

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Treasurer:

Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant

1. Was the Darwin Turf Club grandstand proposal (to be broadly interpreted as including the concept or idea of a new grandstand) ever provided to Treasury for comment? If yes:
 - a. When was it provided to Treasury and who provided it and asked for the comment?
 - b. In what form was the proposal provided?
 - c. What comment was provided by Treasury?
 - d. Did Treasury at the time of being shown the proposal, support the proposal?

2. At 1:06pm on 13 June 2019, Shaun Drabsch, the then Chief Executive (CE) of the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) received an email with attachment/s from Mr Stacy of the Darwin Turf Club (DTC) that contained a submission (the DTC Submission) from DTC for the funding of a public grandstand (collectively, Email 1). Email 1 is referred to at paragraph 292 of the ICAC Report "Investigation into the application for, award and expenditure of a grant to the Darwin Turf Club for a public grandstand" (The Report). In relation to Email 1, please advise:
 - a. Was Email 1 (either in whole, part, extracts or reworded sections) sent to Treasury? If so:
 - i. On what date was it sent, at what time and by who?
 - ii. Was Email 1 sent in whole or in part? If in part, which part/s?
 - iii. Was information contained in Email 1 extracted or reworded? If yes, what parts were extracted or reworded for inclusion to Treasury?

3. Was information contained in Email 1 provided to Treasury in a format other than the exact format in Email 1 i.e. had the information Treasury received been edited/authored/attached to other documents/used by a person employed by the Northern Territory Government or Government Minister to turn it into part/s, extract/s or sections reworded from Email 1 to a new document?
 - a. If yes, who was the author?
 - b. If yes, for what purpose was the change of format to the information contained in Email 1?
 - c. If yes, who did that document/s go to?
 - d. If yes, was the information adequate for Treasury to provide advice to the Treasurer or Cabinet of whether to grant funding to the DTC for a grandstand?
 - i. If yes, how so?
 - ii. If no, what additional information would Treasury require?
 - iii. If yes, what was the advice Treasury provided?
4. The ICAC Report quotes Mr Leonardi as saying that the Treasurer wanted “a process” for the funding of a grandstand at the DTC. Did Treasury advise the Treasurer or the Government in relation to the type of “process” that the funding of a grandstand should take? What was this advice?
5. What “process” was the Treasurer referring to?

Answer:

The ICAC had the ability to review all of the paperwork and all of the processes. All findings in relation to the process are in the ICAC Report.