

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Annual Report – Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

1. Please explain how the \$1.86bn figure for the infrastructure program quoted on p3 is made up. What is the line breakdown?
2. Why was there a 63km shortfall of sealed road? How can the Minister explain a 16/17 estimate of 167km of sealed roads but only achieve 104km of sealed roads?
3. Please explain how the target of 53km roads upgraded was missed with only 31km of roads upgraded in 16/17.
4. Infrastructure spend in 16/17 was \$844.64m. Please provide information on what projects and where were they delivered?
5. Only 12% of building assets were inspected in 16/17. Why does budget 17/18 state that a 50% target is achievable?
6. \$3.9m was spent on consultants in 2017. How many were Territory based consultants?
7. Why does the 2016/17 Annual Report not have a comparison of performance against the previous year, as has been a feature of Annual Reports in times past?
8. With respect to credit risk, what constitutes “sufficient collateral” as stated on p129 of the Annual Report?
9. An answer to a previous written question indicated that future plans for Richardson Park were being considered by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. Can the Minister please provide an update given the government owned facility remains vacant and is deteriorating with time?

Annual Report – NT Planning Commission

1. How are planning priorities determined?
2. What are the target levels of community participation in Local Area Activity Centre Plans? What constitutes success? How are these levels determined?
3. Stage 1 consultation on the Central Darwin Area Plan project is expected to commence in late 2017, what resources are being allocated to this task?
4. What processes are in place to review the effectiveness of communications channels used in the communications strategy?
5. What resources are dedicated to communications?
6. Is there a budget for social media? If not, why not?
7. Why is there such a discrepancy between what was budgeted for FY 16/17 and the actual spend in FY 16/17, i.e. \$540,000 in Budget 16/17, and an actual spend of \$293,000 in FY 16/17?