

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Chief Minister:

#### **Appropriation Bill – Northern Territory Electoral Commission**

Please provide copies of:

- All questions, which have been received from the public in relation to the Estimates process and consideration of the Appropriation Bill for the 2017/18 financial year; and
- The answers to those questions that were presented to the Estimates Committee.

Please provide the information requested below for Agencies and Government authorities for which you have responsibility, as at 31 March 2017.

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#### **NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

*Please accept apologies if questions are not under the correct Output. Where this is the case, it would be appreciated if you could indicate the appropriate Output in your response. Thank You.*

#### **OUTPUT GROUP: ELECTORAL SERVICES**

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#### ***Estimates – Electoral Commission***

1. Please advise the total cost of the Territory election?
2. What amount was not covered by appropriation and covered by Treasurers Advance?
3. Did this represent the total difference between advance funding and final actual expenditure? If not why not?
4. Please advise the cost of the electronic certified lists for the Territory election?

5. What interpretation services were provided for Indigenous people in the NT election?
6. Please advise the participation rate for voters in remote areas of the Territory and whether there has been an increase or decrease since the 2012 Territory election. If so what is this attributed to? Please advise the cost.
7. How is the success of this investment measured?
8. Were any complaints lodged in relation to the NT election and if so what were they and have they been investigated?
9. What was the outcome of these investigations?
10. What was the cost of mobile polling for the NT election and did any issues arise as has been the case in previous elections?
11. What percentage of those eligible to vote did not and what action has been taken in relation to these people?
12. Please outline matters raised by the Electoral Commissioner post Territory election, the nature of these matters and action taken and proposed.
13. Please advise the local government by-elections that were held in the period to 31 March this year.
14. What was the cost of these elections and was 100% cost recovery achieved? If not why not?
15. Please advise if any issues arose during the conduct of these elections and what action has resulted.
16. Please advise what provision has been made for the conduct of the 2017 Local Government elections.
17. Please advise the infrastructure that is planned for the conduct of the 2017 Local Government elections?
18. Please advise the education programs that are planned in the lead up to the Local Government elections.

19. What will this cost and what is specifically proposed for non-urban communities?

20. Please identify the differences in arrangements for the 2017 Local Government elections and outline the reasons why and the costs involved.

**OUTPUT GROUP: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE**

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***Staffing***

1. Please advise the number of Full Time Equivalents currently employed within this Agency, broken down by Output and Business Unit.
2. How many Full Time Equivalents have resigned, retired, taken a redundancy package or have been made redundant, or terminated? Please break down these numbers by Output and Business Unit.
3. What has happened to these positions? Has the work been reallocated to existing staff?
4. Are there any plans to fill these positions in the near future?

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