

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 12 June 2019

Subject: Employment of Lynne Walker

From: Mr Terry Mills MLA

To: Chief Minister

Agency: Department of the Chief Minister

Number: 3.10

Question: Ms Walker was initially employed to head up the community engagement unit in your office and was later appointed to a role that has been variously described as your expert Indigenous adviser or your key adviser on Indigenous affairs, or similar.

I also understand Ms Walker had a number of staff and that an office in Nhulunbuy was established under the banner of a regional office of the Chief Minister.

Please provide details of all the roles that were held within your office by Ms Walker; the level of pay of these roles; the number of staff who reported to Ms Walker, and their positions and levels of pay; all travel costs incurred; where that travel occurred; and all costs associated with the establishment and operation of the office in Nhulunbuy.

Who replaced Ms Walker in this role and was the position advertised?

Answer: Ms Walker held the following roles during her employment with the Office of Chief Minister:

- Director Assistant Ministers Unit, salary level ECO1
- Director Community Engagement Unit and Assistant Ministers Unit, salary level ECO1
- Policy Adviser, salary level SAO2

As Director of the Community Engagement Unit and Assistant Ministers Unit, there were up to 13 staff that reported to Ms Walker. As policy adviser, no staff reported to her.

The number of positions and salary levels are outlined in the table below:

Salary Level	Staff
A05	4
A06	2
A07	2
SAO1	3
SAO2	2
TOTAL	13

An office was created with the instalment of a partition, a door and network access at the DCM East Arnhem office. This occurred as part of broader minor capital works in 2016-17 on the 1st floor of the DCM East Arnhem office, which included soundproofing, boxing out vents above doors, replacing security locks and replacing carpet. The total cost of all these works was \$49,481 and remain in use.

Ms Walker's policy responsibilities have been reallocated to existing staff.

Travel costs between February 2017 and December 2018 is \$65,641.94 largely between Darwin and Nhulunbuy. Other localities travelled include:

Location	Number of times travelled
Darwin	42
Galiwinku	11
Lake Evella	6
Alice Springs	10
Ampilatwatja	1
Utopia	1
Katherine	2
Ramingining	2
Tennant Creek	1
Mata Mata	2
Yulara	1
Milingimbi	1
Dhalinbuy	1
Birany Birany	2
Baniyala	1
Barrkira	1
Nyinyikay	1
Wandawuy	1
Gangan	1
Bukudal	1