

**Question No: 65**

**Question: Funding of Museums**

**Date: 13/08/91**

**Member: Mr LANHUPUY**

**To: MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRY and FISHERIES**

1. Which museums in the Northern Territory receive funding from the Northern Territory Government.
2. How much government funding has each of these museums received in the financial years -
  - (a) 1988/89;
  - (b) 1989/90; and
  - (c) 1990/91.
3. (a) What was the cost to the Territory Government for the purchase of the Stuart Auto Museum;  
(b) what has this museum cost the Northern Territory Government in recurrent and capital expenditure in each financial year since purchase;  
(c) what contractual arrangements existed regarding the restaurant in the museum when the museum was purchased;  
(d) has this restaurant been the recipient of any Northern Territory Government monies or assistance; if so, how much and of what type;  
(e) what arrangements now exist for the disposal of the site of the old museum now that the exhibits have been moved; and  
(f) how are agreements or contracts with the restaurant affected by the closure of the museum.
4. (a) What was the total cost to the Northern Territory Government of building and fitting-out the Strehlow Centre;  
(b) did the Northern Territory Government make certain financial arrangements with Dr Kathy Strehlow; if so, what were they;  
(c) what was the purpose of those arrangements;  
(d) what has been the annual cost of those arrangements to the Northern Territory Government;  
(e) how many staff will be employed by the Centre; and  
(f) what are the anticipated salary costs.
5. (a) What has been the cost of running the Spencer and Gillen Museum each financial year since its opening; and  
(b) what was the establishment cost.
6. (a) What is the annual cost to the Northern Territory Government for the lease of the Ford Plaza;  
(b) what arrangements exist for increases in rent;  
(c) how long is the term of the lease and what are the conditions for renewal; and  
(d) can the Northern Territory Government terminate the lease without incurring a financial penalty; if not, how much would that financial penalty be.

## ANSWER

1. Museum of Arts and Sciences - Bullocky Point, Darwin Fannie Bay Gaol, Darwin  
BAT House (Lyons Cottage), prior to April 1991, Darwin.

Spencer & Gillen Gallery, Alice Springs  
The Residency, Alice Springs  
The Old Court House, Alice Springs  
Central Australian Aviation Museum (Incorporating Transport,  
Technology and Communications), Alice Springs  
Stuart Auto Museum, prior to 27 June 1991, Alice Springs.

2. (a) \$6 107 000  
(b) \$5 805 000  
(c) \$5 719 000.

3. (a) Land \$ 140 000  
Building \$ 660 000  
Plant & Equipment \$ 50 000  
Collections \$ 350 000  
\$1 200 000.

(b) 1988-89 1989-90 1990-91

\$19 000 \$21 000 \$23 000.

(c) Owner occupied.

(d) No.

(e) Keys handed over to Department of Lands and Housing (Alice Springs) on 26  
June 1991.

(f) Contracts/agreements should not be affected by the closure of the museum, given  
that the restaurant/bistro was not open to the public during museum operating hours.

4. (a) Final cost of building -

\$3 000 000 cost of building:  
(less \$1.5m from ATSIIC)  
\$ 112 000 project management fee  
\$ 212 000 audiovisual display equipment  
\$ 30 000 furniture/equipment.

(b) In Hansard 29 November 1988 Hon Daryl Manzie advised '... that Dr Strehlow is  
employed as a Science Level 4, under Section 27(2) of the Public Service Act and  
the Northern Territory government has paid Dr Strehlow an amount of \$201 132 in  
respect of the acquisition of the whole collection'.

(c) Dr Strehlow was paid the sum of \$201 132 in recognition by the Northern Territory  
government of the care in which she had kept the collection since her husband's  
death in 1978 until it was transferred to the Northern Territory in 1987. Her contract  
salary is due to her position as Research Director of the Strehlow Research Centre.

(d) The annual cost of these arrangements to the Northern Territory government has

been commensurate with a Science Level 4 (currently Professional Level 3) salary.

(e) Currently there are 6 permanent staff members and 2 limited tenure staff employed at the Strehlow Research Centre. Additionally, 2 casual staff members are employed for weekend work. Executive Council approval is currently being sought to vary the establishment of the centre to incorporate the limited tenure staff.

(f) Anticipated salary costs 1991-92 year - \$260 000.

5. (a) 1988-89 1989-90 1990-91

\$260 000 \$330 000 \$340 000.

(b) \$180 000.

6. (a) \$120 000 per annum to 31 December 1991.

(b) By negotiation.

(c) 10 years from 1 January 1988.

(d) No. However, the financial penalty is unknown at this stage as this would be subject to re-letting.