



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 28 May 2020
Subject: Funding for COVID-19
From: Mrs Kate Worden MLA
To: Chief Minister

Number: 1.5

Question: How have these costs been funded or paid for?

Answer:

Department of Treasury and Finance is currently assessing the extent to which stimulus measures can be funded through reprioritisation of existing funding.

Two new Commonwealth funding agreements in relation to COVID-19 public health and biosecurity responses are being finalised, both with differing levels of reimbursement.

The 2020 Supply Bill has been passed with a provision for \$300 million contingency to respond to COVID-19 for 6 months. These funds are yet to be accessed and remain available (if required) in full for emerging priorities in 2020-21.