

Question No: 31

Question: Payments to External Agencies

Date: 13/08/91
Member: Mr EDE
To: CHIEF MINISTER

1. What promotions of the Northern Territory's history, attractions or resources in any form, including electronic media advertising, books and general print material, have been funded by the Chief Minister's Department, or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency in the years -

- (a) 1988/89;
- (b) 1989/90; and
- (c) 1990/91 to date.

2. What were the titles of the promotions referred to in part 1, including the titles of the books, general print material and electronic media advertising.

3. What was the total amount expended by the Chief Minister's Department and its agencies on the promotions referred to in part 1.

4. Of the promotion referred to in Question 1, which promotions were assisted by -

- (a) payments in advance;
- (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and
- (c) use of government administration support at no charge.

5. What was the value of the assistance rendered in each promotion.

6. Which of the promotions contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion.

7. How many and in which of the promotions was there provisions for the costs incurred by the government or its agencies to be offset against future royalty income.

8. In how many and which of the promotions were expressions of interest of tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion.

ANSWER

1. (a) 1988-89

SELF GOVERNMENT CELEBRATIONS - celebrations program of various activities organised through the Department of the Chief Minister - \$245 672;

WOMEN TODAY - television program covering items of interest to Northern Territory women (includes information on Territory resources available to women) - \$22 923;

TERRITORY DIGEST - a quarterly publication showing Territory resources, attractions and stories of interest to Territorians - \$81 999.

(b) 1989-90

SELF GOVERNMENT CELEBRATIONS - celebrations program organised through the Department of the Chief Minister. The celebrations program for 12 years self government included the production of a television short on Territorians achieving -

Self Government Celebrations, \$6837
12 year Self Government Television short, \$63 275;

ALMOST AUSTRALIANS - POLITICS OF THE NT SELF GOVERNMENT - a history publication written by Dr A. Heatley - \$5000;

WOMEN TODAY - as detailed above, \$18 611;

TERRITORY DIGEST - as detailed above, \$90 403;

TERRITORY ENTERPRISE - a series of promotional television shorts which showed Territory attractions and resources - \$296 405.

(c) 1990-91

SELF GOVERNMENT CELEBRATIONS - as detailed above, \$82 649. Television short - account carried over into 1990-91, \$70 565;

WOMEN TODAY - as detailed above, \$8323;

TERRITORY DIGEST - as detailed above, \$7067;

TERRITORY ENTERPRISE - as detailed above, \$154 411;

BATTLE OF AUSTRALIA - 1992 War Service Memorial year. Commemoration program of activities arranged through the Department of the Chief Minister - \$29 000.

2. See details question 1.

3. See details question 1.

4. SELF GOVERNMENT CELEBRATIONS

As part of the routine functions of the Protocol Office (within the Department of the Chief Minister) the normal range of client/contractor exchange and advice occurred. There is no record of payments made in advance nor charges for project consultation, direction and advice. In the case of the television short, (12 years Self Government) 50% of budget was paid on commission of the production, the balance on completion.

TERRITORY DIGEST

The Department of the Chief Minister provided advisory services and support relevant to agents producing a Northern Territory government publication. Agreed monthly consultancy fees were paid for production of the Digest. No charges were made for project consultation, advice and support.

ALMOST AUSTRALIANS - POLITICS OF THE NT SELF GOVERNMENT

A 'one off' grant of \$5000 was made to the North Australian Research Unit (as part of the arrangement 250 copies of the publication were made available to the department).

WOMEN TODAY - TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Through the Office of Women's Affairs, the department provided advisory services and administrative support relevant to a client/consultant producing a Northern Territory government sponsored program. The consultant was paid per agreement - no charges were made for client/consultant project advice and administrative support.

TERRITORY ENTERPRISE - TELEVISION PROGRAMS

The Department of the Chief Minister provided normal client/contractor consultation, project advice and exchange. Agreed monthly payments were processed to the consultants for their services and the production of the program.

BATTLE OF AUSTRALIA - 1992 WAR MEMORIAL YEAR

The Department of the Chief Minister provided normal client/consultant advice and exchange for projects. As part of the commemoration project, a book was commissioned which gave details of the Territory's place in the Second World War. In accordance with the contract an initial payment was processed on the signing of the contract with the author (a further payment was paid on completion of the draft and a final payment on acceptance of the format of the book).

5. As referred to in question 4, the assistance rendered was provided as part of the routine functions of the department in accordance with normal ongoing client/contractor exchange.

6. Within the activities and promotions of the Battle of Australia - 1992 War Memorial year - some specific projects have and will contain provision for royalties (to 30 June 1991) - the War Memorial Book agreement had provisions for royalties).

7. Battle of Australia - 1992 War Memorial year - (projects to 30 June 1991 - War Memorial Book).

8. (i) Territory Digest;
(ii) Women Today - Television Program.