

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Edgington to the Minister for Mining and Industry:

Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant

1. The ICAC Report "Investigation into the application for, award and expenditure of a grant to the Darwin Turf Club for a public grandstand" (The Report) details at paragraph 296 that at 2.19pm on 14 June 2019, Shaun Drabsch, the then Chief Executive (CE) of the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) forwarded an email to the Director Grants and Business Services, DTBI. Did any employee, agent or representative of the Northern Territory Government or a Minister forward that email or its contents or attachments? If yes:
 - a. On what date was it sent, at what time and by who?
 - b. Who was the email forwarded to?
2. Was information contained in the email referred to in question 1 then edited/authored/attached/used by any employee, agent or representative of the NTG or Minister to turn it into part/s, extract/s or sections reworded from the email to a new document? If yes:
 - a. Who was the author?
 - b. For what purpose was the change of format to the information contained in the email?
 - c. Who was that document provided to and when?
3. Please detail all gifts, benefits and hospitality you have accepted from Mr Brett Dixon, the Darwin Turf Club (DTC) or its members since 1 April 2016.
4. Please detail all gifts, benefits and hospitality accepted by any member of your staff from Mr Dixon, the DTC or its members since 1 April 2016.
5. Please detail all gifts, benefits and hospitality accepted by the Chief Executive of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (including in his capacity as Chief Executive of the former Department of Trade,

Business and Industry (DTBI) from Mr Dixon, the DTC or its members since 1 April 2016.

6. Were you required to attend the ICAC for examination pursuant to a section 34 Notice during its investigation into the DTC? If so:
 - a. Did the section 34 Notice state that you were under investigation?
 - b. Did you assist the ICAC by giving evidence or did you claim privilege, confidentiality or raise any other legal exemption?
7. What sanctions have you caused on the Department for being found by the ICAC in The Report to have engaged in “unsatisfactory conduct”?
8. What sanctions have you caused on Shaun Drabsch for being found by the ICAC in the Report to have used a “deceptive process and hiding the true fact that the process was going to lead to a grant”?

Answer

The ICAC had the ability to review all of the paperwork and all processes. All findings in relation to the processes and evidence gathered are in the ICAC Report. The ICAC Report made no findings of unsatisfactory conduct against any government department or Minister. The public servant in question was counselled about the issue raised in the report.