

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Major Events:

Arafura Games

1. What was the total cost of the Arafura Games in 2019 inclusive of all agency contributions, spending, in-kind support and staffing support?
 - \$7.2 million of Government funding
 - \$1.5 million in Value in Kind services.
2. The Arafura Games were scheduled to take place in May 2021, deferred until 2023 due to COVID-19 and have now been cancelled. What has been the total expenditure in relation to planning for future Arafura Games since the Arafura Games last took place in May 2019?
 - \$1.3 million has been spent between May 2019 to June 2021:
 - Planning Operations
 - Committed supplier contracts
 - Staff Salaries
 - Sport Partnerships Agreements.
3. What purchases were made between May 2019 to date in preparation for the Arafura Games?
 - Refer to Question 4.
4. How many contracts were entered in to in relation to planning for the Arafura Games between May 2019 to July 2021? What is the total value of those contracts and what is the total cost of cancelling those contracts?
 - Eight contracts were entered into with a total expenditure of \$490,000.
5. How many people the Northern Territory Government in relation to the Arafura Games has employed since May 2019?
 - Five employment contracts (1 NT Government and 4 NTMEC).

6. Who is on the Arafura Games Advisory Committee?
 - Tim Watsford – Chair
 - Andrew Hopper
 - Anita Palm
 - Glen Hingley
 - Josh Sattler
 - Judith O’Hearn OAM
 - Karen Sheldon
 - Kate Walker
 - Kate Worden
 - Louise Partos
 - Natalie Bell
 - Nicole Brown
 - Sam Burke.

7. Was the Advisory Committee consulted in relation to the cancellation of the Arafura Games?
 - The Advisory Committee were notified prior to announcement.

8. What countries had confirmed their participation in the Arafura Games scheduled to take place in May 2021?
 - Confirmation of 2021 Games had never been requested due to interrupted planning of the COVID pandemic. Most of the 46 countries that competed in AG2019 had previously registered interest in AG2021.

9. What countries had confirmed their participation in the Arafura Games, which were to take place in 2023?
 - Confirmation of AG2023 had not been requested. Registered interest had been received by Australia, Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, New Zealand, Philippines, Macau China, Chinese Taipei, PNG, Singapore, Brunei and Tuvalu.