

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Tourism and Culture

Appropriation Bill – Tourism and Culture

Please provide copies of:

- all questions, which you have received from the public in relation to the Estimates process and consideration of the Appropriation Bill for the 2017/18 financial year; and
- the answers to those questions that were presented to the Estimates Committee.

Please provide the information requested below for Agencies and Government authorities for which you have responsibility, as at 31 March 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Please accept apologies if questions are not under the correct Output. Where this is the case, it would be appreciated if you could indicate the appropriate Output in pr response. Thank You.

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Conservation Land Corporation

1. Why has the Conservation Land Corporation not had any meetings since August 2016?
2. How has an expense of \$12,108 been incurred for operation of the Conservation Land Corporation if they have not met?

Museums

1. The most recent figure from the Annual Report of the MAGNT is that it makes a loss or requires funding of over \$8 million per annum. With respect to the new \$50 million 'Stolen Generations' cultural institution, what is the amount of the ongoing funding requirement?
2. What business case analysis was undertaken before this announcement was made? Please provide a copy of this.

3. Budget Papers show \$50 million for a Museum at the old hospital site in Darwin, another \$50 million for an Indigenous Art Gallery in Alice Springs, another \$20 million for an Indigenous Cultural Centre in Alice Springs. It has been stated that there will be a Museums Masterplan by the end of 2017. Why has the Government committed to an outcome (new Museums) before the strategic framework (the Masterplan) was even in place?
4. Do these Budget allocations mean that the Museums Masterplan will not proceed?
5. When are more specific details around the \$100 million Arts Trails investment going to be made public? Is there a consultancy study underway and if so, please provide the details of who is undertaking this study and at what cost?
6. How much will the Government allocation to the Darwin Festival be in financial year 17/18
7. Is there an upper limit for funding the Darwin Festival and if so what is the amount?

Tourism Marketing

1. Budget Papers for financial year 2017/18 show the Tourism NT budget is \$43.2 million. However, Budget 2016/17 made \$48.495 million available to Tourism NT. Please detail the specifics of the cuts.
2. What is the justification for the cuts?
3. Does government agree that Tourism is a key growth and wealth creating industry?
4. Does government agree that reducing the budget by 11% risks Territory jobs?

Funding for Regional Tourist Associations

1. What is the justification for cutting support to Regional Tourist Associations?
2. Please provide the economic modelling or business case to support this decision.
3. Budget Paper 3 page 201 indicates that the number of community engagement events run by Tourism NT will be cut by 10. Please advise what events will or have been cancelled.
4. The number of events supported by Tourism NT will be reduced in financial year 2017/18 by 8, or approximately 10%. Budget Paper 3 page 201 shows the number of events supported going from 76 in financial year 16/17 to 64 in financial year 17/18. Please advise the events that

previously have received funding that will not receive support under this Government.

Airbnb

1. What resources does Budget 17/18 make available to the Department of Tourism and Culture to research, investigate and regulate Airbnb in the Northern Territory?
2. Please advise what effect has Airbnb had on average hotel room rates and vacancy rates across the Northern Territory.

Aboriginal Employment in Tourism and Culture

1. What measures or actions will the Department of Tourism and Culture adopt to increase the number of Aboriginal people employed in the Department?

Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund

1. Please advise what analysis was undertaken to evaluate the success or otherwise of the Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund.
2. Budget 17/18 makes no mention of the Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund. Please confirm that this allocation for strategic tourism infrastructure has been cut?
3. What impact will this cut have on the development of NT tourism product?
4. Please advise how many private tourism businesses were consulted before this infrastructure development fund was cut.

Historic Shipwrecks Fund

1. Please confirm that there is no budget allocation in Budget 2017 for the Historic Shipwrecks Fund. Why is this so?

Tourism NT

1. How many overseas offices did Tourism NT operate in the 2016/17 financial year?
2. How many overseas offices will Tourism NT operate in financial year 2017/18?
3. Please advise what the strategy is for overseas offices over the forward estimates.
4. What consultation has been undertaken to support this strategy?
5. What research has been done to support the direction of this overseas engagement strategy?
6. Please provide a copy of this research.

7. Please advise the location of current Tourism NT overseas offices.
8. How much will be spent in financial year 2017/18 on international marketing?
9. How much will be spent in financial year 2017/18 on domestic marketing?
10. Please provide the most up to date numbers for international and domestic holiday visitors.
11. What is the average hotel occupancy rate in Darwin?
12. Please advise how has this changed over the last 12 months.

Blatherskite Park

1. Please provide an update on developments at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs.
2. What are the Government's plans with respect to sporting activities at Blatherskite Park and in particular for AFL?

Sport and Recreation

1. On page 205 of Budget Paper 3 sport event revenue goes from \$190,000 in financial year 2016/17 to nil in financial year 2017/18. Why is this so?
2. What actions will the Government take, or has taken to address this?

Bringing back the Arafura Games

1. In Budget Paper 2, page 46, \$376,000 is allocated for the Arafura Games. Please advise how this figure was calculated.
2. What economic modelling has been done around the benefit of restarting the Arafura Games?
3. Similarly, is there a business case for the Arafura Games? Please provide a copy.
4. Which stakeholders have been consulted in relation to bringing back the Arafura Games? What has been the outcome?

Sports Masterplan

1. The previous Government committed significant resources (\$250,000) to developing a Sports Masterplan. When will this Sports Masterplan be finalised? When will it be made public?
2. How much has been spent on developing the Sports Masterplan in financial year 2016/17?
3. Please advise how much has been spent to date on developing said Masterplan.

National and International Events

1. Will the Government continue its support for the Women's AFL National Competition and for how long? What budget allocation has been made for this?
2. What sponsorship has or will be sought from the private sector to support the delivery of the Arafura Games?
3. What is the Government doing to improve sporting opportunities and participation in sport for people with a disability?
4. What efforts and resources have been made available to date to support this objective?
5. What support will be provided to major sporting organisations such as Basketball NT and AFL to host National Sporting Events?
6. Please advise if the Government intends to continue to support the Melbourne Football Club. If not, why not?
7. What support will be provided to sporting organisation in the NT to host International Sporting Events?
8. What modelling or research has been done on the economic benefit of hosting national and international sporting events? Please provide copies of this.
9. Please provide copies of economic impact statements commissioned by the current government in relation to hosting national and international sporting events.
10. What objectives have or will the Government set when it comes to attracting AFL games to the NT?
11. What additional infrastructure spends will be required to host national events for Cricket?
12. Will the Government commit to continued financial support for the Parramatta Eels and/or other strategic NRL sponsorship deals?

NT Major Events Company

1. How many FTEs will the NT Major Events company employ in the 2017/18 financial year?
2. How does this compare to financial year 2016/17?
3. What program of events are proposed for 2017/18?

Squash NT

1. The previous Government made a commitment to provide \$4.5 million to upgrade the Marrara squash stadium. Please advise why the Government decided not to fund this project.
2. What economic modelling or business case was conducted prior to the decision not to fund this project? Please provide a copy.
3. What support is the Government providing to Squash NT to host the Australian Squash Nationals in Darwin in November 2017? Will this event still go ahead in Darwin without the upgraded facilities?
4. Please advise how much is hosting the Squash Nationals worth to the economy in Darwin.
5. Please advise what consultation occurred prior to the decision taken to not fund this upgrade. Were local builders consulted?

Cricket NT

1. What is the Government's plan to support Cricket NT to deliver Big Bash League cricket to Alice Springs?
2. Please provide an update on the Government's intentions for Traeger Park.

Basketball

1. What work has gone into researching optimal governance models and structures for the development of basketball in the NT?
2. How much has been spent on these studies?
3. Is there a plan to unify the different government bodies for the sport in the NT?
4. Does the Government support an NBL franchise coming to the NT?
5. Please advise what funds will be allocated towards achieving the objective of bringing an NBL franchise to Darwin.

Sporting Infrastructure in the Rural Area

1. What plans does the Government have to support and grow sporting participation in the rural area?
2. Please advise what new sport infrastructure will be delivered in the rural area over the forward estimates.
3. Will the Government build a pool in the rural area?

4. Please advise when work will begin on the rural pool.

Goodline Oval

1. Please provide an update on the plans the Government has for Goodline Oval.
2. Do these plans address the lack of change rooms and other facilities at Goodline Oval?
3. Please advise what funds are allocated for upgrades at this sporting oval.

Entrance Statements –Tennant Creek

1. Please detail what study or needs analysis has been undertaken to support the Government's decision to spend \$1 million on new entrance signs to Tennant Creek?
2. Will this project comply with "Buy Local"?

Marrara Sports Facilities

1. Given that the Government has committed to significant upgrades and additional investments in the sporting infrastructure in Marrara, including a new \$18 million netball stadium, is there a traffic management plan?
2. Please advise what changes are proposed to manage the additional traffic flow arising from the increased user base at Marrara.
3. Are traffic numbers available for the roads in and out of the Marrara sporting complex? Please provide the details.
4. Has the Government considered a park and ride facility to service the sporting infrastructure in Marrara?

Warren Park

1. Why was Warren Park fast tracked from a two stage process in Budget 19/20, and 21/22 to a single allocation of \$25m project in Budget 17/18?
2. Please advise how this project can proceed in 2017/18 when agreement on the lease at South Darwin RL has not been secured.
3. Was a cost benefit analysis undertaken before commissioning a new stadium at Warren Park? Please provide a copy.
4. What is the timeframe for the delivery of this project?
5. The 1050 seat stadium on the Sunshine Coast on which Warren Park is being modelled was at a cost of \$10million in 2011. Please advise why a stadium of the same size will cost 150% more only 6 years later.

6. What lighting will be installed at Warren Park and what is the lux in the design?
7. What will the floor space of the facilities be?
8. Please advise what economic modelling was done and provide a copy.
9. What is the ongoing commitment in terms of cost?
10. Once Warren Park is operational there will be fewer games at Goodline Oval. Please provide details of the subsidy that will be paid to rugby league clubs which currently utilise this facility.

Richardson Park

1. What are the Terms of Reference for the new Steering Committee on the future of Richardson Park?
2. Please advise who is represented on the Steering Committee.
3. Please advise why the Office of the Minister for Tourism and Culture has been identified as the agent responsible for leading the Steering Committee, and not the Minister or the Agency CEO.
4. Please advise who has been consulted on the future of Richardson Park since 1 September 2016.
5. Please advise why this site has remained vacant?
6. Why has the Government opposed the Expression of Interest from Brothers and Nightcliff Rugby league Clubs.

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1. How many Full Time Equivalents are currently employed within this Agency, broken down by Output and Business Unit?
2. How many Full Time Equivalents have resigned, retired, taken a redundancy package or have been made redundant, or terminated? Please break down these numbers by Output and Business Unit.
3. What has happened to these positions? Has the work been reallocated to existing staff?
4. Are there any plans to fill these positions in the near future?

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

1. In the draft infrastructure strategy, there is a plan to move the Territory Wildlife Park from Berry Springs to a site near the Darwin CBD. Please advise when this move will occur.
2. What business case has been done to support this move?
3. Has modelling been done on the impact on the greater Berry Springs community of losing the Territory Wildlife Park?
4. Please provide a copy of the business case.
5. Please advise who was consulted on this matter prior to the decision.
6. Please advise the number of park visitors in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years as at 31 March 2017.

10 Year Plan for the Territory Wildlife Park

1. Please advise the basis of the calculation of \$150,000 for the 10 year plan.
 2. When will this plan be made public?
 3. Who will be consulted?
 4. Who will write the 10 year plan?
 5. Please provide the estimated cost associated with moving the Territory Wildlife Park from Berry Springs to a site adjacent to the CBD.
 6. Please provide details of the site.
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