

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Business:

#### Business

1. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$450 000 budget for the red tape abolition squad?

A total of \$450,000 per annum (personnel: \$420,000 per annum / operational: \$30,000 per annum) for 3 years has been provided for the Red Tape Abolition (RTA) Squad.

2. What is the breakdown of the \$5.4m for industry development programs for each of the following:

- a) export marketing support
- b) Indigenous business growth
- c) professional business planning
- d) peak industry organisation assistance
- e) tourism development
- f) Defence-support industries
- g) energy efficiency
- h) business start-up growth?

- \$1.954 million Industry Development Support Program (peak industry organisations).
- \$0.477 million Industry Development Grants.
- \$0.150 million Business Sponsorship (awards, events etc).
- \$0.398 million Trade Support Scheme.
- \$0.958 million Business Growth (professional business planning).
- \$0.452 million ecoBiz (energy efficiency).
- \$0.137 million Childcare Support.
- \$0.081 million Tourism Business Development.
- \$0.707 million Indigenous Business Development.
- \$0.150 million Indigenous Tendering Support Program.

Total \$5.464 million

3. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$1.85m for each Territory Business Centre. Territory Business Centre breakdown is as follows:

Darwin                      Personnel     \$ 853,000  
    Operational   \$ 368,000  
    Total            \$1.221 million

Alice Springs           Personnel     \$192,000  
    Operational   \$ 77,000  
    Total            \$269,000

Katherine                Personnel     \$205,000  
    Operational   \$ 62,000  
    Total            \$267,000

Tennant Creek          Personnel     \$62,000  
    Operational   \$29,000  
    Total            \$91,000

Total \$1.848 million (round up to \$1.85 million)

4. Which groups have received grants for the Indigenous Workforce Participation Program and what is their success in terms of number of Territorians in successful employment?

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Anticipated Output</b>	<b>Successful Employment Outcomes (*) for Indigenous Territorians to date</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Centre for Appropriate Technology</b>	A tested business model for a social enterprise that will support Indigenous employment and is sustainable and scalable.	Project not completed
<b>2</b>	<b>City of Darwin</b>	Participants are placed in ongoing employment in the field of their Children's Services qualification.	Project not completed
<b>3</b>	<b>Directorate of Indigenous Affairs</b>	Job outcomes and individual employment pathways plans for graduates.	Project not completed
<b>4</b>	<b>IE Projects Pty Ltd (Status as at May 2014; target 100 by project completion)</b>	100 Indigenous people in ongoing jobs through this project.	0
<b>5</b>	<b>Injalak Arts &amp; Craft Association</b>	A good practice model of mentoring and coaching of key local personnel to	Project not completed

		take up ongoing jobs in the art centre.	
6	<b>Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation</b>	A business model that informs the establishment of Indigenous labour hire.	Project not completed
7	<b>Karen Sheldon Catering P/L (labour hire) COMPLETED</b>	Case studies and a business model for Indigenous labour hire in the hospitality industry.	18
8	<b>Karen Sheldon Catering P/L (Tennant Creek) COMPLETED</b>	A model for wraparound services to achieve jobs with local employers for highly disadvantaged people in Tennant Creek.	12
9	<b>Menzies School of Health Research</b>	Case studies and a model of practice for developing and supporting Community Researchers in the Top End.	Project not completed
10	<b>Mulga Gidgee P/L</b>	An employment mentoring network that is sustainable.	Not applicable - Business services project
11	<b>Ngurratjuta Pmara/Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation</b>	An integrated labour hire website for placement of remote workers.	Project not completed
12	<b>Palngun Wurnangat Association Incorporated</b>	Case studies and other documentation of successful strategies for maintaining engagement in training and ongoing employment.	Project not completed
13	<b>Territory Credit Union</b>	A model of practice to support, develop and mentor staff within TCU, which can be used for other Indigenous workers in the financial services sector.	Project not completed
14	<b>Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation</b>	A mechanism to capture, retain and embed business knowledge, expertise and practices, and a Workforce Development Plan.	Not applicable - Mentoring and employee support project
<b>Total to date</b>			<b>30</b>

Note: Employment Outcomes refer to the number of Indigenous Territorians who, as a result of the project, move into a job or achieve an improved employment status. This may be from unemployed to employed, part time to full time, from casual or CDEP to part time/full time/contract /permanent, or to a higher level position.

5. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$500 000 for the proposed procurement reforms.

The additional \$500,000 for the proposed procurement reforms will be allocated to a number of initiatives aimed at further simplifying procurement for business and improving value for money outcomes for government including:

- amending the Northern Territory Government's terms and conditions of contract to make them more contemporary and better align with commercial and industry standards;
- participating in national working groups such as the Australian Procurement and Construction Council aimed at implementing best practice systems and methodologies in procurement and construction;
- developing and implementing programs, tools and guidelines to assist industry to better understand the procurement framework and assist small to medium enterprises win government contracts;
- enhancing internal IT systems and streamlining processes to remove duplication, improve work flows and efficiency and speed up decision making timeframes;
- investing in training and capability development for government procurement staff to facilitate better procurement planning, improve the quality of procurement documentation and ensure they are appropriately skilled in conducting tender debriefs and managing contractor relationships and performance; and
- ensuring the Department of Business maintains an appropriate level of skills and expertise to deliver further whole of government procurement reforms, introduce internal quality improvement systems and provide ongoing procurement support and advice to agencies.

6. Please breakdown the \$2.2m from the Community Benefit Fund that goes towards:

- a) community grants
- b) gambling amelioration
- c) research programs?

The distribution of funds for the Community Benefit Fund will be \$0.776 million for Community Grants, \$0.998 million for Gambling Amelioration and \$0.241 million for Gambling Research Programs. The balance of \$0.185 million will be used for administration costs associated with the fund.

7. Why have you reduced the CBF by \$800 000?

The reason for the reduction is detailed in Budget Paper 3, page 94. Refer to key deliverable footnote #2.

8. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$400 000 for the Alcohol Permit Management System.

The Alcohol Permits Management System is the business system that supports the management of liquor permits in the Northern Territory. It also a useful tool to assist in the management of localised restrictions. Identification scanners are operational in some licensed venues to assist with the administration of permit systems and localised liquor restriction.

9.	\$18,000	Telecommunications charges associated with Point of Sale devices and the host database.
	\$60,000	Ongoing fault resolution and support for the business application.
	\$180,000	Data Centre Services charges to host the business application within the NT Government's secure data centre.
	\$150,000	Provision for annual business system enhancements.
	\$8,000	Provision for onsite repair/replacement of equipment.

Please provide a detailed breakdown of \$1.6m from the Commonwealth to develop alcohol management plans.

Budget Item	Budget
<b>Personnel Expense</b>	
2 x Regional AMP Coordinators SAO1	\$274,659
6 x A07 Senior AMP Officers	\$703,680
1 x A04 Administrative Support Officer	\$81,193
<b>Total Personnel:</b>	<b>\$1,059,541</b>
<b>Operational Expense (Other)</b>	
5 x Vehicles (travel remote – including 4 wheel drives)	\$70,310
Property Management - vehicle parking leases	\$3,650
Travel Related expenses – extensive travel across NT	\$350,000
Communications / IT (including phones internet, desktop services, infrastructure SP8)	\$72,000
Mobile and Satellite phones	\$8,500
Professional Development	\$36,000
Program Expenses	\$24,000
<b>Total Operational:</b>	<b>\$540,460</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,600,001</b>

10. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$500 000 for the Alcohol Policy Strategic Plan.

This budget item includes personnel costs for 3 positions and operational costs.

The 3 positions are the NT Government management and policy staff at levels ECO1, SAO1 and AO6, who undertake alcohol policy work in the NT Government.