

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

**Mr Edgington to the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality:**

#### **Battery Hill Mining Centre**

- 1. Is there a master plan for the future operation of Battery Hill Mining Centre? If so, please provide a copy of the plan.**

A tender was developed early 2020 to undertake a Scoping Study for the entire 91 hectares of land including the Battery Hill Mining Centre, the study is due December 2020.

A Master Plan for the whole BHMC site may follow pending the finalisation of the Scoping Study.

- 2. How long the underground is mine tour and the gold stamp battery tour expected to remain closed? On what date was the underground mine tour and gold stamp battery tour last conducted? Is maintenance continuing during the closure period, and if so how often?**

Both the stamp and mining tour ceased operating on 18 November 2019.

It is expected that the mining tour will recommence in early 2021.

- 3. In the absence of a Local Tourism Advisory Committee, how are the government and Tourism Central Australia engaging with Barkly tourism operators and the sector in general?**

The Government is supporting the newly formed committee called the Barkly Tourism Action Group. Supported by TCA, the group is partaking in monthly meetings with an open invitation to all operators in the region.

**4. What is term of the funding agreement between Tourism Central Australia and the Northern Territory Government?**

Tourism Central Australia is funded to provide visitor information services until May 2021.

**5. Does the funding agreement include repairs and maintenance? If not, who is responsible for repairs and maintenance of the overall facility and ancillary assets?**

Tourism Central Australia is funded to provide visitor information services and has provision of minimal funding for basic repairs and maintenance within the BHMC visitor centre facility.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is responsible to provide any repairs and maintenance requirements on an as needs basis for the site.

**6. How many staff are employed at Battery Hill, what are the position titles and are they full-time ongoing, part-time or casual?**

Tourism Central Australia is funded for two full time positions (or equivalent) to provide visitor information services.

**7. Is the Battery Hill Mining Centre still available to hire for functions and conferences? If so how many times has it been hired in the last twelve months and what revenue has this generated for Tourism Central Australia?**

Tourism Central Australia can provide the use of the function area for hire within the agreement. This is not a reporting requirement as part of the funding agreement.