be paid to rugby league clubs which currently utilise this facility.

Richardson Park

1. What are the Terms of Reference for the new Steering Committee on the future of Richardson Park?
2. Please advise who is represented on the Steering Committee.
3. Please advise why the Office of the Minister for Tourism and Culture has been identified as the agent responsible for leading the Steering Committee, and not the Minister or the Agency CEO.
4. Please advise who has been consulted on the future of Richardson Park since 1 September 2016.
5. Please advise why this site has remained vacant?
6. Why has the Government opposed the Expression of Interest from Brothers and Nightcliff Rugby league Clubs.

OUTPUT GROUP: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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1. How many Full Time Equivalents are currently employed within this Agency, broken down by Output and Business Unit?
2. How many Full Time Equivalents have resigned, retired, taken a redundancy package or have been made redundant, or terminated? Please break down these numbers by Output and Business Unit.
3. What has happened to these positions? Has the work been reallocated to existing staff?
4. Are there any plans to fill these positions in the near future?

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

1. In the draft infrastructure strategy, there is a plan to move the Territory Wildlife Park from Berry Springs to a site near the Darwin CBD. Please advise when this move will occur.
2. What business case has been done to support this move?
3. Has modelling been done on the impact on the greater Berry Springs community of losing the Territory Wildlife Park?
4. Please provide a copy of the business case.
5. Please advise who was consulted on this matter prior to the decision.
6. Please advise the number of park visitors in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years as at 31 March 2017.

10 Year Plan for the Territory Wildlife Park

1. Please advise the basis of the calculation of \$150,000 for the 10 year plan.
2. When will this plan be made public?
3. Who will be consulted?
4. Who will write the 10 year plan?
5. Please provide the estimated cost associated with moving the Territory Wildlife Park from Berry Springs to a site adjacent to the CBD.
6. Please provide details of the site.

Answers:

Conservation Land Corporation

1. Why has the Conservation Land Corporation not had any meetings since August 2016?

The Conservation Land Corporation's most recent meeting was held on 12 April 2016, with the previous meeting held on 6 November 2014.

The Conservation Land Corporation has three members, allowing business to be conducted through general correspondence or face to face.

There is no requirement under the *Parks and Wildlife Commission Act* for the Conservation Land Corporation to have meetings.

2. How has an expense of \$12,108 been incurred for operation of the Conservation Land Corporation if they have not met?

The cost incurred to the Department for the operations of the Conservation Land Corporation in 2016-17 relate to email accounts, Post Office Box services and legal costs.

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The Government is investing an initial \$50 million into a Museum of the Northern Territory at Myilly Point that will create hundreds of jobs through construction and support for the tourism sector. It will attract visitors from around the nation and internationally, providing a boost to the NT economy.

For the first time Territorians will have a museum that tells the 50,000 year old history of Darwin – from the world's oldest continuous culture through to the frontline of WWII and the modern day. A commemoration of the Stolen Generations will be one component of the new Museum.

Initial planning has commenced for the Museum, with a design tender currently being advertised. The successful tenderer will undertake extensive consultation with the community on the museum. It is too early to identify on-going funding requirements.

2. What business case analysis was undertaken before this announcement was made? Please provide a copy of this.

The Museum of the Northern Territory is part of the \$100 million CBD revitalisation to transform Darwin into a world-class tourist and cultural destination and create thousands of jobs for Territorians. Territorians attending the Economic Development Summit process clearly identified revitalising the CBD as a key project to develop and grow the Territory economy.

The Territory Government has signed an MOU with the Federal Government which will pave the way for a City Deal for Darwin that will drive investment, infrastructure and jobs for the region.

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The 10 Year Museum Masterplan is for Darwin and Palmerston and will assist in informing future investment in existing and new cultural facilities and activities.

- 4. Do these Budget allocations mean that the Museums Masterplan will not proceed?**

No. Consultation on the 10 Year Museum Masterplan for Darwin and Palmerston will begin in August 2017.

- 5. When are more specific details around the \$100 million Arts Trails investment going to be made public? Is there a consultancy study underway and if so, please provide the details of who is undertaking this study and at what cost?**

The \$100 million Indigenous Arts Trail includes a number of constituent elements:

- Iconic National Indigenous Art Gallery in Alice Springs – an eminent steering committee of experts has been established to assist with the initial scoping work for the gallery, including curation, governance, design and consultation processes.
- Iconic National Indigenous Cultural Centre in Alice Springs - Nganampa Development Corporation has been engaged to undertake preliminary consultation for the Indigenous Cultural Centre.
- Community Art Gallery grants - the first round of National Arts Trail Regional Stimulus Grant is currently being considered and an announcement on successful recipients will be made soon. Grants of up to \$10,000 or \$100,000 are available for upgrades to art centres, galleries, museums, libraries and keeping places and is open to not-for-profit arts and culture organisations and regional councils.
- Gallery Enhancements in Arnhem, Katherine and Tennant Creek – work is underway to progress these projects.

Each of these initiatives are being progressed separately in a coordinated approach over the coming three years. Consultation will be undertaken for each of the major projects planned as part of the Arts Trail. An Arts Trail website has been established: www.artstrail.nt.gov.au

6. How much will the Government allocation to the Darwin Festival be in financial year 17/18?

Darwin Festival is an iconic and important cultural event for the Territory. The Festival has a funding agreement with the Department of Tourism and Culture for \$1 million per annum in 2017 and 2018 calendar year. Darwin Festival also secured \$400 000 from Festivals NT, plus in-kind fleet and premises support. A one-off allocation of \$300,000 was provided to the Festival in 2017 to support its CBD Vibrancy Program to deliver events and activations in the Darwin CBD, delivering economic stimulus to local businesses and engaging pedestrians as audiences.

7. Is there an upper limit for funding the Darwin Festival and if so what is the amount?

The Darwin Festival has a funding agreement with the Department of Tourism and Culture for \$1 million per annum in 2017 and 2018 calendar year. They may be successful in securing additional funds through other grant programs or for strategic initiatives on a case by case basis. For 2017, the Festival also secured \$400 000 from Festivals NT, plus in-kind fleet and premises support. A one-off allocation of \$300,000 was also provided to support the Festival's CBD Vibrancy Program to deliver events and activations in the Darwin CBD, delivering economic stimulus to local businesses and engaging pedestrians as audiences.

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This Government is maintaining investment in tourism marketing and promotion in traditional markets, as well as investing an additional \$4 million in 2017-18 into research and marketing to attract visitors from new markets in China and India. The Government is also developing and enhancing large-scale tourism product, including investing \$100 million into an Arts Trail and \$100 million into revitalising the Darwin CBD.

The 2016/17 Tourism NT Budget included the former Government's \$5 million Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund.

2. What is the justification for the cuts?

As detailed above, the Government is maintaining investment in tourism marketing. The previous Tourism NT Budget includes the Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund which ceased in 2016-17.

3. Does government agree that Tourism is a key growth and wealth creating industry?

The Territory Government is continuing to invest in the tourism industry recognising how crucial this investment is for the Territory's more than 2000 tourism-related businesses and more than 15,000 tourism-related jobs.

The 2017-18 Budget supports the Territory's tourism industry in a number of ways, including:

- ongoing commitment to tourism marketing and promotion (including investment in new visitor markets);

- the development of new and improved tourism products;
- enhancements to tourism infrastructure; and
- maximising the tourism benefit from our major events and festivals and our screen industry.

The Government is maintaining core marketing and operational funding with a continuation of an \$8 million funding injection to market the Territory to the world.

The 2017-18 Budget also includes:

- \$10 million over four years to upgrade tourism infrastructure in Nitmiluk National Park; and
- an additional \$9 million in 2017-18 towards repairs and maintenance across important tourism-related infrastructure in our parks, art and cultural institutions, heritage sites and sporting facilities.

This is on top of a \$100 million Arts Trail investment and \$100 million investment to rejuvenate the Darwin CBD.

Each of these major projects will deliver exciting new tourism product that will draw more visitors from interstate and overseas to the Territory.

4. Does government agree that reducing the budget by 11% risks Territory jobs?

The Government is maintaining core tourism marketing and operational funding with a continuation of an \$8 million funding injection to market the Territory to the world, while significantly increasing investment in tourism product and infrastructure. An additional \$4 million will support the Government's election commitment to attract more visitors from the emerging tourist markets of China and India.

In terms of a variation in the figures in the budget papers, the 2016-17 Budget for Tourism NT included one-off tourism infrastructure grants.

The variation is also because of efficiencies achieved from strategically aligning a range of previously separate agencies to become the Department of Tourism and Culture – this allows Government to ensure there is a strong tourism focus across each area of this department, including sporting events, festivals, heritage, arts, parks and our screen industry.

The Government believes that investing in tourism is an investment in jobs for Territorians and in growing our economy.

Funding for Regional Tourist Associations

- 1. What is the justification for cutting support to Regional Tourist Associations?**
- 2. Please provide the economic modelling or business case to support this decision.**

Funding to support Regional Tourist Associations has been maintained in the 2017-18 Budget. The Department of Tourism and Culture funds two Regional Tourism Organisation's (Alice Springs and Darwin) and two Visitor Information Centres (Katherine and Tennant Creek) in the Northern Territory. The total allocation of funding for the 2016-17 financial year for the four locations was \$1.97 million. The funding allocation for the 2017-18 financial year for the four locations is \$1.99 million.

- 3. Budget Paper 3 page 201 indicates that the number of community engagement events run by Tourism NT will be cut by 10. Please advise what events will or have been cancelled.**

BP3 reports the number of events delivered by the Department of Tourism and Culture to be estimated at 643 in 2016-17 and 633 in 2017-18. The movement relates to the Moonlight Cinema events at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens not being held in 2017-18 and the Alice Springs Masters Games held every two years.

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Airbnb

- 1. What resources does Budget 17/18 make available to the Department of Tourism and Culture to research, investigate and regulate Airbnb in the Northern Territory?**

A review is being undertaken into short-term private letting, funded by Department of Trade, Business and Innovation and the Department of Tourism and Culture.

Procurement is underway for a consultant to undertake the review which is anticipated to commence in the final quarter of 2017-18.

- 2. Please advise what effect has Airbnb had on average hotel room rates and vacancy rates across the Northern Territory.**

There is currently no mechanism to measure the effect Air BnB has had on average hotel room rates and vacancy rates. A review is being undertaken into short-term private letting in the Territory.

Aboriginal Employment in Tourism and Culture

- 1. What measures or actions will the Department of Tourism and Culture adopt to increase the number of Aboriginal people employed in the Department?**

The Department of Tourism and Culture is committed to improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians and recognises the potential to improve service delivery to our clients through the employment of Aboriginal people.

The department currently participates in a number of Aboriginal Employment programs including:

- Work experience
- Aboriginal student cadetships

- Department of Corporate and Information Services - Aboriginal Employment program
- School based apprenticeships
- Parks and Wildlife Commission Aboriginal Apprenticeships
- Parks and Wildlife Commission Aboriginal Flexible Employment program
- Aboriginal Tourism internship program

Parks and Wildlife has an Aboriginal Employment Strategy that is used as a tool to assist in identifying and advancing employment opportunities for local Aboriginal people on Parks.

Work has commenced on developing a whole of department four year Aboriginal Employment and Career Development Strategy aimed at improving the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal people within the department.

Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund

1. **Please advise what analysis was undertaken to evaluate the success or otherwise of the Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund.**

The Department of Tourism and Culture provided a progress report to the Minister for Tourism and Culture on the grant program, detailing the number of projects supported, total value of projects supported and outcomes delivered by projects completed at the time of writing.

2. **Budget 17/18 makes no mention of the Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund. Please confirm that this allocation for strategic tourism infrastructure has been cut?**

The Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund (TIDF) program was funded under the 2015-16 Budget as a one-off program to be completed by 30 June 2016. A further one-off funding allocation was made to the program in 2016 by the former NT Government as part of its “boosting the economy” package.

3. **What impact will this cut have on the development of NT tourism product?**

While these projects may contribute to an improved experience for visitors while they are in the Territory, given the majority are of a small scale their ability to attract visitors is likely to be limited.

The Government is focused on enhancing and developing large-scale tourism infrastructure product, including through its \$100 million Arts Trail investment and its \$10 million enhancement to the visitor experience in Nitmiluk National Park, to attract more visitors to the Territory from interstate and overseas.

4. **Please advise how many private tourism businesses were consulted before this infrastructure development fund was cut.**

All communication regarding the program clearly noted the TIDF was a one-off opportunity and not ongoing.

Historic Shipwrecks Fund

- 1. Please confirm that there is no budget allocation in Budget 2017 for the Historic Shipwrecks Fund. Why is this so?**

The Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy in April 2017 advised that it intends to continue with the current arrangements, and that the Northern Territory Government will be offered \$60 000 a year for three years (starting in 2017-18) to administer the Historic Shipwrecks Program in the NT under the terms of a new Service Level Agreement.

Tourism NT

- 1. How many overseas offices did Tourism NT operate in the 2016/17 financial year?**

Tourism NT operated 8 overseas offices in 2016-17 financial year.

- 2. How many overseas offices will Tourism NT operate in financial year 2017/18?**

There are no anticipated changes in representation for 2017-18 other than for China which may result in a staffing arrangement put in place instead of a representative arrangement, using Tourism Australia's presence in-market. This is in line with the Government's focus on attracting more Chinese visitors to the Territory.

- 3. Please advise what the strategy is for overseas offices over the forward estimates.**

Tourism NT will maintain its current strategy for overseas offices, as well as looking to put in place a staffing arrangement in China to support the Government's focus on attracting more Chinese visitors to the Territory.

- 4. What consultation has been undertaken to support this strategy?**

Regarding the potential change in China from representation to a staffing arrangement, consultation has been undertaken with Tourism Australia.

- 5. What research has been done to support the direction of this overseas engagement strategy?**

Tourism NT's in-market presence is informed by its Market Prioritisation Tool. This model considers a range of economic, social and trend factors that enables consideration of current and future market potential and the need or otherwise for a dedicated in-market presence.

- 6. Please provide a copy of this research.**

An overview of Tourism NT's Market Prioritisation Tool is as follows overleaf:

Market Prioritisation Tool

May 2017

Model Outline

- Looks at relativity of global and domestic markets
- Strategic approach to investment in markets
- Assessment of risk
- Size/ value of current market
- Range of future potential of market factors
- For each country: factors rated out of 5 and then weighted, giving an overall rating out of 100

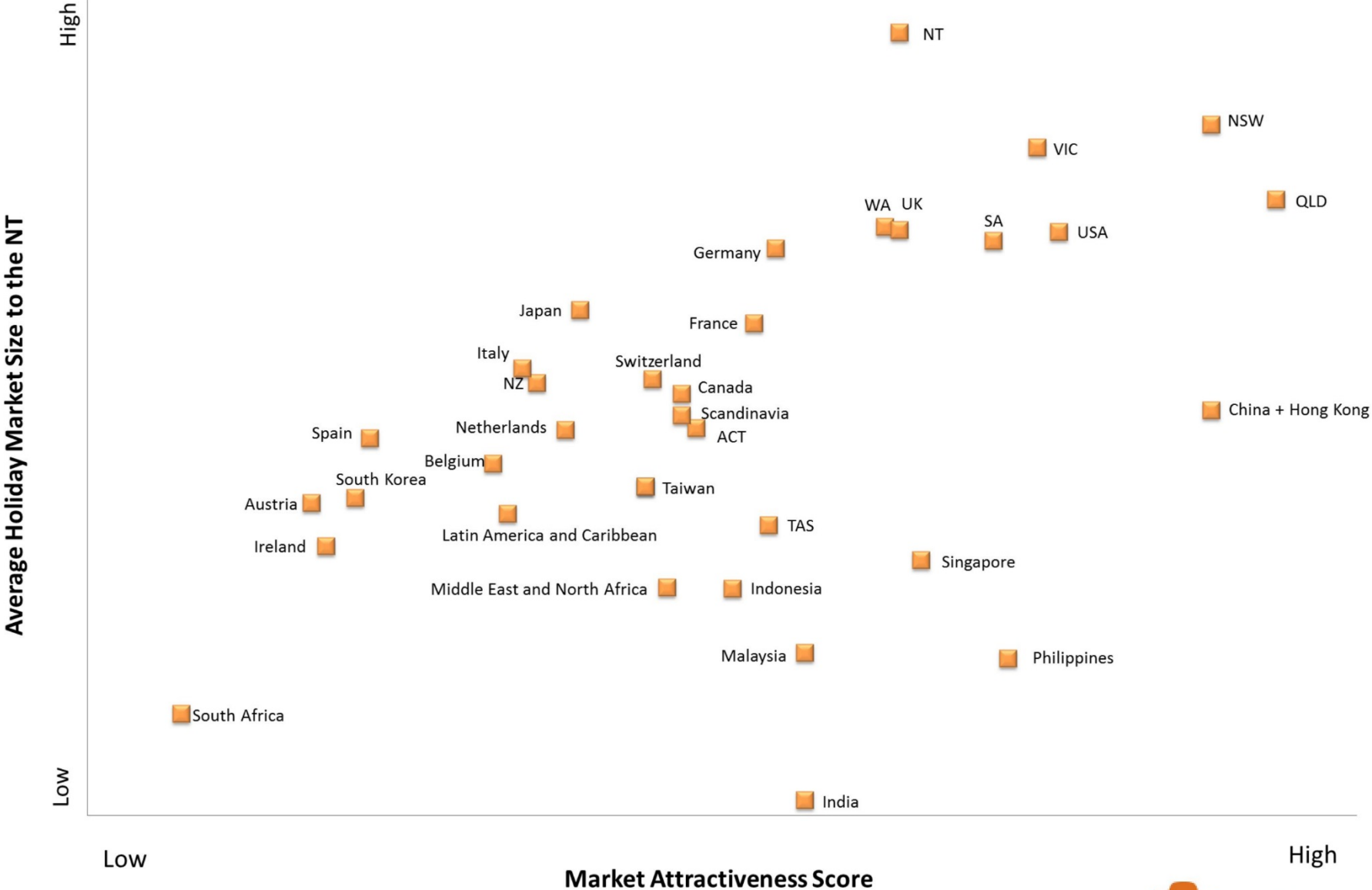
Future Potential Factors

Measure	Factors	Weighting
Economic	GDP / GSP per capita (current prices)	5%
	GDP / GSP per capita average annual growth rate	9%
	Exchange rate growth AUD	6%
	Sub total - Economic	20%
Propensity to travel	Core market population growth	10%
	Out of region (OOR) travel growth & Consideration to travel to the NT	15%
	Sub total – Propensity to travel	25%
Aviation	Air capacity growth	10%
	Aviation access potential	10%
	Air price relativity	6%
	Sub total – Aviation	26%
Industry Development	Business travel actual and forecast growth	4%
	Travel Development – Travel Agents	5%
	Travel Development- Tour Operators	10%
	Sub total – Industry Development	19%
Consumer Readiness	Internet penetration and online readiness	10%
Total		100%

Market Assessment Matrix

INTERNATIONAL	NT HOLIDAY VOLUME INDEX	NT NIGHTLY SPEND INDEX	AUST HOLIDAY VOLUME INDEX	ECONOMIC POTENTIAL - F2	EXCHANGE RATE GROWTH - F3	CORE MARKET POP'N GROWTH - F4 Ttl	PROPENSIT Y FOR TRAVEL	AVIATION ACCESS POTENTIAL	AIR PRICE RELATIVITY	BUSINESS TRAVEL POTENTIAL	ONLINE READINESS	MKT ATTRACTIVE NNESS RATING	OVERALL RATING
SOURCE MARKET	ix	ix	ix	"1" lowest to "5" highest								Max 100	Weighted
United States of America	98	100	45	5	3	5	3	4	3	3	5	72	78
China + Hong Kong	20	49	100	1	4	5	5	4	1	3	5	76	70
Switzerland	26	96	5	5	2	4	4	2	4	3	4	61	65
Italy	29	77	6	3	2	5	2	2	4	3	5	57	56
United Kingdom	100	44	51	4	2	5	3	4	4	3	4	67	57
Korea	9	69	22	3	3	5	4	3	1	2	1	52	54
Canada	23	61	11	4	2	5	2	3	4	3	4	61	54
Japan	49	52	30	4	2	3	1	3	5	3	4	59	52
Taiwan	10	57	13	2	2	4	2	3	4	3	5	60	52
Germany	85	44	20	4	2	5	3	3	4	3	4	64	50
France	43	46	11	4	2	5	2	3	4	4	5	63	49
India	1	41	10	1	5	5	4	3	3	3	1	65	48
Scandinavia	19	41	9	5	2	5	3	2	4	4	5	61	46
Netherlands	17	35	4	4	2	4	2	3	4	3	5	58	42
Singapore	5	12	27	5	2	3	3	6	1	3	5	68	42
Malaysia	2	8	25	1	3	5	3	4	1	3	4	65	39
Philippines	2	0	5	1	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	70	36

Graphic View



7. Please advise the location of current Tourism NT overseas offices.

A list of Tourism NT's current overseas representative offices are as follows:

- Japan: AVIAREPS Marketing Garden, 26-3 Sanei-Cho Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo 160-0008 JAPAN
- Singapore: Pacific Leisure Marketing Pty Ltd, 371 Beach Road #12-06, City Gate, SINGAPORE 199597
- China: AustCham Shanghai, 2E,668 HuaiAn Rd, Shanghai CHINA
- United Kingdom: Australia's Northern Territory, 6th Floor Australia House Strand, London WC2B 4LG UNITED KINGDOM
- Central Europe: Australia's Northern Territory, Neue Mainzer Strasse 22, Frankfurt/Main 60311, GERMANY
- Italy: AIGO, Piazza Caiazza 3, 20124 Milan and Giancarlo Truffa, Corse Mediterraneo 69/14/C 10129 Torino, Italy
- France: PVTG. 4 Avenue des Fleurs, Bagnolet 93170, FRANCE
- United States of America: Myriad Marketing – Los Angeles, 6033 W. Century Blvd Suite 900, Los Angeles, CA 90045 USA and Myriad Marketing – New York, 20 W 22nd Street, Suite 603, New York, NY 10010 USA.

8. How much will be spent in financial year 2017/18 on international marketing?

9. How much will be spent in financial year 2017/18 on domestic marketing?

It's not possible to provide a definitive split between domestic and international marketing because activities are undertaken that are common across all markets, such as website development and maintenance, global Trip Adviser buy and so on. Around \$29 million of the Tourism NT Budget is focused on marketing in key national and international markets, with the rest of the budget allocated to activities that support marketing efforts including destination development and the Convention Bureau which seeks to attract high-value business events and conferences to the Territory.

10. Please provide the most up to date numbers for international and domestic holiday visitors.

The most recent visitation numbers are made publicly available and can be accessed here: <http://www.tourismnt.com.au/en/research/latest-visitor-data>.

11. What is the average hotel occupancy rate in Darwin?

12. Please advise how has this changed over the last 12 months.

The most recent accommodation data available is made publicly available and can be accessed here: <http://www.tourismnt.com.au/en/research/accommodation>. This report also includes trends over the past 12 months, and commentary of relevant shifts over the past five years.

Blatherskite Park

- 1. Please provide an update on developments at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs.**

Mr Rob Clarke, Director Right Tracks Development, submitted a proposal for the large scale redevelopment of Blatherskite Park. Negotiations are currently underway with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu to work closely with Mr Clarke to conduct an independent assessment of the redevelopment proposal.

- 2. What are the Government's plans with respect to sporting activities at Blatherskite Park and in particular for AFL?**

Government has provided \$6.2 million to upgrade community sporting facilities in Alice Springs. The Alice Springs Town Council is working with the community to update its Sports Masterplan which will inform priorities for this \$6.2 million investment.

Sport and Recreation

- 1. On page 205 of Budget Paper 3 sport event revenue goes from \$190,000 in financial year 2016/17 to nil in financial year 2017/18.**

Why is this so?

The budgeted event revenue in 2016-17 relates to the biennial Masters Games. The Masters Games will be held again in October 2018 and revenue will be reflected in the 2018-19 Budget.

- 2. What actions will the Government take, or has taken to address this?**

The budgeted event revenue in 2016-17 relates to the biennial Masters Games. The Masters Games will be held again in October 2018 and revenue will be reflected in the 2018-19 Budget.

Bringing back the Arafura Games

(Responses provided by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation.)

The Northern Territory Government has committed to bring back the Arafura Games in 2019 to leverage the cultural, economic and social benefits of an international and national sporting event. Public consultation has enabled the Arafura Games Steering Committee to develop a Strategic Framework around the philosophy and guiding principles for the games that meets the needs and expectations of stakeholders.

- 1. In Budget Paper 2, page 46, \$376,000 is allocated for the Arafura Games. Please advise how this figure was calculated.**

Calculated on 2 FTE staff for 2017-18, and operational costs.

- 2. What economic modelling has been done around the benefit of restarting the Arafura Games?**

The Government committed to bring back the Arafura Games during the NT Government election. An Arafura Games Steering Committee has been established to deliver the philosophy and guiding principles for the

reinvigorated Arafura Games to ensure it achieves Government objectives and maximises outcomes for Territorians.

3. Similarly, is there a business case for the Arafura Games? Please provide a copy.

The Strategic Framework will outline the philosophy and guiding principles for the Games that meets the needs and expectations of the community and other key stakeholders.

4. Which stakeholders have been consulted in relation to bringing back the Arafura Games? What has been the outcome?

A wide range of stakeholders were consulted on how to bring back the Arafura Games. These included: local sporting/cultural/art organisations; state and national peak sporting bodies; local businesses in the tourism, creative and cultural sectors; international development boards and interested private citizens.

The Arafura Games Steering Committee implemented a consultation plan to hear and consider views of stakeholders and the wider community on the scope and timing of the Arafura Games.

This consultation resulted in 44 public consultation hearings and 42 written submissions to inform the Arafura Games Steering Committee on the development of a Strategic Framework to bring back the Arafura Games.

Stakeholders were given options to provide written submissions, complete online surveys or attend Steering Committee hearings or one-on-one meetings with the Steering Committee Chair.

The Arafura Games website went live on 10 February 2017 and closed on 18 March 2017:

- Total website visits: 2369
- Total online surveys completed: 193
- Total quick poll responses received: 305, and
- Expressions of Interest for volunteers received (via the online forum): 63.

Sports Masterplan

1. The previous Government committed significant resources (\$250,000) to developing a Sports Masterplan. When will this Sports Masterplan be finalised? When will it be made public?

The draft master plan remains under consideration to ensure the actions recommended in the document are aligned with the expectations of the sporting community.

2. How much has been spent on developing the Sports Masterplan in financial year 2016/17?

No funds were spent on developing the Sports Masterplan in 2016-17.

3. Please advise how much has been spent to date on developing said Masterplan.

Up to 2015-16 a total of \$668 219 has been spent to develop the Sports Masterplan.

National and International Events

1. Will the Government continue its support for the Women's AFL National Competition and for how long? What budget allocation has been made for this?

The Northern Territory Government has committed \$150,000 to support the Adelaide Crows Women's AFL team, which won the inaugural AFL Women's competition and included nine Territory players. The current agreement expires at the end of the 2018 football season when it will be reviewed in line with good governance practices.

2. What sponsorship has or will be sought from the private sector to support the delivery of the Arafura Games?

An Arafura Games Steering Committee has been established to deliver the philosophy and guiding principles for the reinvigorated Arafura Games to ensure it achieves Government objectives and maximises outcomes for Territorians. Sponsorship and other arrangements will be considered as part of planning for the Games.

3. What is the Government doing to improve sporting opportunities and participation in sport for people with a disability?

Government invests in Peak Sporting Bodies and Active Recreation Organisations to ensure they have inclusive programs and opportunities for people with a disability to participate.

4. What efforts and resources have been made available to date to support this objective?

The Department provides support including financial support to Disabled Sports Association (NT) Inc, RDA Alice Springs, Riding for the Disabled Top End and Total Recreation NT through the Active Recreation Organizations (ARO) Program. The ARO Program aims to increase and improve participation initiatives.

5. What support will be provided to major sporting organisations such as Basketball NT and AFL to host National Sporting Events?

All requests for NT Government support for national sporting events are assessed individually on their merit, their potential to attract visitors and their value to grassroots sport development.

6. Please advise if the Government intends to continue to support the Melbourne Football Club. If not, why not?

The current agreement expires at the end of the 2018 season. The agreement will be reviewed at this time in line with good governance practices. The Melbourne Football Club played a sell-out game against the Adelaide Crows in Darwin on 15 July 2017.

7. What support will be provided to sporting organisation in the NT to host International Sporting Events?

The level of NT Government support is dependent on a range of factors, including their ability to attract visitors to the Territory. All requests for funding are assessed individually.

Examples of events include:

- Pro Tour Tennis, Alice Springs – 16 - 23 September 2017
- World Cup Rugby League – 17 November 2017
- Hockey International - Early 2018
- Hottest 7's Rugby Union - January 2018

8. What modelling or research has been done on the economic benefit of hosting national and international sporting events? Please provide copies of this.

9. Please provide copies of economic impact statements commissioned by the current government in relation to hosting national and international sporting events.

The Department of Tourism and Culture assesses each event individually based on merit. Primarily, consideration is given to maximising visitation and tourism benefits, spectator and lifestyle elements and the event's value to grassroots sport development.

10. What objectives have or will the Government set when it comes to attracting AFL games to the NT?

The current agreement with the AFL requires Melbourne Football Club to play two 'home' games per annum in the NT during the term of the agreement (2017 and 2018); undertake community engagement programs that include skills clinics, coaching development, school visits, remote community visits and visiting community facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes and libraries. This will be reviewed in relation to any decision to continue to host AFL games post 2018. Any future agreements will be expected to have a stronger focus on increased visitation and tourism benefit.

11. What additional infrastructure spends will be required to host national events for Cricket?

National events are already held in Alice Springs and at the Marrara cricket grounds. The infrastructure required for national cricket events may differ depending on the venue, the type of national cricket match and the requirements of Cricket Australia. All proposed fixtures are assessed individually.

12. Will the Government commit to continued financial support for the Parramatta Eels and/or other strategic NRL sponsorship deals?

The NT Government has committed to hosting NRL games in the NT. The current agreement with the Parramatta Eels expires at the end of the 2017 football season. Funding was made available in the budget and negotiations with the NRL for a new agreement are underway, which will require a stronger focus on visitation and tourism benefits.

NT Major Events Company

- 1. How many FTEs will the NT Major Events company employ in the 2017/18 financial year?**

As at 5 July 2017, the NT Major Events Company employs 14 FTE.

- 2. How does this compare to financial year 2016/17?**

There is currently no change in the FTE numbers from 2016-17 to the forecasted 2017-18 figure of 14 FTE.

- 3. What program of events are proposed for 2017/18?**

The proposed program of events for 2017-18 is:

- Territory Day – held 1 July 2017 across the Northern Territory
- Red CentreNATS – 1 – 3 September 2017 – Alice Springs
- Parrtjima – A Festival in Light – 22 September – 1 October 2017 – Alice Springs
- Bridgestone World Solar Challenge – 8 – 15 October 2017 (departs Darwin 8 October)
- Rugby League World Cup – Quarter Final Match – Friday 17 November – Darwin
- BASSINTHEGRASS – 19 May 2018 – Darwin
- Finke Desert Race – 9 – 11 June 2018 – Alice Springs
- CrownBet Darwin Triple Crown Supercars (date tbc) - Darwin

Squash NT

- 1. The previous Government made a commitment to provide \$4.5 million to upgrade the Marrara squash stadium. Please advise why the Government decided not to fund this project.**

- 2. What economic modelling or business case was conducted prior to the decision not to fund this project? Please provide a copy.**

\$4.5M was invested into a new squash facility in 2011 and the sport had not expanded since the initial investment to warrant additional facilities.

- 3. What support is the Government providing to Squash NT to host the Australian Squash Nationals in Darwin in November 2017? Will this event still go ahead in Darwin without the upgraded facilities?**

Squash NT has received a one-off funding grant of \$30,000 from the Department of Tourism and Culture for the Australian Open.

- 4. Please advise how much is hosting the Squash Nationals worth to the economy in Darwin.**

The value of any event to the economy is largely dependent on player and spectator numbers - we will be able to assess the value to the economy once the event has occurred.

- 5. Please advise what consultation occurred prior to the decision taken to not fund this upgrade. Were local builders consulted?**

The Department of Tourism and Culture consulted with Squash NT and other sports involved in the proposal. There was not a requirement to consult with local builders as the project had not progressed to a point where construction had commenced. The Government is focused on

delivering the fast-tracked \$18 million Netball Stadium, which is currently out to tender, and the fast-tracked \$25 million Home for Rugby League at Warren Park, which will be out to tender later in the year.

Cricket NT

1. What is the Government's plan to support Cricket NT to deliver Big Bash League cricket to Alice Springs?

The Government will always consider proposals for major sporting events, particularly in terms of their benefits to Territorians and the Territory economy.

2. Please provide an update on the Government's intentions for Traeger Park.

Traeger Park is a facility owned by Alice Springs Town Council. Government has allocated \$6.2 million to upgrade sporting facilities in Alice Springs. The Council will work with the community to upgrade its sporting masterplan and determine priorities for that funding.

Basketball

1. What work has gone into researching optimal governance models and structures for the development of basketball in the NT?

Basketball NT (BNT) engaged a consultant (Michael Haynes) to review the current governance structure of basketball in the NT. Stage 1 of the review (business case for change) was completed in October 2016. Stage 2 of the review was the preparation of the strategic plan for a new structure. The constitutional change necessary for the restructure was not accepted by NT basketball associations. Recommendations from the governance review, including shared services, increased communications between the associations and state/territory body and national body have been implemented. BNT will continue with the current governance arrangements.

2. How much has been spent on these studies?

The engagement of the consultant was at BNT's cost.

3. Is there a plan to unify the different government bodies for the sport in the NT?

BNT is currently the peak body for basketball in the NT.

4. Does the Government support an NBL franchise coming to the NT?

5. Please advise what funds will be allocated towards achieving the objective of bringing an NBL franchise to Darwin.

There are currently no plans for an NBL franchise to come to the Northern Territory. It would require a current franchise to relocate and significant corporate investment.

Sporting Infrastructure in the Rural Area

1. What plans does the Government have to support and grow sporting participation in the rural area?

The Northern Territory Government will continue to support Fred's Pass

Reserve as the significant sport and recreation infrastructure precinct in the rural area.

2. Please advise what new sport infrastructure will be delivered in the rural area over the forward estimates.

In March 2016, the previous Government announced a commitment of \$3 million into the Fred's Pass Reserve Master Plan to deliver upgrades to roads, irrigation, fencing, lighting and electrical infrastructure. \$1.297 million has been spent to date with anticipated completion expected by 31 December 2017. There is no funding committed in the 2017-18 budget for further upgrades to Fred's Pass Reserve.

3. Will the Government build a pool in the rural area?

4. Please advise when work will begin on the rural pool.

The decision to develop a pool in the rural area is a decision for the Litchfield Council (Council). The NT Government provided Council with funding to undertake a feasibility study into the pool. Once Council has undertaken the necessary investigations and consultation with the community the Territory Government can consider further.

Goodline Oval

1. Please provide an update on the plans the Government has for Goodline Oval.

Goodline Park is currently operated by the Palmerston Raiders Rugby League Club and there are no plans to change the arrangements.

2. Do these plans address the lack of change rooms and other facilities at Goodline Oval?

The Government has provided the following funding for upgrades and maintenance at Goodline Park in the past two years:

- \$200 000 – grant to Palmerston Raiders in 2016-17 for:
 - Solar system;
 - Grandstand seating;
 - New sink/wash basin;
 - Stairs for change room access;
 - Shade structure to dugouts;
 - New Scorers rooms;
 - Clearing for overflow parking; and
 - Fencing for main field.
- Average \$30 000 to \$35 000 – annual ground maintenance contract;
- \$24 089 – Urgent Minor Repairs in 2015-16;
- \$43 159 – Urgent Minor Repairs in 2016-17; and
- \$1 499 - Urgent Minor Repairs to date in 2017-18.

3. **Please advise what funds are allocated for upgrades at this sporting oval.**

No funds are currently allocated, beyond normal repairs and maintenance. The club is welcome to apply for grants to upgrade facilities through normal grant processes.

The Government has fast-tracked a \$25 million election commitment to build a new Home for Rugby League at Warren Park.

Entrance Statements –Tennant Creek

1. **Please detail what study or needs analysis has been undertaken to support the Government's decision to spend \$1 million on new entrance signs to Tennant Creek?**

The Government is investing \$2 million to enhance entrance signs to Tennant Creek, doubling its election commitment. The entrance signs will encourage visitors to stop and spend more time in Tennant Creek. The lead Agency for this project is the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL). The Department of Tourism and Culture is a member of the working group convened by DIPL to progress this initiative. Discussions have occurred with local tour operators and other stakeholders in relation to tourism and investment opportunities in Tennant Creek, including discussion around the entrance signs.

2. **Will this project comply with "Buy Local"?**

DIPL will adhere to the Buy Local policy in delivering on this Government commitment.

Marrara Sports Facilities

1. **Given that the Government has committed to significant upgrades and additional investments in the sporting infrastructure in Marrara, including a new \$18 million netball stadium, is there a traffic management plan?**

This road is managed by Darwin City Council. A traffic management study is currently underway for the Netball and Warren Park developments. These two plans will be incorporated into a traffic study of the greater Marrara sporting precinct.

2. **Please advise what changes are proposed to manage the additional traffic flow arising from the increased user base at Marrara.**

Changes may be proposed, subject to investigation findings from the traffic study.

3. **Are traffic numbers available for the roads in and out of the Marrara sporting complex? Please provide the details.**

The current traffic study will be identifying these numbers.

4. **Has the Government considered a park and ride facility to service the sporting infrastructure in Marrara?**

This will be subject to the traffic study findings.

Warren Park

1. **Why was Warren Park fast tracked from a two stage process in Budget 19/20, and 21/22 to a single allocation of \$25m project in Budget 17/18?**
To allow the project to get underway as soon as possible, to support local jobs and deliver a new Home for Rugby League.
2. **Please advise how this project can proceed in 2017/18 when agreement on the lease at South Darwin RL has not been secured.**
The lease agreement is being finalised.
3. **Was a cost benefit analysis undertaken before commissioning a new stadium at Warren Park? Please provide a copy.**
The fast-tracked \$25 million Warren Park stadium will provide hundreds of jobs during construction and will ensure Rugby League has a permanent home, allowing the sport to develop and grow in the Territory.
4. **What is the timeframe for the delivery of this project?**
Contract is expected to commence in October 2017 with a 15 month Design and Construction period.
5. **The 1050 seat stadium on the Sunshine Coast on which Warren Park is being modelled was at a cost of \$10 million in 2011. Please advise why a stadium of the same size will cost 150% more only 6 years later.**
It is also modelled on Glen Willow Stadium in Mudgee, NSW. Both venues are suitable for second tier competition. Warren Park will have more seats, more capacity, and a separate ablutions/kiosk facility as well as three fields. The information is based on detailed quantity surveyor information using concept designs to formulate costings.
6. **What lighting will be installed at Warren Park and what is the lux in the design?**
Field 1 will include 1500 lux (HID lights, fields 2 and 3 will be 200 lux). This could potentially be delivered by alternative technologies depending on tender submissions.
7. **What will the floor space of the facilities be?**
The main stadium is expected to host 5930m² approximately.
8. **Please advise what economic modelling was done and provide a copy.**
The decision to develop Warren Park is a Government election commitment to provide a new Home for Rugby League in the Northern Territory.
9. **What is the ongoing commitment in terms of cost?**
The cost is being determined in conjunction with the projected design. The Territory will be responsible for a majority of the repairs and maintenance and grounds maintenance of the asset, as part of a contractual arrangement similar to the arrangement with AFLNT.

- 10. Once Warren Park is operational there will be fewer games at Goodline Oval. Please provide details of the subsidy that will be paid to rugby league clubs which currently utilise this facility.**
Scheduling and fixture arrangements are the responsibility of NRLNT, including associated commercial arrangements.

Richardson Park (Responses provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics)

- 1. What are the Terms of Reference for the new Steering Committee on the future of Richardson Park?**
- 2. Please advise who is represented on the Steering Committee.**
- 3. Please advise why the Office of the Minister for Tourism and Culture has been identified as the agent responsible for leading the Steering Committee, and not the Minister or the Agency CEO.**
The terms of reference and appropriate lead and representation for the new Steering Committee are currently under consideration.
- 4. Please advise who has been consulted on the future of Richardson Park since 1 September 2016.**
The Department of Education has been consulted as it currently developing a master plan for the Ludmilla Primary School, and has expressed an interest in the linkages and opportunities the Richardson Park site offers for school sports.
The Department of Tourism and Culture was also consulted.
- 5. Please advise why this site has remained vacant?**
A Request for Proposal (RFP) process seeking proposals from community and sporting groups to refurbish and utilise Richardson Park was commenced by the former Northern Territory Government.
This Government recently approved the termination of this process to allow all options for the future of Richardson Park to be considered, particularly its use as a community facility, given the commitment to fund the home of Rugby League at Warren Park.
- 6. Why has the Government opposed the Expression of Interest from Brothers and Nightcliff Rugby league Clubs.**
This Government recently approved the termination of this process to allow all options for the future of Richardson Park to be considered, given the commitment to fund the home of Rugby League at Warren Park.

OUTPUT GROUP: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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1. How many Full Time Equivalents are currently employed within this Agency, broken down by Output and Business Unit?
2. How many Full Time Equivalents have resigned, retired, taken a redundancy package or have been made redundant, or terminated? Please break down these numbers by Output and Business Unit.

Output	Divisions	FTE March 2017	Dismissal	Redundancy Voluntary	Resign	Retire	Termination - Executive Contract
Tourism and Culture	Arts and Museums	109.5	1		12	2	
	Heritage	5.6					
	Tourism NT	57.1	1		8		1
	Parks and Wildlife	193.8			17	1	1
	Sport and Recreation	51.2		1	15		0
		417.2	2	1	52	3	2
Corporate and Governance	Corporate Services	41.3			3		
	Executive	7.0					
		48.3	0	0	3	0	0
Territory Wildlife parks	Territory Wildlife Park	47.7	0	0	4	0	0
	Alice Springs Desert Park	42.0	0	0	1	0	0
		89.7	0	0	5	0	0
Grand Total		555.2	2	1	60	3	2

3. What has happened to these positions? Has the work been reallocated to existing staff?
4. Are there any plans to fill these positions in the near future?
Recruitment to key positions continues to be undertaken throughout the year. Work has not been reallocated to existing staff.

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

- 1. In the draft infrastructure strategy, there is a plan to move the Territory Wildlife Park from Berry Springs to a site near the Darwin CBD. Please advise when this move will occur.**
- 2. What business case has been done to support this move?**
- 3. Has modelling been done on the impact on the greater Berry Springs community of losing the Territory Wildlife Park?**
- 4. Please provide a copy of the business case.**
- 5. Please advise who was consulted on this matter prior to the decision.**

There are no plans to move the Territory Wildlife Park (TWP) to the Darwin CBD. The entry in the draft infrastructure strategy came as a suggestion from a member of the public offered through the recent economic summit process.

- 6. Please advise the number of park visitors in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years as at 31 March 2017.**

In 2015-16, TWP received approximately 55 630 visitors, the estimated visitor count for 2016-17 as at 31 March 2017 was 56 000.

10 Year Plan for the Territory Wildlife Park

- 1. Please advise the basis of the calculation of \$150,000 for the 10 year plan.**

\$150 000 has been allocated to develop a 10 year Master plan for the Territory Wildlife Park (TWP). The allocation of \$150 000 is based on the value of similar consultancies undertaken by the Department over recent time.
- 2. When will this plan be made public?**

The plan will be made public after completion, which is expected by end June 2018.
- 3. Who will be consulted?**

Stakeholders to be consulted include: Berry Springs residents, broader Darwin community as users of the TWP, tourism industry, TWP employees, interstate and international visitors to the TWP and similar zoo based organisations throughout Australia and overseas.
- 4. Who will write the 10 year plan?**

The Master plan will be written by a suitable qualified consultant identified through a public tender process.
- 5. Please provide the estimated cost associated with moving the Territory Wildlife Park from Berry Springs to a site adjacent to the CBD.**
- 6. Please provide details of the site.**

There are no plans to move the TWP from Berry Springs to the CBD.