

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Chief Minister

#### Revitalisation of the Alice Springs CBD

- 1. \$20 million was allocated in Budget 17/18 for the Alice Springs CBD. What has the community proposed, what has been spent to date and for what purpose and where are the long term sustainable jobs for the town of Alice Springs?**

A broad range of stakeholders from Government and non-government sectors were appointed to sub-committees to consider and develop concepts for the CBD revitalisation. On 22 October 2018, the committees proposed the following projects, which were then endorsed by the Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) on 29 October 2018:

- Kwatja Play (water splash play) design;
- Heat mitigation initiatives, including shading structures, heat mitigation designs and car parking masterplan; and
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) initiatives, such as Safe Zones (pod style facility), improved lighting informed by a lighting masterplan and improved wayfinding signs.

A working group comprising members from ASTC and Northern Territory Government departments are working in partnership to implement the projects.

The expenditure is on a rolling program.

The Northern Territory Government's allocation of \$20 million to the revitalisation of the Alice Springs CBD has been allocated to the following areas:

- \$5 million for cooling and shading initiatives, informed by the Heat Mitigation Study and ongoing monitoring.
- \$5 million for community safety initiatives in the CBD, informed by the CPTED study.
- \$5 million for a water play area to be located in the CBD.
- \$5 million for other initiatives.

- 2. Has any investment been made in infrastructure or is it just activities?**

Yes.

- 3. How do activities create sustainable jobs for the community?**

Improvements to the livability and visitor experiences in Alice Springs will encourage tourism, business investment and trade in the CBD.