

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

1. *Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding was provided by the former Department of Business and Employment and former Department of Education and Training to non-government and external organisations, including businesses, in the year prior to 24 August 2012.*

DOB Division/Work Unit	No of Grants	2011/12 Actual Exp. (\$)
Business Development		
NT Research and Innovation Board ^	1	372 996
CRC Remote Economic Participation	1	300 000
Desert Knowledge Australia	1	924 564
Business Growth	93	435 756
EcoBiz NT	11	145 627
Community Based Childcare	22	85 244
Procurement, Economic Policy and Commercial Services		
Industry Development Support Program	10	1 510 000
Industry Development Grants	5	283 141
NT Relief and Recovery Arrangements	10	193 150
Sponsorship	12	120 670
Trade Support Scheme	42	289 315
Contractor Accreditation	1	208 000
Bill Mitchell Appointment	1	100 000
Gambling and Licensing Services		
Community Benefit Fund	166	2 039 000
Australian Lottery Company Tax Rebate	1	1 277 463
Territory Development *		
MPART Trade Grants	1	31 598
Employment		
Employment Strategy	17	194 961
Indigenous Workforce Participation Initiatives	25	5 386 558
Training **		
Training Programs	143	67 660 954
Training Support	231	5 787 534
Infrastructure	7	7 032 203

^ Funds are issued to CDU to disburse funds based on successful grant applications and direction by the Department of Business.

* The MPART Trade grants are Sponsorship of Chief Minister's NT Export and Industry Awards.

**Includes additional non recurrent competitive Australian Government funding from the national training infrastructure fund.

2. ***Would you please advise that grant, program, project and operational funding will be provided by the Department of Business to non-government and external organisations, including businesses, in the year following the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.***

DOB Division/Work Unit	Budget 2012/13 (\$)
Business Development	
NT Research and Innovation Board	382 507
CRC Remote Economic Participation	157 650
Desert Knowledge Australia	938 003
Business Growth	570 677
Business Employment Solutions	210 182
Business Technology Support	230 738
EcoBiz NT	225 610
Community Based Childcare	133 315
Procurement, Economic Policy and Commercial Services	
Industry Development Support Program	2 428 000
Industry Development Grants	339 974
NT Relief and Recovery Arrangements	0
Sponsorship	120 000
Trade Support Scheme	492 000
Contractor Accreditation	257 408
Bill Mitchell Appointment	0
Gambling and Licensing Services	
Community Benefit Fund	1 815 000
Australian Lottery Company Tax Rebate	1 189 000
Territory Development	
MPART Trade Grants	32 000
Employment #	
Employment Strategy	114 596
Indigenous Workforce Participation Initiatives	5 275 176
Training	
Training Programs	72 607 841
Training Support	6 085 083
Infrastructure	5 639 259

Note: Budget allocations correct as at 23 January 2013. Budget can vary through the year subject to potential Australian Government funding.

includes additional funding from an Australian Government four year program for Indigenous workforce participation of \$8 million spread over three financial years.

3. Would you please advise which service or funding agreements currently or previously administered by the Department of Business have been, or will be affected as the result of:

i machinery of government changes, or the creation of new departments or agencies since 24 August 2012;

The former Department of Business and Employment (DBE) was restructured following the change in Government and is now known as the Department of Business (DOB).

Restructuring of the new Department of Business resulted in 3 grants programs being added to the Departments existing programs. These include:

- The Territory Development grant came to DOB from the Department of the Chief Minister's with the DOB incorporation of the Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade (MPART) unit.
- The Australia Lottery Company Tax Rebate and Community Benefit Fund (CBF) came to DOB from the former Department of Justice through the incorporation of Gambling and Licensing with DOB.

The Department of Business maintained existing grant programs and no work units or Divisions of the former DBE were relocated following restructuring of the DOB.

ii the implementation of measures contained in the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget

Funding adjustments following the mini-budget:

- Industry Development Support Programs increased by \$1.008 million
- Business Growth increase of \$50 000 for Alice Spring Golf Business Plan
- EcoBiz NT funding doubled with announced increase of \$220 000
- Indigenous Workforce Development initiatives funding reduced by \$700 000
- Indigenous Responsive Program reduced by \$400 000
- Advisory Consultant Services reduced by \$63 000
- October Business Month reduced by \$40 000.
- Upskills reduced by \$60 000.

4. Would you please outline the specific changes, amendments and monetary adjustments to service or funding agreements between the Department of Business and non-government and external organisations referred to in question 3 above.

The three new grant programs to the Department of Business have grants budgets for 2012/13 to the values indicated in the answer to question 2.

The NT Relief and Recovery Arrangements grants are activated when a natural disaster is declared by the Prime Minister of Australia. In 2011/12 the fund was activated due to Tropical Cyclone Carlos.

The total funding committed by DOB for the Bill Mitchell agreement was \$100 000 over 2 years. The Department of Business paid its full commitment in the 2011/12 year and hence no funding is budgeted for in 2012/13.

5. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding provided by the Department of Business to non-government and external organisations will be adjusted or diverted, and by how much, as the result of the implementation of measures contained in the Northern Territory Mini-budget on 4 December 2012.

- Build Skills maintained at 2011-12 budget level as \$500,000 due for redirection from the Productivity Places Program funds are part of the savings. Industry currently accessing the National Skills Workforce Development fund offsetting some of the objectives under this program.
- Indigenous Responsive Programs and Workforce Participation initiatives reduced by \$400 000 and \$700,000 respectively. The reduction is evenly allocated across all regions. The negotiated four year Funding Agreement with the Australian Government to establish the \$8m Jobs Package for Indigenous workforce participation supports targeted employment outcomes that were not previously able to be delivered by the NTG. This significant injection of funds complements outcomes from previous grant investment and sustains existing program outcomes. The Jobs Package funding is spread over three financial years.
- Community Benefit Funding remained unchanged as a result of the mini budget. Administrative costs were significantly underfunded and changes to the balance between administrative costs and relevant grant payments were made by decision of the previous Minister (Minister Lawrie).
- Australian Lottery Company Tax Rebate is an estimate. The sum of the grant paid is dependent on the actual lottery tax paid by Tattersall's to Government as a result of Australian Lottery Company activity.
- The budget for October Business Month has been reduced as reported in question 3(ii) however due to the value to the business community of this program the Department of Business will fund this program within it's existing fiscal allocation.
- Participants of the Upskills program will be guided to undertake professional development with other providers of these services.
- Advisory Consultant Services will aim to utilise skills, knowledge and expertise of the Northern Territory Public Service.