

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Treasurer

Interim Report – A Plan for Budget Repair

1. In a media release dated 26 October 2018 the Government stated that “the Government will work with independent experts Mr John Langoulant and Ms Helen Silver to examine fiscal and productivity reforms that will help improve the budget position.” Please outline the specific actions involved and the outcomes of this engagement.
2. How are the independent experts remunerated for their examination of fiscal and productivity reforms and at what cost?
3. What are the terms of reference for the engagement of Mr Langoulant and Ms Silver?
4. What is the timeframe for their engagement?
5. On December 14 2018 the ‘Plan for Budget Repair – Interim Report’ was released to the public. Notably the names of the external experts Ms Silver and Mr Langoulant were not on the report. Why was this so?
6. Why has there been no public comment from the independent experts referenced above on the Interim Report ‘Plan for Budget Repair’?
7. What role did Mr Langoulant and Ms Silver have in preparing the ‘Plan for Budget Repair’ document?
8. When will the final report and Plan for Budget Repair be released? What role do Mr Langoulant and Ms Silver have in this examination and reporting to government?