

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Tourism

NT Airports

1. What benefit has the Government seen from its contribution to the remuneration of the NT Airports business development executive role?

ANSWER

Since starting in 2002, the role of Aviation Development Director has been crucial in the development of aviation services into the Northern Territory. The role has provided a key link between the Northern Territory Government and Northern Territory Airports Pty Ltd in pursuit of the common goal of increasing both domestic and international air services into the Territory.

The position has worked closely with both domestic and international airlines utilising established contacts and vast experience in the airline industry.

Total weekly seat capacity into the Northern Territory has increased 25% since 2002 (comparing August with August), with international capacity increasing 17% and domestic increasing 25%. This arrangement has seen the introduction of two new airlines in Australian Airlines and Skywest.

Fifty percent of the cost of the Aviation Development Director position is shared between the NT Tourist Commission, the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.