

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Central Australia and Economic Reconstruction:

'Alice Hub' Project

A proposal to develop the Alice Springs Plaza into the "Alice Hub" has come to light in recent days where the existing infrastructure could be developed to include accommodation, increased commercial office space and a library.

1. Please advise if the Northern Territory Government will be providing financial support for this proposal?
2. If so, please provide details of the amount of financial support, and from which budget this funding will be allocated.
3. Please advise if the Northern Territory Government will be providing non-financial support for this proposal?
4. If so, please provide details.
5. Please advise if the Northern Territory Government will be facilitating this development, and, if so, how it is proposed that this be accomplished?
6. Please advise if the Northern Territory Government and Alice Springs Town Council have entered into negotiations over this proposal?
7. Please provide details on the projected budget for this proposal?
8. If possible, please provide projected timelines for this proposal?

Answers

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. Yes.

4. CM&C has met with representatives from the Alice Hub Project on multiple occasions. CM&C's Investment Territory team is committed to providing customised information and support to investors, such as the Alice Hub Project, including:
 - an overview of key sectors and investment opportunities, including details of specific projects;
 - advice on grants and programs, business and economic data;
 - introductions to government contacts, including international representatives, and Northern Territory business and industry networks; and
 - support with investment related visits to the Northern Territory.

CM&C has been assisting the Alice Plaza Consortium to engage with the relevant Government and private stakeholders, including:

- the Department of Corporate and Digital Development, regarding Government tenancies;
 - the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, regarding business engagement and delivery;
 - CM&C's Investment Territory team, regarding tourism investment;
 - Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation, regarding Traditional Owner input; and
 - the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to discuss eligibility for funding.
5. No.
 6. The NT Government has been assisting the Alice Hub Project to understand the level of investment required, strategic impact, project feasibility and capacity to deliver. No negotiations have been entered into between the NT Government and the Alice Hub Project for the provision of financial support.
 7. The Alice Hub Project is a privately owned project, and therefore any questions regarding project, budget and timelines should be directed to representatives of the Alice Hub Project.
 8. Not applicable.