

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Gunner to the Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries:

Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries, grants and funding for non-government and external organisations

1. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding was provided by the former Department of Resources to non-government and external organisations in the year prior to 24 August 2012.
 2. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding will be provided by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries to non-government and external organisations in the year following the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.
 3. Would you please advise which service or funding agreements currently or previously administered by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries 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;
 - ii. the implementation of measures contained in the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.
 4. Would you please outline the specific changes, amendments and monetary adjustments to service or funding agreements between the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries and non-government and external organisations referred to in question 3 above.
 5. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding provided by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries 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.
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ANSWER TO QUESTION 1

From 1 July 2011 to 24 August 2012 the Primary Industry division and the Fisheries division within the former Department of Resources provided the following funding to non-government and external organisations:

- \$780 000 through the Industry Development Support Program (IDSP) to the: Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory (NT); NT Seafood Council (NTSC); NT Guided Fishing Industry Association; NT Farmers Association; and NT Live Exporters' Association (NTLEA) for 2011-12. [As at 24 August 2012, of the \$780 000 allocated under the IDSP for 2012-13, \$380 000 in payments had been processed and the remaining payments of \$400 000 have been processed since.]
- An additional \$40 000 to NTSC in IDSP for the "NT Caught" campaign
- An additional \$10 000 to NTLEA for the export yards review project
- \$70 000 in grants (paid as a subsidy) under the Pastoral Water Enhancement Scheme (\$60 000 in 2011-12 and \$10 000 in 2012-13)
- \$820 000 in Indigenous Marine Ranger grants (\$460 000 in 2011-12 and \$360 000 in 2012-13)
- \$181 000 for external research and other projects undertaken
- \$42 400 in ad hoc sponsorships and grants
- \$15 000 in scholarship funding.

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 2, 3, 4 and 5

The only specific measure that has been implemented since 24 August 2012 that has an impact on funding provided by the new Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries (DPIF) to non-government and external organisations is the decision to limit funding available under the Pastoral Water Enhancement Scheme in 2012-13 to \$100 000 from \$300 000, followed by the closure of the scheme from 2013-14. This allocation will allow existing applications to be processed.

There has been no further impact on the funding administered by DPIF that is available to non-government and external organisations for the financial year 2012-13, including the IDSP; Indigenous Marine Ranger grants; funding available for external research and other projects; and sponsorship and grant requests.

Funding allocations beyond 30 June 2013 are expected to be similar but are subject to decisions taken within the context of the NT Budget 2013-14.