

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Gunner to the Chief Minister:

#### **Accommodation and other expenses**

1. **Would you please advise what costs have been incurred in the establishment and operations of the Renewal Management Board, Northern Territory Planning Commission and new Environment Protection Authority to date, including salaries, out of pocket expenses, sitting fees, travel, hospitality and accommodation.**

#### ***Renewal Management Board***

Total costs incurred in the establishment and operations of the Renewal Management Board to 31 December 2012 are \$663,923.

Note that under the terms of the contract with each RMB member, the information sought in respect of the RMB is covered by confidentiality. Nevertheless, the Government is prepared to provide the summary information above.

#### ***Northern Territory Planning Commission***

Total costs incurred in the establishment of the Northern Territory Planning Commission (NTPC) for the period to 31 December 2012 are \$90,038. The NTPC commenced operations on 1 January 2013.

#### ***Environment Protection Authority***

Total costs incurred in the establishment of the NT Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the period to 31 December 2012 are \$84,564. The EPA commenced operations on 1 January 2013.

2. **Would you please provide itemised accounts and copies of receipts for any out of pocket expenses, hospitality, accommodation and travel that has been incurred in the establishment or operations of the Renewal Management Board, Northern Territory Planning Commission and new Environment Protection Authority.**

#### ***Renewal Management Board***

Out of pocket expenses, hospitality, accommodation and travel costs incurred in the establishment and operations of the Renewal Management Board to 31 December 2012 are \$110,551.

Note that under the terms of the contract with each RMB member, the information sought in respect of the RMB is covered by confidentiality. Nevertheless, the Government is prepared to provide the summary information above.

#### ***Northern Territory Planning Commission***

Out of pocket expenses, hospitality, accommodation and travel costs incurred in the establishment of the Northern Territory Planning Commission (NTPC) for the period to 31 December 2012 are \$30,527. The NTPC commenced operations on 1 January 2013.

#### ***Environment Protection Authority***

Out of pocket expenses, hospitality, accommodation and travel costs incurred in the establishment of the NT Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the period to 31 December 2012 are nil. The EPA commenced operations on 1 January 2013.

3. **Would you please advise what accommodation costs, including reimbursements, have been incurred within the boundaries of Darwin or Palmerston by staff on executive contracts, consultants, applicants for NT Government positions or roles and ministerial advisers since 24 August 2012.**

To prepare a response to this question would involve significant time and staff resources across the NT Public Sector. This is considered to be an excessive impost on agency resources and accordingly a response to this question will not be provided. However, if the request is re-scoped to seek more specific and more reasonably available information, this will be considered.

- 4. Would you please provide itemised accounts and copies of receipts for accommodation costs, including reimbursement, that have been incurred within the boundaries of Darwin or Palmerston by staff on executive contracts, consultants, applicants for NT Government positions or roles and ministerial advisers since 24 August 2012.**

To prepare a response to this question would involve significant time and staff resources across the NT Public Sector. This is considered to be an excessive impost on agency resources and accordingly a response to this question will not be provided. However, if the request is re-scoped to seek more specific and more reasonably available information, this will be considered.

- 5. Would you please advise if any staff on executive contracts or ministerial advisers have their principal place of residence, or are enrolled for elections, outside of the Northern Territory.**

As at 25 January 2013, there were 27 staff on executive contracts whose residence was recorded as being outside of the Northern Territory according to the Government's Human Resources (HR) database.

As at 25 January 2013, there were no ministerial advisers whose residence was recorded as being outside of the Northern Territory.

Please note however that following any changes of address, the address field in the HR database is required to be updated by employees. If updates are not undertaken by employees, the information will not be accurate.

In relation to where staff on executive contracts and ministerial advisers are enrolled for elections, this information is not held by HR records.