

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Chief Minister:

Darwin Cities Deal

1. Please confirm that the New Civic Centre as outlined in the Darwin City Masterplan, which is referenced on the government's Cities Deal website has now been scrapped in favour of the Lord Mayor's preferred site in Cavanagh Street?
2. Please identify what the budget of \$2.840 million for the Cities Deal is being spent on this financial year? (Budget Paper 3 page 32)?
3. The government has stated there is a commitment of \$100 million for the Cities Deal. Where is this in the budget papers given Budget Paper No 4, page 29 only includes \$15.1 million for the redevelopment of State Square connecting the waterfronts and activation laneways and an overestimated allocation of \$31.1 million for the underground car park, which is now \$19.4 million?

ANSWER

1. Decisions about the location of the new Civic Centre are for the City of Darwin to determine. The Darwin City Centre Masterplan, released by the City of Darwin in 2015, following extensive community and stakeholder consultation, is one of many inputs considered in the development of the Darwin City Deal.
2. Funds expended in 2017-18 included grants (\$2.5 million NT Government co-funding for the Switching on Darwin Smart City Project), consultancies for heat mitigation studies and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design audit, community and stakeholder engagement and operating expenses.
3. The \$100 million funding committed to revitalising the Darwin City Business District sits with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. \$3.8 million was expended in 2017-18, including \$2.5 million for the Switching on Darwin Project granted to City of Darwin, along with operational costs, including consultancies, employee expenses and community engagement. \$46.2 million is allocated to projects in 2018-19 as referenced in BP 4, and \$50 million is allocated on the forward works design list.