## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Bailey

to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Debelopment

## Contracted Journalists and Writers

- 1. What are the details of the journalists and specialist writers contracted in the agencies under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Transport and Works in the following financial years;
  - (a) 1993-94; and
  - (b) 1994-95.
- 2. What amount was paid, in each case referred to in question 1 and:
  - (a) what was the title or description of the project; and
  - (b) which projects were exempted from public tender.

## **ANSWER**

When answering please return 2 copies to The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

See Attachment.

## **RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTION NO 12**

1(a) 1993/94 Alcorta Enterprises

Ms Helen Wier Ms Linda Emslie

- 1(b) 1994/95 Alcorta Enterprises
- 2(a) Alcorta Enterprises assist in the writing of Department of Transport and Works Annual Report for 1992/93, a 13,500 word document for a fee of \$5,400.

Ms Helen Wier was engaged to write the 1992/93 Road Safety Council Annual Report for a fee of \$2,500.

Ms Linda Emslie was engaged to write the 1992/93 Darwin Port Authority Annual Report for a fee of \$3,775.

Alcorta Enterprises were engaged in January 1994 to write two articles; one for the Supply and Tender Board (\$354) and one for the Industrial Supplies Office (\$560).

In February 1994 Alcorta Enterprises were engaged to prepare an editorial item for the Supply and Tender Board in the NT News for a fee of \$505.

In July 1994 Alcorta Enterprises were engaged to write sections of the 1993/94 Department of Transport and Works Annual Report for a fee of \$5,000; payment was made on 1 September 1994.

2(b) In 1992/93 an advertisement was placed in the NT News calling for expressions of interest from journalists and writers to be placed on a register for work to be commissioned by the Department.

Details of previous work experience and current rates were requested at the time.

Separate quotations were also called for the writing of the 1992/93 Annual Reports for Transport and Works, Road Safety Council and Darwin Port Authority.

The register of writers was used as the reference for two articles prepared by Alcorta Enterprises in 1992/93 and for the writing of the 1993/94 Department of Transport and Works Annual Report.