

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for the Arafura Games:

Arafura Games

1. When the former Minister appeared before the 2018 Estimates Committee he named volleyball and hockey as competition sports, yet they were not listed on the Arafura Games website. Were they not included in the final iteration of the Games? What was the reason for this?
2. Can you provide a breakdown of how many athletes competed in the Arafura Games including how many travelled to the Northern Territory to compete from both interstate and overseas?
3. Can you provide a breakdown of the cost to the Northern Territory Government of the Arafura Games, including but not limited to: air fares, accommodation, sports infrastructure, meals, paid personnel (including seconded public servants), police resources, marketing, advertising, ground transport, grants to sporting organisations, business meetings.
4. On 25 February this year it was reported NT Major Events asked the City of Darwin Council to waive a \$10,000 fee for the Parap Pool hire and \$16,200 to install 120 light pole banners. Was this support received from the City of Darwin? If so, what was the total value?
5. On 6 March this year it was reported that a “new gold sponsor” was “footing the bill” for flights to Darwin for about 50 athletes. Was that sponsor Jetstar Asia?
6. How much did Jetstar Asia contribute to the Arafura Games in sponsorship in dollar terms and what form did this sponsorship take? If this was in-kind support, what was their contribution?
7. Can you provide a breakdown of what support each sponsor contributed to the Arafura Games? Was any *quid pro quo* required on the part of Government?
8. Will sponsorship be included as part of the Event Impact Evaluation? How much of the total cost of the Arafura Games was covered by sponsorship?
9. Is it true that Landbridge’s sponsorship of the Arafura Games was worth \$50,000? How much of this sponsorship was used to pay for airfares to Darwin for Arafura Games athletes and officials?

Answers

1. Volleyball was included on the competition program and listed on the website for the Arafura Games as two separate disciplines: Beach Volleyball and Indoor Volleyball.

Hockey withdrew as a competition sport from the program on 2 February 2019. Mr Todd Faulds, Executive Officer, stated staff turnover and the Peak Sporting Body's inability to execute planning as required to be the reasons for withdrawal. They advised this did not impact the ambition for Hockey to be involved in future Arafura Games.

2. Athlete
 - 1762 athletes participated including:
 - 829 Internationals
 - 933 Australians
 - Of the 933 Australians, there were 475 interstate and 458 from the Territory.
3. The Northern Territory Government budget for the Arafura Games was \$8 million.
4. This is Commercial in Confidence.
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6. Jetstar Asia provided flights to the value of \$75 000.
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