

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Sport and Recreation

Basketball Canteen and Administration Facility

1. On the matter of basketball's new air-conditioned facility. Why didn't Government complete the canteen and administration facility?

ANSWER

The original brief was for a project budget of \$4.3m, being \$3.0m from Government and \$1.3m from Darwin Basketball Association (DBA).

DBA's commitment was later reduced to \$1.0m, due in part to a reduction in income from the Casuarina Club.

This reduction in budget, combined with unexpected additional costs in construction required some cost-cutting. In discussing the options with DBA, it was agreed that completion of the stadium itself was paramount and deletion of the administration building entirely was considered. Ultimately it was agreed that construction of the administration building would proceed but not the fit-out. This includes the kiosk, which is part of the administration building.