

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Chief Minister

The Community Champions program

1. Why has your Government decided to scrap the Community Champions program, as of 30th June 2017?
2. What evidence and advice informed your decision to scrap the Community Champions program?
3. Did you make an election promise to keep the Community Champions program prior to the August 2016 election?
4. What has been the cost of operating the Community Champions program over the past 12 months from 1 June 2016 to 31st May 2017?
5. Exactly what Northern Territory Communities were included in the Community Champions program?
6. Please list what CE and Deputy CE were matched to each community?
7. For each community included in the Community Champions program, provide a comprehensive list of what projects were being worked on within the ?
8. Members of the current Labor Government have described the Community Champions program as positive and giving people a voice in their community, how did the Community Champions program do this
9. The Community Champions program was allocated \$18m over three years. How much of this \$18m has been spent?
10. The Community Champions program also allocated \$3m to community grants. This has now been reduced to \$2m. Could you explain exactly how this \$2m will be allocated?
11. How will the Northern Territory Government continue the important work undertaken by the Community Champions program to develop and expand economic opportunities and employment? Please provide examples within each of the

communities involved in the Community Champions program how Government will continue to assist.

12. The Community Champions program provided a critical link between remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities and the Northern Territory Government. How will these links be maintained, expanded and strengthened by the Northern Territory Government, in lieu of the scrapping of the Community Champions program?
13. Please provide a comprehensive list of all Northern Territory Government funded initiatives and programs that will exist or operate in remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities after 30th June 2017, aimed to assist in building local economies, local economic opportunities and local employment?
14. How long did the Community Champions program operate for and what has been the total cost to the Northern Territory Government?
15. Was there any review or cost benefit analysis done on the Community Champions program before making the decision to scrap it?
