

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources:

**Department of Primary Industry and Resources Annual Report**

1. Regarding page 26 of the Annual Report, please explain why the percentage of 'extractive mineral permits granted within 11 months' was targeted at 85% in the 18/19 Budget, but only 20% was achieved in Financial Year 2018/19.
2. Regarding page 63 of the Annual Report, please explain why the amount paid on 'consultants' has increased from \$1,580,000 in 2018, to \$3,584,000 in 2019.
3. Similarly on page 63 of the Annual Report, please explain why the amount paid in 'legal expenses' has increased from \$113,000 in 2018 to \$267,000 in 2019.