

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Tourism and Culture

Screen Territory Funding

1. Would you please provide clarification regarding the Government's commitment to adopting all of the recommendations on developing Screen Territory as outlined in the Ministerial Advisory Council (MAC) Report (2016)
 2. Will the Government commit to a \$9m funding parcel over the forward estimates as recommended by the MAC Report? If not, why not?
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ANSWER:

- The Minister's Advisory Council (MAC), was appointed to provide advice on how the Northern Territory Government could best support the growth and long term planning of the screen industry in the Northern Territory and delivered its report *Charting New Territory On Screen* in December 2015, which was released to the public in August 2016.
- The Report provides a number of recommendations for the Northern Territory screen industry, and how the Northern Territory can attract large scale film productions.
- The Northern Territory Government has committed through its Election Commitment to the delivery of the MAC report findings, of \$9 million over four years commencing 2017-18.
- In 2016-17, an additional \$500 000 in funding Screen Grants has been allocated bringing the current Screen Grant funding to \$831 000. This allocation was the result of the recommendations of the MAC report.
- Screen Territory is continuing to provide professional and program development opportunities that are unique to the

Northern Territory and our storytellers with a series of strategic initiatives workshops that have come from direct consultation with the industry.

- The Northern Territory screen industry creates NT stories as movies, television and documentaries that portray the people, lifestyles, values and stories of the Territory.
- Films and television made in the Territory boost economy, as they bring in money from outside the Territory.