

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Chansey Paech

Portfolio: Local Government

Agency: Chief Minister and Cabinet

Subject: Use of surplus funds from sale of dead man blocks and infrastructure in Southport

QUESTION:

In 2015, the dead man blocks at Southport were sold to recoup the outstanding rates owed to Litchfield Council. It is my understanding that the surplus funds were returned to the Northern Territory Government. Why was this money not used to improve infrastructure in Southport?

ANSWER:

The Public Trustee is still holding the proceeds pursuant to Part VIII of the *Public Trustee Act 1979*. The Public Trustee holds these funds for a period of seven years waiting for any entitled parties to make the necessary claim.