

PART II

THE QUESTION PAPER

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FROM 21 DECEMBER 1976

1628 Mr VALE to Mr POLLOCK

Could he please advise the following in respect of -

- (1) Central Australian Aboriginal Medical Service;
- (2) Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service;
- (3) Central Australian Aborigines Congress;
- (4) Aboriginal Hostels Ltd, Alice Springs -
 - (a) The number of persons employed?
 - (b) Titles and remuneration received, and other employment benefits?
 - (c) Who is responsible for the hiring and firing of their employees?
 - (d) Are the organisations' financial records and expenditure subject to any audit requirements, if so what?
 - (e) Are vehicle records and logbooks kept?

FROM 3 MAY 1977

1895 Mr WITHNALL to Dr LETTS

Would the Honourable Member arrange for the tabling in this Assembly of an audited set of accounts for the Aborigines Benefit Trust Fund, established under the Northern Territory (Administration) Act, for the years from year ended June 1973 to June 1977, or such of these accounts as are available at the time of tabling?

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2005 Mr DONDAS to Mr PERRON

What is the current market value in the Valuer-General's estimation of the land and improvements at Lot 2904 Trower Road, Alawa?

ANSWER

Lot 2904 is not situated at Trower Road, Alawa. There is a Lot 2094 in Trower Road, Alawa. This is a government residence in respect of which there has been no offer to purchase nor a request for Valuer-General's valuation.

2006 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TUXWORTH

Is it a fact that aerial spraying to combat mosquitoes and sand flies is carried out at Nhulunbuy, and if so -

- (a) What spray is used and under whose supervision is the work carried out?
- (b) What areas are actually sprayed and for how long has spraying on Gove Peninsula been practised?

ANSWER

"Spraying from a motor vehicle fogging unit is carried out on a regular basis at Nhulunbuy:

- (a) The spray used is Malathion 118, and the work is supervised by the Department of Health.
- (b) All housing areas in Nhulunbuy township and at Wallaby Beach are covered in the spraying program which has been carried out since 1969."

2065 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

I refer to demountable housing units under the control of the Department of the Northern Territory -

- (1) How many demountable units are vacant and for how long have they been vacant?
- (2) What is the expected vacation rate of demountable units?
- (3) Has the Department yet reached a decision on the use of these units when vacated by married officers?
- (4) Would the Department consider housing single officers in the demountable units, and if so, how soon?

ANSWER

- (1) As at 11 July 1977, a total of 42 demountables under the control of the Department of the Northern Territory were vacant. Of these, 6 demountables were about to be offered to officers on the waiting list for temporary accommodation while another 5 units were undergoing post-vacation inspections preparatory to their being re-allocated to other officers on the waiting list. The remaining 31 demountables were awaiting cleaning, or repairs or maintenance. Sixteen of the units had been vacant for periods of up to a few days only, while the units awaiting cleaning or repairs or main-

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tenance had been vacant for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks.

- (2) As the rate at which Departmental demountables are vacated is subject to considerable variation, it is not possible to give a precise answer. However, as an indication, some 40 units had been vacated during the two weeks ended 11 July 1977.
- (3) The final decision on the disposal of demountable units, when the units become available for disposal, will be made by the Minister for the Northern Territory. Pending the Minister's decision, the Department is unable to provide details.
- (4) The Minister has already indicated that consideration will be given to the allocation of demountables on a share basis to single officers on the single officers housing list when the units become surplus to the requirements of families. Although it is difficult to be precise, it is anticipated that some demountables might become available for allocation to single officers by about mid-August 1977. The situation is being monitored continuously.

2066 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

I refer to flats under the control of the Department of the Northern Territory -

- (1) How many flats are vacant and for how long have they been vacant?
- (2) What is the expected vacation rate of flats?
- (3) If flats are not required for housing married officers would the Department consider housing single officers in them, and if so, how soon?

ANSWER

- (1) Ten flats (all of two-bedrooms) under the control of the Department of the Northern Territory in Darwin were vacant as at 11 July 1977. Of these, 8 new flats had been vacant for about 5 weeks and were awaiting allocation to tenants, while the remaining 2 flats were awaiting repairs and maintenance and had been vacant for approximately two months.
- (2) As the vacation rate of flats is subject to considerable variation, it is not possible to give a precise answer. No flats had been vacated during the two weeks ended 11 July 1977. The position regarding flats is complicated to some extent by the fact that married tenants of departmental flats may apply to transfer to houses, subject to houses being available, after having resided in flats for twelve months.
- (3) The Department owns 87 single officer flats (bedsitter/single bedroom type) in Darwin and another 36 are under construction. There has been no lessening in the need for two-bedroom flats from married officer accommodation. The question is for married officer accommodation. The question is therefore largely an academic one. However, if a marked decline in the need for two-bedroom flats from married officers was to occur, the Department would consider alternative uses for the flats, including the question of housing single officers in them.

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2148 Mr BALLANTYNE to Dr LETTS

Were there any recent changes to the "Permit System" for Nhulunbuy residents travelling from Gove to Katherine?

Is it true that the issuing of permits may now be held up for 3 months?

ANSWER

There have been no changes in the procedures involved in the issue of these authorities and the Director of Aboriginal Affairs has no evidence to suggest that delays of up to three months may occur before the authorities are given. For those people who wish to travel from Nhulunbuy to Katherine through Mainoru, it is necessary to contact the Yirrkala Council and Doyindji community, and to arrange for the Katherine office of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs to check with the Bulman community. Procedures for doing this are well established and the necessary approvals are usually received within three weeks.

Nhulunbuy residents who wish to travel to Darwin or Katherine along the north (coastal) track must first have the consent of the communities at Yirrkala, Doyindji, Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Ramangining, Maningrida, and Oenpelli. The number of centres to be contacted is greater and the time involved is obviously longer, it may take up to six weeks before the Department's Nhulunbuy office has contacted and received a response from all centres, and can then issue the necessary authority.

2149 Mr STEELE to Mr PERRON

1. Was a contract let by the Department of Construction on 30 June 1977 to DULMISON CABLES Pty Ltd of Auburn, NSW, for \$383,283 for installation of power pilot cables from Snell Street zone substation to Casuarina zone substation?
2. Does the contract price cover completion of the work as per specifications?
3. Does the contract price include provision of -
 - (a) a safety fence on both sides and for the full length of the trench;
 - (b) washed sand for the cable bed;
 - (c) a bridge over Rapid Creek as per specifications;
 - (d) copper earth wire in the trench;
 - (e) copper earth wire under the Stuart Highway; and
 - (f) three sets of plans by a licensed surveyor as requested in the specifications?
4. What grade of PVC conduit ducts are to be used?
5. Is rock excavation included in the contract price?
6. What insurance company is to be used and are the premium rates Northern Territory rates or southern rates?

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7. Is the contract subject to further negotiations? If so, what items and what prices are to be negotiated?
8. Is Dulmison Cables Pty Ltd registered as a foreign company in the Northern Territory?
9. What is the issued capital of the company; and if it is nominal only, what safeguards has the Tender Board taken to ensure that the company can pay for any breaches of the contract?

ANSWER

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. (a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) No. The contract price allows for the provision of a duct under Rapid Creek; and alternative offered by the Contractor as part of his tender.
(d) Yes.
(e) Yes.
(f) No. The contract price allows for the Contractor to provide three sets of plans; there is no requirement in the specification that these be by a licensed surveyor.
4. Sewer pipe grade.
5. Yes.
6. The terms and conditions of the contract do not require the Contractor to provide this information.
7. No.
8. Yes.
9. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, a form of Bank Guarantee has been lodged by the Contractor as a Security Deposit against the due and proper completion of the contract. The issued capital of the company is listed as 2 shares of \$1 each.

2150 Mr DONDAS to Mr TAMBLING

Is it the intention of the Darwin city council to assist northern suburbs residents with topsoil for nature strips now that their intention is to abolish footpaths.

ANSWER

My department has discussed this matter with the Corporation of the City of Darwin and I am informed that the program at present is aimed particularly at those older suburbs where footpaths were affected by the cyclone and the cleanup program or where the affluxion of time has rendered the footpaths unserviceable. After residents have been asked if they will plant grass and maintain the area, the footpaths are torn up and the nature strip brought to profile. This would include the provision of topsoil where necessary and the construction of concrete driveways. The corporation would like to see grass verges and concrete driveways throughout the whole Darwin area but, at this stage, the areas mentioned above are programmed for this work.

2151 Mr VALE to Mr TUXWORTH

Can he advise at what stage is the planning for a proposed recreation lake at Alice Springs? Where it is proposed to site the lake, how big will it be and for what purpose will it be used?

ANSWER

I have been given a guarantee that I will have the information later this morning.

2152 Mr DONDAS to Mr TAMBLING

Several suburbs within the electorate of Casuarina have been without street name signs since the cyclone. Is he able to advise me when the missing or damaged street name signs will be replaced?

ANSWER

I am aware that there are a number of areas where the street signs do need attention and this does not only apply to Casuarina but also to Sanderson. I am advised by the Darwin Reconstruction Commission that the subdivisions of Tiwi, Wulagi and parts of Anula have not yet been handed over to the Corporation of the City of Darwin. The Darwin Reconstruction Commission through its agent, the Department of Construction, is currently erecting new street signs as they become available. This program will be completed by December 1977 when the subdivisions are handed over to the corporation.

2153 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr PERRON

I address my question to the Cabinet Member with liaison responsibilities for education and planning but he may wish the Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Government to reply to part of it because of his position on the Darwin Reconstruction Commission. Is he aware that, in the rehabilitation of government homes in Rapid Creek, Nightcliff and other areas, no provision was made by the DRC for the replacement sewer lines or for testing sewer lines which are known to be defective? Although private people had to replace lines, the Government has taken no action. In the coming wet season, there will once again be sewage overflows down the streets of Rapid Creek. What action is being taken to test the government properties and upgrade the sewer lines?

ANSWER

I was not aware that the Government had not paid attention to its own properties and the services to those properties. I believe that the question should rightly be taken up with the Darwin Reconstruction Commission because I have no information as to whether such a program of testing and rehabilitation may actually be planned. If the Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Government has some specific information on this perhaps he can convey it through the House.

2154 Mr VALE to Dr LETTS

My question concerns the ABC program this morning which discussed the possibility of burying uranium waste in Central Australia. Has the Majority Leader had any discussions on this with the geologist who was interviewed this morning, or the Federal Government?

ANSWER

I have had no contact with the geologist or with the Federal Government on this matter, but I do not believe the Government has any intention of burying uranium waste in Central Australia or anywhere else in Australia. I did hear the ABC segment to which the honourable member referred and it was the number one item on that session which has a fairly wide coverage throughout Australia. I think it is a simple case of a relatively unknown academic geologist from the Australian National University playing politics. Fairly obviously, it was a not so subtle attempt by a member of the anti-uranium lobby of which he admitted being a member, to put unreasonable fear into the minds of Australians and Northern Territorians in particular. Any politically motivated geologist could do the same by wandering into the Nullabor or Wilson's Promontory and pronouncing them as sites which would lend themselves better than some others to the disposal of nuclear waste. Then, all he has to do is get hold of a reporter or a cooperative avenue in the media and Bob's your auntie. There are certain elements in the southern area of the Australian Broadcasting Commission that I believe are running an anti-uranium campaign through that medium. I have evidence of that from seeing TDT programs, Four Corners programs and Broadband radio programs. I see the undue prominence given to this item as just another part of that campaign.

2155 Mr MANUELL to Mr PERRON

Has the Further Education Council made a decision on the future of the Alice Springs community college as yet? If so, will the decision be made public?

ANSWER

When the Further Education Council for the Northern Territory was established by the Minister for Education, one of the specific tasks which was given to the council was to report on the needs and structure of further education in the Central Australian region. The council, has taken evidence in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek recently and the research staff attached to the council are currently collating this information so that a decision can be made on the future of the Alice Springs community college. There is actually no such thing as the Alice Springs community college at the moment; it is a branch of the Darwin Community College. However, these matters are being examined by the Further Education Council to see what degree, if any, of autonomy should prevail in Alice Springs in these matters. The decision on whe-

ther the report will be made public is entirely up to the Minister for Education as the Further Education Council will be making its report to him.

2156 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr RYAN

Is it a fact that the Home Planning Advisory Service staffed by a qualified architect which was run under the auspices of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission has now been terminated? If so, what is the reason for this?

ANSWER

That particular service has been terminated. I am not sure of the particular reason but it is generally to do with the winding-down of the DRC. However, the building section of my department which has recently moved out to Goyder Road does now have people available to carry on this service. Thus, that service is still available through the Building Section of the Department of Transport and Industry.

2157 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr RYAN

Does his department have a qualified architect available to supervise or conduct the Home Advisory Service?

ANSWER

Yes.

2158 Mr BALLANTYNE to Mr TUXWORTH

Is there a qualified anaesthetist available at all times at the Gove District Hospital? Is there any provision at the hospital for an infectious diseases ward?

ANSWER

Gove is a small community of 4,000 or 5,000 people and it has a 30-40 bed hospital. There is not sufficient workload in this hospital to maintain an anaesthetist full time on the premises. However, the department is well aware of the need for an anaesthetist from time to time and it has an arrangement that an anaesthetist will visit from Darwin regularly so that elective surgery can be carried out. In the event of emergency work needing to be done, the patient can be conveyed to Darwin or the government doctors and the private doctors can work together on the problem. There is no infectious diseases ward as such in the Gove Hospital. However, the department is very conscious of the need to have a section set aside for such diseases and is currently planning and programming funds for the next year to convert a section of the children's ward into a ward that can be used for these diseases.

2159 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr PERRON

I assume that he is aware that Leanyer Sewage Treatment Plant is creating quite a nuisance in the northern suburbs because of the unbearable stench that is emanating from it. Can he advise what the problem is and what action has been taken to remedy it?

ANSWER

I will undertake to obtain this information and supply it to her during these sittings.

2160 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr TAMBLING

Is it a fact that service personnel are not permitted to apply for a Housing Commission dwelling until such time that they are demobilised from the armed forces? Apparently, they then have an 18 months waiting period to receive a dwelling in normal circumstances.

ANSWER

The matter has been brought to my attention and I am currently looking at the policy on eligibility criteria for people to place their names on waiting lists. One of the areas relates to service men who are electing to be demobilised in Darwin. I am looking at the administrative system that would be necessary for those persons to notify the commission that they are intending to actually be demobilised in Darwin. When I have more information on this, I will certainly make it available.

2161 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

Has any money been allocated to the Northern Territory Housing Commission from either the DRC or any other source to enable them to carry out the testing and upgrading of drains on their properties in the Nightcliff and Rapid Creek areas and, if not, what steps is the Housing Commission taking to enable this work to be done?

ANSWER

I am aware that problems arose during the last wet season with regard to a number of properties owned by the Northern Territory Housing Commission. I am aware that the commission itself has been looking at these specific problems. I feel that they would be able to do this from within their own financial resources. I will seek specific details with regard to the action that is being taken and make it available.

2162 Mr DONDAS to Mr POLLOCK

The Australian Labor Party leader in Darwin made a statement in yesterday's NT News that this Assembly has lost a valuable meat market. Can the Cabinet Member advise me if the Chairman of the Balkan and Black Sea Fishing Company, Mr Kostav, contacted him regarding an export of beef from the Territory.

ANSWER

There was no attempt by Mr Kostav to contact me or, as far as I know, any other member of this Assembly in relation to the matter, nor has Mr Kostav contacted the Australian Meat Board or the Northern Territory Cattle Producers Council on the matter. In general, the Government does not know anything about his visit. I am advised that it is normal for meat negotiations with Bulgaria and other Iron Curtain countries to be conducted at a government to government level. The Department of Northern Territory Animal Industry and Agriculture Branch, the Meat Board and the Assembly members have had no contact from this gentlemen whatsoever. The accusations and statements made by Mr Isaacs are quite groundless and quite false. Apparently, he and his Iron Curtain friends perhaps have had closer liaison than this side of the House.

2163 Mr BALLANTYNE to Mr RYAN

Is the Minister for Transport holding an inquiry into airline services and scheduling in Australia and, if so, could he obtain the terms of reference.

ANSWER

I believe the Minister for Transport has instigated an inquiry and I will attempt to get the terms of reference from him.

2164 Mr LAWRIE to Mr PERRON

Can he yet advise us as to the future of Carpentaria College?

ANSWER

There have been a number of people raising this matter with me. I sought a full report on the subject from the Department of the Northern Territory at least a fortnight ago but I have not received a reply. I will undertake to see if such a reply can be made during these sittings.

2165 Mr VALE to Mr PERRON

My question is asked on behalf of the member for Elsey. Can he advise when the Katherine Rural College will be set up to teach practical education.

ANSWER

The subject of a rural college in Katherine has also been referred to the Further Education Council by the Minister for Education. The council discussed this matter at a recent meeting and has sought further information on the subject other than what is contained in the report of the committee drawn up to report on the proposal to establish a rural college in Katherine. I would hope that a decision by the Further Education Council can be referred to the Minister for Education at an early date and hopefully some action will be taken on that report.

2166 Mr BALLANTYNE to Mr POLLOCK

Since the last sittings, has he had any further consideration on the proposal for a 200 mile fishing zone?

ANSWER

Since the last sitting of the Assembly the Queensland Minister for Fisheries has taken this matter up with me and I have taken it up with the Cabinet. We have advised the Minister for Primary Industry that we believe it is time to implement the 200 mile fishing zone without any further dithering. The matter is becoming more urgent day by day. We saw a string of Taiwanese Fishing Boats in the Darwin Harbour the other week and no doubt there are a lot more. I am advised of the concern being expressed about the number that are in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The implementation of this 200 mile zone would effectively close the Gulf of Carpentaria to those fishing vessels and protect the resource for Australian use or at least control. Admittedly, the policing of that may cause some difficulty but we should implement the 200 mile zone without further delay. That information and our concern has been expressed to the Minister.

2167 Mr DONDAS to Mr RYAN

What assistance will the Northern Territory Tourist Board give the promoters of the beer can boat Cantiki which will go to Singapore from Darwin with Mr Clem Jones, the Chairman of the DRC, and Mr Lutz Frankenfield, a local business man, to promote tourism in the Northern Territory?

ANSWER

We have not formulated exactly what help we can give. There has been a committee formed called the Cantiki club of which I have been elected president because of my association with the Tourist Board. There are 3 other subcommittees: the finance subcommittee, the expedition subcommittee and the publicity subcommittee. And we have had tremendous response from people associated with business and tourism in Darwin. The beer can expedition idea started off initially by Lutz Frankenfield and Clem Jones getting together. It is now an operation involving activity by business people in Darwin. We believe it is an event which will create world-wide interest and focus the attention of people from other countries on Darwin. With proper promotion and publicity, we hope to be able to get people coming to Darwin as a starting point for a trip around Australia. To this end, I will be asking the Tourist Board to assist as much as possible in promoting this expedition.

2168 Mr MANUELL to Mr POLLOCK

Has the Alice Springs Abattoirs yet been granted an export licence and, if so, at what standard?

ANSWER

My information is that the Alice Springs Abattoirs has not yet been granted an export licence although it has applied for one. The licence which will be granted will conform with Form 8 standard. There is a sole standard for export abattoirs in Australia and that is the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture for meat to be exported to that country. The Alice Springs Abattoirs would have to meet those requirements if it is to be licensed.

2169 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr PERRON

Is he aware of the considerable volume of traffic which passes along Lee Point Road adjacent to Moil and Wagaman. When will the street lighting on Lee Point Road be made operational again?

ANSWER

The street lighting along Lee Point Road has been inoperative for some time now to facilitate the relocation of a substation which was giving some trouble. The Electrical Supply Division has managed to undertake the operation without disrupting electricity supply to consumers in the area but the street lights and the electrical controls on the nature strip have had to be turned off while the job was being completed. I understand that has been done now and the lights should have come on again last night.

2170 Mr DONDAS to Mr PERRON

Is he able to provide any information on negotiations between the Department of the Northern Territory and Hooker Developments concerning the development of the Brinkin Subdivision.

ANSWER

This is another of the long sagas that we hear in this House. Negotiations between the Department of Northern Territory and Hooker Developments to resolve various questions over the Brinkin project are still continuing. They have been continuing for over 12 months now. I checked up on the matter this morning but they told me that nothing has changed - negotiations are still continuing, It is about time that somebody made a decision in this matter rather than just continuing to procrastinate.

2171 Mr VALE to Miss ANDREW

When will proper winter uniforms be supplied to the Alice Springs police officers, particularly those posted to the Traffic Section and what type of uniform will be supplied?

ANSWER

I understand that approval for 5 members of the Traffic Section to have the winter uniform, a leather jacket with gauntlets, has already been given and these will be arriving in the near future.

2172 Mr DONDAS to Mr TUXWORTH

Will facilities be made available for the training of nursing aides at the Darwin Hospital?

ANSWER

I will answer that question later.

2173 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr RYAN

In view of the fact that Trower Road is about to be widened between Rapid Creek Road and Nightcliff Road, will the opportunity be taken to install traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing across Trower Road in the vicinity of its intersection with Francis Street.

ANSWER

I am hoping that that action will be taken. I intend to raise the matter of pedestrian crossings through the Road Safety Council. That particular crossing, which is now right in the middle of my electorate, will receive particular attention.

2174 Mr MANUELL to Mr SPEAKER

I notice on looking around the chamber that the honourable member for Tiwi and myself, apart from the honourable member for Port Darwin, are the only 2 members without flasks. In order to avoid suspicion that either the honourable member for Tiwi or myself may be souvenir hunters, I ask if we may be supplied with these before the end of the day.

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ANSWER

I will look into this matter but I understand that the honourable member for Port Darwin does not require water.

2175 Mr DONDAS to Mr PERRON

Can he confirm recent press reports that the Nakara Primary School will be opening as a school in the first school term of 1978?

ANSWER

I can only go on the information that has been supplied by the Department of Education. It was a departmental press release to which the honourable member has referred. I was very pleased to receive a copy of the press release which indicated that the school would be used solely for educational purposes and not for administrative purposes as was rumoured some time back. I can do no more than suggest that the press release is accurate because it is a departmental press release.

2176 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

My question concerns the proposed \$1m road which was to replace the ill-fated Palmerston arterial road giving access to the city from the northern suburbs. Following the opposition to this proposal by the Darwin corporation, can he advise on the status of that proposal? Is design work proceeding or has it been abandoned.

ANSWER

The matter of a bypass road that could link Fannie Bay with Ludmilla and the northern suburbs was discussed at the Darwin Reconstruction Commission meeting last week in light of the report that the Corporation of the City of Darwin had highlighted a number of problems on which it wanted further consideration and expressed some opposition to the project as planned. The Mayor of Darwin indicated that the corporation stance had been influenced largely by the paucity of information given to it. The Reconstruction Commission will have further discussions with the Corporation with regard to the details of that proposal and I hope it will be discussed before the final determination of the works program for the coming financial year. I do appreciate the needs of people in Nightcliff and other northern suburbs to have improved road access to the city and I think this will be the attitude taken by the Reconstruction Commission.

2177 Mr MANUELL to Mr PERRON

In what calendar year is the proposed \$400,000 upgrading of Ross Park Primary School planned to commence and is the upgrading to be undertaken as one contract?

ANSWER

The Education Department confidently expects to have the upgrading project included in its 1978/79 capital works program and, depending on priorities, will be making every endeavour to have a contract let during the latter half of 1978. It is planned to have the upgrading undertaken in one contract.

2178 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr TUXWORTH

When is it proposed to construct a new public library in Darwin?

ANSWER

The Majority Party has supported in this year's estimates the establishment of a new library at Casuarina to be commenced early in 1978. Unfortunately, as I do not have access to budget papers, I would not be able to confirm whether this program will go ahead or not. It is hoped that it will. The value of the project is estimated to be \$1.5m and will take 12 to 14 months to complete. I would also like to add that purchasing books for a library of this size is quite a large job and in fact the library staff have already begun the ordering of books for this library. They will arrive in the next 12 to 18 months and be ready for the library when it is finished.

2179 Mr ROBERTSON to Mr TAMELING

Is he able to advise the Assembly of the full extent of Department of Construction contracts actually current or completed during the financial year 1976/1977?

ANSWER

I did have some forewarning of this question. I have been supplied with information from the Department of Construction that relates to all contracts currently let in the Alice Springs region. It comprises some 7 pages and I will make it available to the honourable member. It is very interesting to note that the total authorised value of current contracts in the Alice Springs region is of the order of \$76.6 million of which to 30 June 1977 some \$52.2 million has been expended. Therefore, the residual value on all these current contracts in the Alice Springs region carrying over into the next financial year is of the order of \$20.3 million. I will make the full details available to the honourable member.

2180 Mr VALE to Mr TUXWORTH

I am asking this question on behalf of the member for Elsey. Can he advise when a detoxification centre will be set up in Katherine?

ANSWER

I cannot give a definite date when a detoxification centre will be set up in Katherine. There is already a centre being operated in Katherine by the Regional Council for Social Development which has found itself

inundated with work and is looking to extend its operation by obtaining bigger premises. The regional council is interested in taking over the railway sheds for this purpose and I would give them my wholehearted support.

2181 Mr MANUELL to Mr RYAN

I have indicated to the Cabinet Member the desirability of having these questions answered at this sittings so I have given him forewarning of them. Who constitute the membership of the committee reviewing the construction standards and costs of the Tarcoola Alice Springs rail link and what were their findings following their review? Were the findings of that review tabled in the Federal House by the Minister for Transport? Are the findings of that committee available to this Assembly?

ANSWER

The first section the review was conducted by the Australian National Railways and the Department of Transport with the assistance of the Bureau of Transport Economics. The review indicated a number of areas where costs could be reduced while still providing a reliable all-weather railway to Alice Springs. The Minister for Transport has directed that these recommendations be implemented by the Australian National Railways Commission. It also recommended the establishment of an IDC comprising representatives of the ANR and Departments of Transport, Finance and Northern Territory to report to the Government on the lease cost option for the rail terminal taking into account the overall town planning requirements of Alice Springs. The answer to the third part of the question is no. As for the fourth part of the question, only the information already given in response to the second part of the question is available.

2182 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr PERRON

When is it expected that sunshades will be fitted to the rear of the Jingili and Moil or Wagaman Pre-schools to reduce heat and glare on the children particularly during the afternoon?

ANSWER

The provision of sunshades for the Jingili and Moil Pre-schools has been listed on the proposals for the past 2 years but, due to financial restrictions and projects of higher priority, work on these projects has been deferred until this financial year. The provision of sunshades for both schools has been listed on the 1977-78 minor new works program. Subject to funding being available following a budget announcement, requisitions for the work will be issued and it is anticipated that the sunshades will be fitted by the end of the 1977 school year.

2183 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

Can he yet advise what steps the Darwin Reconstruction Commission has taken to upgrade domestic drains in the Nightcliff-Rapid Creek area on properties which are either Housing Commission or under the control of the Northern Territory Administration?

ANSWER

I have obtained details as a result of the question asked yesterday. I am advised by the Darwin Reconstruction Commission that there are 2 problems with domestic sewer outlets. The first relates to a continuing maintenance area of ensuring the rubber seals in earthenware pipes are intact and not corroded by bacteria or H₂S gas. The current practice is to replace this old type of piping with PVC where the deterioration is detected. The second problem arises where an earthenware or PVC pipe has been damaged either through soil subsidence during the cyclone or through cleanup activities following the cyclone. The DRC has generally adopted the practice that, where the sewer operates satisfactorily, no upgrading or replacement works are carried out. However, where it can be demonstrated by either the mirror test or the hydrostatic test that there is a fault on the line caused in the broad sense by Cyclone Tracy, then the repairs or a new line are carried out. The Darwin Reconstruction Commission is not responsible for the maintenance for domestic sewer lines. The commission would be happy to make available a technical expert to explain in detail what is being done to prevent the escape of sewage from domestic lines between a dwelling and the main sewer trunk line.

With regard to the information sought from the Northern Territory Housing Commission, I am advised that the testing of all existing sewers is carried out by the Department of Construction which then orders the owners of the properties to have the drains repaired where faults are detected. The Department of Construction has advised the commission that hydrostatic testing of sewer mains in the Rapid Creek area will be recommended shortly; 76 commission properties in the area will be tested and, if found to be faulty, will be repaired to the Department of Construction's specifications. Additionally, tenders will shortly be called by the commission for a contract involving the major repair to the sewer drains of 14 houses in the Rapid Creek area. Work on these commenced in September 1974 but was disrupted by the cyclone.

2184 Mr DONDAS to Mr TAMBLING

Has the Darwin Reconstruction Commission made any decision on the further development of the Casuarina commercial area? I ask this question because of the recent refusal of the Department of the Northern Territory to allow a Woolworths development within that area.

ANSWER

Apart from in principle agreements to development proposals in April 1976, the Commission has not made any decision on further development in the Casuarina area.

2185 Mr WITHNALL to Mr PERRON

Can he give any explanation for the inordinate delay in the building of the Larrakeyah Pre-School,

ANSWER

The Larrakeyah Pre-school project was originally due to be completed for the start of the second school term in 1977 but the project is behind time and the Department of Construction has advised that the contract is on liquidated damages. The project is now 75% completed and building works are expected to be finished in approximately 2 weeks. The total project is not expected to be completed for approximately 4 weeks as most of the Larrakeyah area has a rock base and the provision of

sewerage services through the rock is expected to cause the additional 2 weeks delay.

2186 Mr VALE to Mr PERRON

My question is asked on behalf of the member for Elsey. Can the Commonwealth Hostel in Katherine be used to accommodate outback children desirous of attending primary or secondary schools in Katherine?

ANSWER

This question was asked of me at the last sitting and I have endeavoured to get an answer. However, the answer is not sufficient and I am afraid there has to be some negotiation carried out before a final answer can be given. The Northern Territory division of the Department of Education understands that the only sections of the Commonwealth Hostel in Katherine at present unoccupied are the older sections and no details of their condition are known by the Department. If hostel accommodation in any form is to be provided for school children, consideration will have to be given to the adequate and appropriate supervision of the students while in residence. A preliminary survey carried out earlier this year in Katherine indicated that a considerable number of parents would wish to avail themselves of such residential facilities. The division believes, however, that further research would be necessary before proceeding with this proposal and talks would have to be held with the Commonwealth Hostels. The Education Department feels that hostel accommodation would be a great benefit to school children, attending primary and secondary schools in Katherine and outback children could also be housed in the hostel accommodation for short periods of time to supplement the tuition they currently receive from the School of the Air and other forms of correspondence education. It would be envisaged that, if such an arrangement could be made, these children would come to Katherine for periods of a few weeks to receive additional tuition which would no doubt assist them considerably in their studies.

2187 Mr MANUELL to Mr RYAN

Can he tell me the terms of reference of the interdepartmental committee established to inquire into the lease cost option of the new railway terminal in Alice Springs?

ANSWER

The terms of reference for the IDC committee have not been set as yet. I will endeavour to get hold of them as soon as they are available and pass them on to the honourable member.

2188 Mr ROBERTSON to Mr TAMBLING

Is he able to advise the Assembly of the value and nature of Housing Commission capital expenditure during the financial year 1976/77 in the Alice Springs region and whether or not all contracts called during that year have been let?

ANSWER

I am sure the honourable member for Gillen will find my information just as pleasing as the previous answer. There is a program for the construction of 70 houses to the value of \$1,333,965. Additionally, there are site works for flat complexes, for car park reconstruction and the building of garbage compounds at a value of \$103,586. The contract for

the construction of 49 medium density units, which are being called the South Court Flats, has recently been concluded at a price of \$1,614,550. I am very pleased to advise that all Housing Commission contracts included in the 1976/77 appropriation have been called or let.

2189 Mr BALLANTYNE to Mr PERRON

As an interim measure to avoid overcrowding in the Nhulunbuy Area School will a double demountable classroom be installed at that school for the 1978 school year and what is the current proposal for the new Nhulunbuy High School?

ANSWER

The principal education advisers in the Northern Territory in consultation with school principals have until 17 July this year to submit to the Department of Education their requirements for 1978. The requirements for demountables at Nhulunbuy Area School will be considered in August after the requests from elsewhere in the Territory have been received. In relation to the Nhulunbuy High School, the proposed school has been placed on the 1978/79 works proposals. The design of the school is currently being developed and an architect and an officer from the Department of Education are expected to visit Nhulunbuy this week in connection with this project.

2190 Mr MANUELL to Mr RYAN

If the terms of reference of the interdepartmental committee to inquire into the cost options of the railway terminal in Alice Springs have not been set, will he undertake to ensure that the terms of reference of that committee include inquiries into costs other than lease costs, including cultural and community costs for the resiting of the railway terminal? Will he also undertake to have the committee sit in Alice Springs and advertise the dates upon which it will sit?

ANSWER

I will attempt to pass that information on and see if it can be included in the terms of reference.

2191 Mr KENTISH to Mr POLLOCK

Has any decision been made on the recommendation from the Cattle Industry Conference held in Alice Springs recently for the Government to reintroduce a cattle freight subsidy?

ANSWER

As recently as this morning, I was told that no firm decision has been made by the Government even though it is considering a proposal on the matter at the moment. A submission has been made to Cabinet and it is hoped that this matter will be discussed in the current Cabinet sittings in Canberra which are programmed for this week and next. I am hoping for a favourable decision from it. In fact, I am reasonably confident that Cabinet will decide on some form of freight assistance to the industry because it did give assistance last year for some 9 months. However, I am unable to advise what that decision will be.

2192 Mr WITHNALL to Mr RYAN

Can he confirm that the poor reception on the ABC Television is due to a poor micro wave channel which in turn is due to the Australian Broadcasting Commission's refusal to pay Telecom a higher price for a better channel? Will he make representations to the Australian Broadcasting Commission with a view to their providing a better channel and improved reception?

ANSWER

I cannot confirm whether that is correct. However, I will make inquiries and take the matter up with the ABC.

2193 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr PERRON

Can he advise when the development of Darwin East will commence?

ANSWER

I cannot give a specific date when the development of Darwin East will commence. It is one of those matters which relate to population projections. It will be seen later on this morning, when the report on the electricity supply is discussed, that population projection estimates range from somewhere between 50,000 people and 400,000 people in Darwin by the year 2000. Until we can get a bit more rationale than that into the system, I certainly will not be able to suggest a time when Darwin East should be commenced.

2194 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr TUXWORTH

When will a wider range of books be made available to the public using the present temporary Darwin Public Library?

ANSWER

We have been conscious of this problem for some time. Unfortunately, my department has been hampered by the lack of floor space. This is a flow-on from the aftermath of the cyclone; you cannot increase the contents of a library that is shifted every 5 or 6 months. My department is currently looking at the provision of additional library space and the provision of extra staff to catalogue and make ready for the shelves the books that we have in stock. When this backlog is out of the way, the honourable member's desire to see additional books on the shelves will be well met.

2195 Mr VALE to Mr PERRON

I ask this question on behalf of the member for Elsey. What is to be done with the service station and caravan park sites at Borroloola?

ANSWER

I ask that the question be placed on notice.

2196 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

I am totally dissatisfied with the answer supplied by the Darwin Reconstruction Commission so I ask a more specific question. Is it a fact that private contractors working for the Department of Construction under the auspices of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission are not re-

quired to test drains of government homes in the Rapid Creek and Night-cliff area unless there is obvious external damage which they believe could have been caused by Cyclone Tracy? In other words, they are not testing the drains.

ANSWER

If she has information on how the contractors are doing their job, I will have it looked at by the Department of Construction.

2197 Mr BALLANTYNE to Mr POLLOCK

I ask this question on behalf of the honourable member for Elsey. Has any restriction been placed on the licensing of commercial fishermen now resident in the Northern Territory, in particular Queensland fishermen? What controls on the export of barramundi from the Gulf area are being implemented?

ANSWER

At the moment, no commercial fishing licences are being issued to persons who are non-residents of the Northern Territory. Persons who are resident solely in Queensland are not getting a Northern Territory commercial fishing licence. Some Queenslanders who have operated in the Territory in the past and have fulfilled all requirements of the ordinance have had their licences renewed but it is being considered whether that practice will continue. Northern Territory fishing is for Northern Territory residents.

In relation to the control of the amount of fish going out of the Territory waters, an inspector of fisheries has in the last 3 weeks taken up residence at Barrooloola. A difficulty exists in relation to the other part of the Gulf, particularly around the Roper, because no residence is available there for an officer. At the moment, he would need to be in Katherine and to control fishing on the Roper and the Gulf area from Katherine is a physical impossibility. These matters are receiving the attention of the Fisheries Branch.

2198 Mr KENTISH to Mr TUXWORTH

Can he advise me why all Asians evacuated from Groote Eylandt by the authority of a doctor or sister had to be taken first to Nhulunbuy Hospital before proceeding to Darwin even when the Groote Eylandt health officers know that they must ultimately and urgently go to Darwin Hospital, and the result has sometimes assured that?

ANSWER

The Health Department has very recently formed new guidelines for the removal of patients from one area to another and the responsibility of the Commonwealth for transporting them. I find it rather extraordinary to believe that Groote Eylandt patients would be forced to be admitted to the Gove Hospital and later transmitted to Darwin. That seems to be incredible. If it is a fact, I will have it investigated and taken up by the Director of Health.

2199 Mr EVERINGHAM to Miss ANDREW

How many estates on which return of probate and succession duty have been lodged with the Registrar of Probates are awaiting an assessment of duty at the present time? To what period do these relate?

ANSWER

The member for Jingili did give me some forewarning of this question. At the end of June 1977, I am advised that the position is as follows: on the 1977 files, there are 12 outstanding estates; on the 1976 files, there are 8 outstanding estates; and on the older files, there are 39 outstanding estates; a total of 59.

2200 Mr ROBERTSON to Mr PERRON

Why has the number of persons registered for work in the Territory climbed to such an apparently high figure and does that figure accurately reflect the true position of employment in the Northern Territory as compared with the states?

ANSWER

The figures that are used to indicate unemployed persons in Australia are to a large degree estimations. It is very difficult to get specific figures on exactly how many people are unemployed because many do not register. It is difficult to get figures on how many people are unemployed and have never worked compared to people who are unemployed because they have been put out of work. The figures are a guide to the situation generally on an Australia-wide basis more than a local basis. The Northern Territory traditionally has a run of itinerant people coming north to our very good weather in the dry season and this will probably continue. Of late, this has been aggravated somewhat by the lack of job opportunities elsewhere in Australia. There have also been rumours apparently circulating amongst itinerant people that Darwin is a good spot to come to because there is quite a lot of work here. This is the result of the very large building programs we have had in Darwin over the last couple of years but that situation does not exist today. The building program has wound down yet itinerants who are still coming to the Commonwealth Employment Office in Darwin do indicate that people are led to believe on the grapevines within their community that Darwin is a good spot. Perhaps we will have to wait a little while for the message to flow back down the grapevine.

In the Northern Territory, we have an unemployment figure of 3,692 persons. That is an increase over many of the previous years' figures and is related largely to this traditional migration to the north which has been accentuated somewhat by lack of opportunities elsewhere and a feeling that, if there is work anywhere, it will be in Darwin. Of the 3,692 people unemployed in the Territory, 1,293 are Aboriginals. I do not have any indications of how many of those people are Territory people as compared to people who have come from interstate in recent times. What we must bear in mind when looking at these figures is that the Northern Territory has a very small workforce, somewhere in the 25,000 mark, and small numbers of people make fairly significant percentage changes to those figures. If we get 50 to 100 people coming into the Territory in a month seeking work that can drive our figure up considerably and give a fairly false reading as to the state of the economy in the Northern Territory.

2201 Mr MANUELL to Mr POLLOCK

Has he had time to pursue the matter of the establishment of the oil refinery in Alice Springs with Treasury and National Resources officials.

ANSWER

Since the last sitting, I have had some time to be able to devote to pursuing that matter and, as recently as this morning, I had information from the Department of Northern Territory officer who is assisting me considerably in the matter. The delay at the moment is that the Department of National Resources has come to no conclusions. They are reviewing all aspects of the matter but have not yet decided on anything specific. However, constant pressure is being applied to that particular department and hopefully something firm will come from them in the near future, I will continue to pursue the matter with the Department of National Resources through my contact with the Department of Northern Territory and Treasury.

2202 Mr EVERINGHAM to Miss ANDREW

Has the Master of the Supreme Court, who is also the Registrar of Probates, been able to devote any substantial amount of time over the last 3 months to the work on assessment of estate duty.

ANSWER

I am advised that, until three months ago, the Registrar was able to devote a reasonable proportion of his time to the performance of his duties and the Succession Duties Act. However, due to other demands on his time and limitations on staff, he has been able to devote very little time to these duties in the last 3 months.

2203 Mr VALE to Mr TUXWORTH

Can he yet supply any information concerning a recreational lake in Alice Springs?

ANSWER

The answer that I have been given by the department is that the Water Resources Branch are currently investigating 2 sites in the Alice Springs area that would be most suitable for the construction of a dam for a recreation lake. One site is on the Hugh River and the other is on Jay Creek. At this stage Mr Speaker, there is quite an amount of geological assessment to be made on the two sites to see which is the most likely site to retain the water. The Department of the Northern Territory is currently awaiting funds to enable the geologists to get on with this study.

2204 Mr DONDAS to Mr TAMBLING

What happened to the 200 concrete and steel cyclone shelters ordered by the Darwin Reconstruction Commission last year? Are they still available to the public?

ANSWER

All of the concrete type shelters were disposed of either by sale to the public or for use on various projects.

2205 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr PERRON

Can he yet advise as to the fate of Carpentaria College?

ANSWER

No.

2206 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr TAMBLING

What is the position in relation to service personnel seeking to apply for a Housing Commission dwelling?

ANSWER

I have had further work done on this matter and I am pleased to advise that members of the armed services are permitted to apply for commission homes sufficiently in advance of their discharge to allow allocation immediately following their demobilisation. The commission tenancy section will allocate once it has sighted the interim discharge certificate and receives an assurance that the serviceman does not have any current application for housing in centres outside of Darwin.

2207 Mr ROBERTSON to Mr PERRON

Is it a fact that unemployed from the Northwest Aboriginal Reserve in South Australia are put on the Alice Springs roll of unemployed? In other words, we are getting Don Dunstan's unemployed on the Alice Springs register.

ANSWER

I will have the matter looked at and taken note of.

2208 Mr DONDAS to Mr TAMBLING

Will the Northern Territory Housing Commission rebuild the concrete houses situated on Trower Road between Ellengowan Drive and Bradshaw Terrace? I am aware that, in the past, there have been some contractor complications. Have these contract problems been solved?

ANSWER

The concrete houses on Trower Road near the intersection with Henry Avenue will be completed in the 1977 financial year. Engineering consultants engaged by the commission have advised that the buildings can be economically repaired and it is expected that tenders will be called for their repair within the next few weeks. It is of interest that the buildings were under construction but not occupied at the time of the cyclone and these concrete houses were virtually the only ones left standing in the new northern suburbs. The original contractors for construction of these houses, prefabricated homes, were based on a partnership, the principals of which did not wish to complete the work. Also, the Darwin Reconstruction Commission's town planning proposals immediately following the cyclone were instrumental in preventing recommencement of the work for a considerable time. This latter difficulty has since been resolved and the commission will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the successful contractor for the repair of these houses is competent to complete the works involved.

2209 Mrs LAWRIE to Mr TAMBLING

Is he aware that, following the decision to underground power in the far northern suburbs, substations are now being built on government land on which people have taken up residence not knowing that such a substation

is going to be built. Will he make approaches to the Department of the Northern Territory to enable those tenants so affected to move to another departmental residence?

ANSWER

I appreciate the unsightliness of any substation or even the units that appear on the top of poles; I have one of the latter right outside the front of my house and it blocks one of the most beautiful views in Darwin. However, I will certainly take up with the Department of the Northern Territory the issue of tenancy. I presume the honourable member is referring to public servant housing as it would be logical that these are the properties on which these substations are to be located. I am aware that, as a result of the undergrounding, it will be necessary to make provision for a number of these substations units. I was told that the number was rather small and they can usually be camouflaged with appropriate landscaping.

2210 Mr DONDAS to Mr PERRON

Does the Education Department provide facilities for special classes for children who have special learning difficulties and, if so, where?

ANSWER

I had some forewarning of this question. Most children described as having special learning difficulties in the Northern Territory are catered for under the provisions provided by the Northern Territory division of the Department of Education for remedial reading groups. Currently, the division has 25 remedial reading teachers and 4 reading diognosticians in schools. In addition, the division provides a range of services catering for children who are handicapped in other ways - children who are deaf, visually handicapped, mentally or physically retarded. Some of these services are extended to Aboriginal communities. The work of the bilingual and migrant section is also helping to meet the needs of children who have special learning difficulties in the Northern Territory. The prepared answer does not specifically say where these facilities are, however, it would indicate that such facilities for helping children with special learning difficulties do exist throughout Northern Territory schools.

2211 Mr EVERINGHAM to Mr TAMBLING

When will work start on the second stage of the Trower Road widening project?

ANSWER

It is expected that tenders will be called in October of this year.

2212 ANSWER TO QUESTION

Mr TUXWORTH: Yesterday the honourable member for Casuarina asked when facilities would be provided for training nursing aides at Darwin Hospital. It is proposed to provide facilities for nursing aide training at Darwin Hospital after the Casuarina Hospital is opened. This will be in addition to the one already operating in Alice Springs.

2213 ANSWER TO QUESTION

Mr TUXWORTH: The honourable member for Stuart asked when nursing sisters will commence duty at Tea Tree and take up residence there. The Health Centre and associated accommodations at Tea Tree have not yet been taken over by the Department of Health. However, only minor work remains to be done and the take-over should take place shortly. In the meantime, action is being taken to recruit staff for the Tea Tree facility. At present, a service is provided to Tea Tree by a visiting sister from Warrabri.

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