

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Local Government

Yuendumu Community Government Council

1. Was the Yuendumu Community Government Council wound up by your Department; if so, what were the reasons?
2. Why was the decision to put the Council into administration delayed until after the general election?

ANSWER

Question 1.

The Yuendumu Community Government Council has not been wound up. However, the Council was suspended for failure to comply with certain provisions the *Local Government Act* and was experiencing severe financial difficulties, hence my decision to appoint a manager. The manager will ensure basic services are continued to be delivered pending a future election.

Question 2.

The decision to put the Council under a manager was not delayed until after the general election. Early in the year my Department commenced a review into the financial affairs of the Council and was in the process of collating information and considering the options available to it when the election was called. The recommendation from the Department for me to instigate the suspension of the Council was not agreed to until after the election.