

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Chief Minister:

ICAC Investigation into a NTG Procurement Process

An ICAC Public Statement released in April 2021 relating to an investigation into a NT Government procurement process, found that the two Executive Officers had engaged in conduct that did not comply with the rules and governance of the procurement function, best described as failing to adhere to best practice.

Questions:

1. Did your Department provide the ICAC the 2019 confidential report of the NT Buy Local Advocate in regard to its investigation into a NT a procurement process?
2. Did the ICAC ask for the report?
3. Was this report the basis of the ICAC investigation?
4. Did your Department refer the government procurement process to the ICAC after it received the NT Buy Local Advocate Report on a NT procurement process? If not, why not?
5. The ICAC Report also made seven recommendations to the current review of procurement. Were these recommendations accepted by the NT Government and how are they being implemented?
6. Please provide an un-redacted copy of the report.

Answers:

1. It is not appropriate to comment on the operation of an ICAC investigation.
2. It is not appropriate to comment on the operation of an ICAC investigation.
3. That is a question for the ICAC.
4. No. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet maintains the view that the right outcome from the procurement assessment was achieved.

5. Yes, the recommendations were accepted. This is a matter for the Minister for Small Business who has responsibility of the *Procurement Act 1995*, including procurement policy and reform.
6. This is a confidential report prepared by the ICAC and its release is a matter for the ICAC.