

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to Minister for Trade and Major Projects, Business and Innovation:

Funding Agreements

- 1. Please provide a list of the funding agreements your Department has entered into; including the organisations, the annual amount and the number of years applicable to each agreement.**

Under various grant programs, the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) has more than 300 funding agreements in place with a range of organisations and businesses. A list of agreements that DTBI has entered into for recurrent funding for two years or more is at **Attachment A**.

In 2017-18, DTBI entered into a one-off agreement with Landbridge Infrastructure Group Pty Ltd that provided \$17 million towards public infrastructure (\$10 million for headworks plus \$7 million for the skywalk) for the Darwin Westin Hotel.

- 2. What impact will the efficiency dividend have on these agreements?**

DTBI's efficiency dividend is 3%. Where the efficiency dividend applies to grants, there will be a small reduction in funding for the organisation. While there is a 3% efficiency dividend, the organisation will also receive indexation for wages and the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as per Budget Paper 2, e.g. a grant of \$100 000 will be reduced by \$700.

The efficiency dividend only applies to funding agreements that include an annual adjustment in line with changes to the CPI. The funding agreements listed at **Attachment A** do not have a CPI provision, and therefore no efficiency dividend is applicable.

- 3. Please specify for each of those on the list (per question 1) what amount will be deducted from their annual grant?**

Nil – refer to the answer to question 2 above for an explanation.

- 4. Please specify for each of those on the list, when you advised the individual organisations of the funding cut as well as their response.**

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Recipient	Annual amount excluding GST (\$)	Number of years for the Agreement
Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation	215 000	5 years
Australian Hotels Association NT Branch Incorporated	250 000	5 years
Australian Industry Defence Network – Northern Territory	145 000	4 years
Baptist Care Northern Territory	280 000	5 years
Business Enterprise Centre (Darwin Region) Incorporated	517 000	5 years
Civil Contractors Federation Northern Territory Branch	102 000	5 years
Malak Marketplace Incorporated	20 000	4 years
Motor Trades Association (N.T) Incorporated	66 000	5 years
Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry Incorporated	259 000	5 years
Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network Incorporated	250 000	5 years
Palmerston Regional Business Association Incorporated	40 000	5 years
Industry Skills Advisory Council Northern Territory Ltd	3 420 000	3 years