

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Planning Reform and Issues

- 1. In October last year Government released discussion papers for Planning for a Vibrant Future and Planning Reform – Review, Reframe, Renew. \$86,054 has been spent on the reform as at 31 March which has included meetings with stakeholders, a dedicated 1800 number, an online survey etc. Did you hire consultants to undertake the work following the release of the discussion papers? If so, whom.**

Elton Consulting was hired to conduct the consultation on the discussion paper and to provide a report on the feedback received.

- 2. When will the outcomes report be released?**

The outcomes report from last year's consultation will be released, alongside documents for the next round of public consultation, within the next month.

- 3. What is the anticipated final budget for the review?**

The next stage of consultation has an anticipated cost of \$60 000.

4. **Under the KPIs in BP3, it says there will be 10 “major land use and urban planning projects undertaken to cater for future growth”. Please list them.**

This KPI refers to the number of estimated projects that the Lands Planning business unit will be working on during the 2018-19 financial year.

At this stage in the financial year, this Department is working on the following major land use and urban planning projects:

- Coolalinga / Freds Pass Rural Activity Centre Area Plan* – ongoing;
- Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Area Plan* – ongoing;
- Central Darwin Area Plan* – ongoing;
- Central Alice Springs Area Plan* – ongoing;
- Central Palmerston Area Plan* – ongoing;
- Katherine East Area Plan* – ongoing;
- Tennant Creek Land Use Plan* – ongoing;
- Gunn Point Subregional Land Use Plan*;
- Development Assessment Criteria: Mixed use development – ongoing, although not strictly an integrated strategic plan or urban planning project to cater for future growth*;
- Planning Reform; and
- Policy for Private Helicopter Landing Sites.

(* - Projects undertaken on behalf of the NT Planning Commission)

5. **Under the KPIs in BP3, p95 it says there will be 10 "integrated strategic plans progressed" - would you please list those 10 plans?**

This KPI refers to the number of estimated projects that the NT Planning Commission will be working on during the 2018-19 financial year.

At this stage in the financial year, the NT Planning Commission is progressing the following integrated strategic plans:

- Coolalinga / Freds Pass Rural Activity Centre Area Plan – ongoing;
- Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Area Plan – ongoing;
- Central Darwin Area Plan – ongoing;
- Central Alice Springs Area Plan – ongoing;
- Central Palmerston Area Plan – ongoing;
- Katherine East Area Plan – ongoing;
- Tennant Creek Land Use Plan – ongoing;
- Gunn Point Subregional Land Use Plan – ongoing; and
- Development Assessment Criteria: Mixed Use Development – ongoing, although not strictly an integrated strategic plan or urban planning project to cater for future growth.

6. Please update us on the latest plans regarding the development of Cox Peninsula and the negotiations with traditional owners.

- In mid-2016, the NLC and NT Government reached a settlement in relation to the resolution of the Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) Land Claim.
- On 21 June 2016, a Deed of Grant for the majority of the claim area was handed over to the Kenbi Aboriginal Land Trust. The remaining claim area is proposed to be granted as Territory Freehold. This is subject to registration of the Kenbi Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).
- The Department has started preparing a Status and Gap Analysis Report for Cox Peninsula. The report is a starting point for consideration of integrated land use and infrastructure planning to support the future development of Cox Peninsula.

7. Please update us on the latest plans for Weddell.

A Status and Gap Analysis Report of previous work for Weddell has been undertaken and is being prepared for consideration by Government. This report compiles available information and identifies gaps in work previously undertaken. The report is a starting point for consideration of integrated land use and infrastructure planning to support the future development of Weddell.

8. You expect 20 new Planning Scheme amendments to be received (KPIs) in 18/19 compared to 17 in 17/18 – what is the reasoning behind that projection?

In the 2017-18 financial year, the actual number of Planning Scheme Amendments received was 23. The KPI is an estimate and can be difficult to predict as most applications originate from the community without prior notice.

9. When will the new Alice Springs area plan be released for comment?

The draft Central Alice Springs Area Plan was released by the NT Planning Commission for Stage Two community consultation on Thursday 5 July 2018, and will be open through to Friday 10 August 2018.

10. Please provide an update on Regional Land Use Plans - what plans have yet to be finalised, and what are the operational timelines for completion of these plans?

While it is not a plan for the Barkly region, the NT Planning Commission is currently consulting on a draft land use plan for the township of Tennant Creek and its immediate surrounds. It is anticipated that the Tennant Creek Land Use Plan will be included in the NT Planning Scheme in early 2019, subject to Ministerial approval.