

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Major Events:

NT Major Events Company (NTMEC)

A search has discovered that NTMEC do not have an Annual Report online for 2019-20 and 2020-21. The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory web page Tabled Papers does not show the annual reports for NTMEC for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Questions:

1. Please provide a copy of the NTMEC Annual Report for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

<https://ntmajorevents.com.au/about/our-board>

2. When will these annual reports be published on the NTMEC web page?

Both annual reports have been published on the NTMEC website.

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3. Why haven't these Annual Reports been tabled in Parliament? When will they be tabled in Parliament?

NTMEC is a company under the *Corporations Act*, and therefore its Annual Report is not required to be tabled.

4. How many employees (by level) are currently working for NTMEC? What is the total budget for salaries?

26.5 FTE – budget for 2021-22 is \$3.5 million.

5. What are the official supported events as part of the NTMEC program? Please list these events and the budget allocated to each event.

NTMEC's program changes annually. Each Annual Report lists in detail those events that were supported for that financial year.

6. Are there any other events in the development stage? Please list.

The company is charged to acquire and develop event related content for the Northern Territory. As these discussions are commercial in confidence, all events or projects in development are confidential in nature until such time as endorsed by Cabinet.

7. What is the budget allocation to community groups to support event activity each year? Please list each community event supported for the past 2 years and the budget allocated to each event.

In 2019-20, NTMEC supported 32 events and festivals and in 2020-21, 50 events and festivals were supported. More information can be found in each Annual Report.

8. Did any of the community events approved by NTMEC not proceed? What happened to this budget allocation?

The events industry has been severely impacted by the effects of COVID-19 with events being cancelled, rescheduled or reimaged and delivered in a different format. Over the course of two financial years, 29 events NTMEC funded were impacted which resulted in \$165,000 of funding being reallocated into the contestable grant funding found.

9. For Budget Reporting purposes NTMEC sits within the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT). The DITT Budget Papers only show a single budget line without any budget line allocation or descriptive activity assigned to the budget. Does DITT and its CEO have any decision making power in relation to the NTMEC budget and/or the operations of NTMEC?

No.