

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Community Benefit Fund Report

1. Please advise when the review conducted into the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) in 2017, will be made public?

The Gaming Control Amendment Bill was introduced to parliament on 10 May 2018, which will facilitate the necessary amendments to implement the outcome of the review.

2. How much did this review into the CBF cost?

The review was undertaken by and within the existing resources of the Department of Attorney-General and Justice.

3. What factors triggered this review?

The CBF originally began with approximately \$2 million per year. The introduction of the casino contributions to the levy in 2015 significantly increased the available funding. A holistic review had not been conducted since the CBF began in 2002.

4. Will a competitive grants process feature in future rounds of CBF grants?

Yes. The establishment of Guidelines, pursuant to the changes proposed by the Gaming Control Amendment Bill, will create clear and relevant criteria for categories of funding.