

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture:

**Daly River Oval**

Would you please advise:

1. Whether the delay to the upgrade of Daly River Oval is due to the presence of asbestos?
2. Whether the removal will be covered by the original budget?
3. Whether it is true that \$1 million has already been spent on this project?

**ANSWERS**

1. On 13 June 2019 the contractor working on Nauiyu Community Oval, identified asbestos containing material while undertaking excavation. Works were suspended and the contaminated area made safe whilst a management plan was developed.
2. The estimated cost for the removal and appropriate disposal of the asbestos by a licensed contractor is \$100 000. Victoria Daly Regional Council was granted a \$61 000 to complete remediation works, funded through the 2019-20 Remote Sporting Infrastructure Program and the remaining \$39 000 has been allocated from the project's contingency.
3. Upgrades to the recreation hall are complete and oval upgrades are close to completion. The total cost for both projects is \$1.061 million.