

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Chief Minister:

Revitalisation of the Alice Springs CBD

- 1. Since coming to Government in August 2016, what has the NT Government done to revitalise the Alice Springs CBD?**

The Northern Territory Government has committed \$20 million to improving the liveability and attractiveness of Alice Springs for residents and visitors through the rejuvenation of the town centre. See answers to Question 2.

- 2. What projects to revitalise the Alice Springs CBD have been completed since August 2016?**

Completed projects include:

- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPT ED) audit and report.
- Heat Mitigation — Preliminary Study Report.
- Design work completed for shading initiatives identified in the heat mitigation study.
- Lighting upgrades of Wills Terrace and Leichardt Terrace.
- Parrtjma lights in Todd Mall, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Street Art round CBD, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce; and
- Hop On, Hop Off bus in the CBD.
- Live Alice Grants supporting arts and creative events and programs that activate the CBD.

- 3. What plans does the NT Government have to revitalise the Alice Springs CBD?**

The Northern Territory Government's allocation of \$20 million to the revitalisation of the Alice Springs CBD has been allocated to the following areas:

- \$5 million for cooling and shading initiatives, informed by the Heat Mitigation Study and ongoing monitoring.
- \$5 million for community safety initiatives in the CBD, informed by the CPT ED study.
- \$5 million for a water play area to be located in the CBD.
- \$5 million for other initiatives.

- 4. What are the timeframes for the completion of these plans?**

The planned initiatives will be completed by mid 2020 with most completed in 2019.

5. What are the funding commitments for these plans for revitalising the Alice Springs CBD?

Refer to Answer 3.

6. Of the Government's \$20m allocated to revitalise the Alice Springs CBD in 2017, how much of this funding has been spent and what exactly has it been spent on?

The expenditure is on a rolling program. See answers to Question 3.

7. How much did the Mega Fauna Display cost to build and establish?

The total fit out cost for the Mega Fauna Display was \$2.48 million.

8. Was this funding taken from the \$20m allocated to revitalise the Alice Springs CBD or was it funded under a separate allocation as originally announced?

This project was funded separately from the \$20 million revitalisation funding.

9. What are the ongoing costs of operating the Mega Fauna Display?

The Northern Territory Government has committed \$0.76 million as operational funding for 2018-19.

10. How many staff are employed to operate the Mega Fauna Display?

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory currently employs a full time Engagement Officer and five casual Visitor Engagement Officers to staff the Mega Fauna Display.

11. How many people on average are visiting the Mega Fauna Display each week?

Since opening on 5 July 2018, there has been an average of 900 visitors per week.

12. Who is deciding the plans for the revitalisation of the Alice Springs CBD?

Public consultations as well as 2 committees engaging the Northern Territory Government and Alice Springs Town Council – Vibrant CBD Committee and the Safer Public Places Committee.

13. What community consultation is taking place on plans for the revitalisation of the Alice Springs CBD?

An online 'Have Your Say' survey and public consultations took place in 2017. The two ICC sub-committees feature community values with elected community members.

14. What plans to revitalise the Alice Springs CBD will be completed by the next NT Election in August 2020?

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