

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Edgington to the Minister for Mining and Industry:

#### **Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant (Industry Support Program Funding)**

1. The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation Annual Report of 2018-19 states under the heading “Industry Support Program Funding to Peak Industry Bodies to Assist with Industry Sector Development” that the Darwin Turf Club (DTC) received funding of \$12 million (\$13.2 million including GST at page 115). Why was the grant funding paid from this program, when DTC is not a peak industry body?
2. How was the \$12M figure arrived at for the grant?
3. Why was the usual practice of withholding part of a grant not applied to the grant to DTC for the grandstand?
4. Who recommended to Government that the grant to the DTC for the grandstand be paid in a lump sum?
5. How many industry support program or capital grants of \$12+ million has the Gunner Government awarded, to who and for what amount from 1 January 2019 to date?
  - a. How many of those industry support program and capital grants were paid as a one-off lump sum?
  - b. How many of those industry support program and capital grants did not require the receiver of the grant to contribute to the project?
6. What is the process for industry support program and capital grant funding?

#### **Answer:**

The ICAC had the ability to review all of the paperwork and all processes. All findings in relation to the process are in the ICAC Report. Government expenditure and awarding of Industry support or capital grants are publically available in annual reports.