

Estimates Committee 2010 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Peak bodies that have had reviews

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Question:

A list of all peak bodies, actually, I will add a little bit into that if I can, a list of all peak bodies that have received, or have had reviews done on them by the department for the last two years; the cost of those reviews; what those reviews were about; and the reports stemming from those reviews; and also the consultants or body of people that have been engaged to do those reviews. I am very keen to find out which of those sporting bodies requested the department to conduct reviews and which sporting bodies had those reviews foisted on them by the department.

Answer:

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Question:

Provide a list of all peak sporting bodies that have had reviews done on them by the Department.

- Information should contain cost of those reviews
- What those reviews are about
- Any reports stemming from those reviews
- Consultants engaged to do those reviews
- Which of those sporting bodies requested a review
- Which of those sporting bodies had a review 'foisted' upon them

Answer:

The Department conducts a number of independent reviews of Peak Sporting Bodies each year as part of its role in assisting sports to build and maintain their capacity and sustainability and achieve their goals. The sports selected to be reviewed can be on request by the sport, on request of the Minister for Sport and Recreation, through internal risk evaluation by Sport and Recreation, or as part of a cyclical process of reviewing all recipients of Peak Sporting Body Grants over time.

The reviews are implemented as part of the Department's annual funding of Northern Territory Sport through the Peak Sporting Body Grant Program (PSBGP), and the reasons for undertaking a review are twofold:

1. An opportunity for sports to get a complete and independent picture of the status of their sport and understand its strengths and challenges.
2. Assist the Department to ensure risk management requirements are fulfilled.

Sport and Recreation appoints credible industry leaders to conduct an independent review that provides each sport with recommendations for change, growth and development. The review also enables Sport and Recreation to offer targeted assistance or direction based on the recommendations.

Details of reviews conducted by the Department over the last two years are included in Attachment A.

Persons who contributed to the reviews did so under the understanding that their input was confidential. In keeping with this understanding it is not appropriate to release these documents. They are not public documents.

Review Date	Organisation	Consultant	Cost	Type
2009/10	Basketball NT	Ambrose Solutions	\$26 620	Independent Governance Review
Approach		The Department became aware of concerns relating to the relationships within the sport and were also approached for assistance with governance and capacity issues by Basketball Northern Territory (BNT) A review was offered to BNT and enthusiastically accepted. The terms of reference were developed in consultation with the chair of BNT. Basketball has been an enthusiastic contributor to the review.		
Desired review outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a supportive and stable environment for participants through: • Developing a good governance and management structure for basketball in the Northern Territory • Improving relationships between BNT and Affiliated Associations • Clearly identifying the roles and responsibilities of BNT and Affiliated Associations 		
Status		Report is in final draft and due to be presented to BNT week commencing 21 June 2010.		

Review Date	Organisation	Consultant	Cost	Type
2009/10	Baseball NT	Ambrose Solutions	\$27 500	Independent Sport Review
Approach		Sport and Recreation was approached for assistance with governance and capacity issues by Baseball Northern Territory (Baseball NT). A review was offered to Baseball NT and enthusiastically accepted.		
Desired review outcomes		Promote a supportive and stable environment for participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a better understanding of stakeholder requirements • Defining pathways for game and talent development • Defining the optimal structure for good governance • Ensuring alignment to Australian Baseball Federation direction and goals • Developing an Operational Plan to underpin 2008-2010 Strategic Plan 		
Status		Report completed. Baseball currently considering recommendations and due to meet with the department in late June 2010. Review recommendations will be incorporated into 2010-11 Peak Funding Grant Agreements.		

Review Date	Organisation	Consultant	Cost	Type
2009/10	Northern Territory Rugby League	KPMG	\$36 000	Independent Sport Review
Approach		<p>The Department became aware of various governance issues within the sport and the quality and content of reporting on grant funding by the NTRL raised a risk in the view of the department. An initial meeting was held with Mr Gary Launt, General Manager, NTRL and he agreed to participate in a review. The terms of reference were developed in consultation with NTRL and agreed upon.</p>		
Desired review outcomes		<p>Promote a supportive and stable environment for participants through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a better understanding of stakeholder requirements • Developing retention strategies and talent development pathways to capitalise on rapid participant growth • Defining the optimal structure for good governance • Assessing impact of potential restructure under the Australian Rugby League • Reviewing progress against 5 year plan and developing an underpinning operational plan 		
Status		<p>Review completed. NTRL co-operated during consultative phase, however refused to comment on accuracy of report. ARL directed NTRL GM to respond, and the changes were found to be immaterial to the content of the report. On 21 May 2010 the NTRL took over interim management of NTRL and DRL. The department is working closely with ARL to forge a path forward.</p> <p>Review recommendations will be incorporated into 2010-11 Peak Funding Grant Agreements.</p>		

Review Date	Organisation	Consultant	Cost	Type
2008/09	Riding for the Disabled	KPMG	\$21 863	Independent Governance Review
Approach		<p>The Department instigated a review due to a number of reasons including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An escalating dispute between the Peak and it's Alice Springs affiliate. • Capacity and capability of the organisation to manage itself and it's related funding <p>The review was conducted in close consultation and the support of RDA NT .</p>		
Desired review outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine review and make recommendations in relation to the overall governance structure of RDA NT • Review and provide comment on the validity of re-opening the RDA North Centre • Financial Audit • Audit of RDA Alice Springs use of Grant Money • RDA NT's relationship with RDA Alice Springs • Provide options to resolve dispute and enable a supportive and stable environment for both current and new affiliate organisations in the future 		
Status		<p>Review was completed, and recommendations implemented. A follow up is due to determine updated status of organisation and if any recommendations remain outstanding.</p>		