

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Richardson Park Revitalization Works

The commencement of the Richardson Park revitalisation works was announced on 1 March 2023. Local business DTA Contractors Pty Ltd was awarded a \$5.8 million civil works tender, with expected completion date in the first half of 2023.

Questions:

- 1. NT Government Tenders online shows the tender awarded to DTA Contractors Pty Ltd on 25 February 2022 was \$6.5 million. Why did your media release on 1 March 2022 state the amount was \$5.8 million?**

The NT Government Tenders Online value is inclusive of GST.
The media release stated the GST exclusive contract value of \$5.8 million.

- 2. Your media release of 1 March 2022 also states the total budget allocation is actually \$7.1 million. Can you also please explain this discrepancy?**

The approved budget at that time was \$7.1 million exclusive of GST. The contract was awarded to DTA Contractors Pty Ltd for \$5.8 million leaving \$1.3 million in reserve.

- 3. On 16 February 2023, it was uncovered by the NT News that the project could be delayed by a year, because of asbestos remediation requirements. Why didn't the project scope include an allowance for asbestos on site, which would have provided for additional remediation time and cost?**

Firstly, it was not "uncovered" by the NT News. I did a media event at Richardson Park with the contractor. You can be assured the NT Government takes asbestos remediation seriously, and is taking all necessary measures to ensure community health and safety, as well as the health and safety of on-site contractors.

Appropriate funding is allocated for the project to include all necessary works to complete the redevelopment in a timely manner.

- 4. Exactly how long will the asbestos remediation take? When will it commence and when will it be completed?**

The Territory Government is working with the NT EPA to ensure all necessary remediation works are completed. It is estimated that on-site works by DTA related to the project will recommence in Q1 2023.

- 5. What is the estimated and budgeted cost for asbestos remediation?**

See Q3.

- 6. What impact will this asbestos remediation have on the project budget of \$7.1 million?**

See Q3.

- 7. What will the new project completion date be?**

Project works will be completed during 2023.

- 8. When can Territorians expect the redeveloped Richard Park to be open?**

See Q7.