

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing:

Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant

1. Can you provide a copy of the Monteith Report referred to in the ICAC report “Investigation into the application for, award and expenditure of a grant to the Darwin Turf Club for a public grandstand” (the Report)?
 - a. If not, why not?
2. Please detail all gifts, benefits and hospitality you have accepted from Mr Brett Dixon, the Darwin Turf Club (DTC) or its members since 1 April 2016.
3. Please detail all gifts, benefits and hospitality accepted by any member of your staff from Mr Dixon, the DTC or its members since 1 April 2016.
4. Were you required to attend the ICAC for examination pursuant to a section 34 Notice during its investigation into the DTC? If so:
 - a. Did the section 34 Notice state that you were under investigation?
 - b. Did you assist the ICAC by giving evidence or did you claim privilege, confidentiality or raise any other legal exemption?
5. Why did you give back your honorary membership to the DTC?
6. What sanctions have you caused on the Department for being found by the ICAC in the Report to have engaged in “unsatisfactory conduct”?
7. What sanctions have you caused on Shaun Drabsch for being found by the ICAC in the Report to have used a “deceptive process and hiding the true fact that the process was going to lead to a grant”?

Answer

The ICAC had the ability to review all of the paperwork and processes over an 18 month investigation. The ICAC Report made no findings of unsatisfactory conduct against any government department or any Minister. The public servant in question was counselled about the issues raised in the report. The Monteith Report was commissioned by the CLP Government in 2014.