

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Gary Higgins to the Chief Minister

Aboriginal Affairs

1. In relation to the development of the Aboriginal Affairs Strategy please advise the details including purpose, deliverables, duration and cost of the external consultant engaged to support the Office of Aboriginal Affairs with this project.
2. Please provide the reason this was not included on the list of external consultants provided in the answers to global questions received on 16 May 2018?

Answer:

1. PricewaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC) has been engaged to consult on and develop a 10 year Aboriginal Affairs Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy will be collaboratively developed with Aboriginal leaders from throughout the regions, peak Aboriginal organisations, non-government organisations, Aboriginal Territorian's and Government. The Strategy centres on genuine engagement with Aboriginal people about their priorities and aspirations, and supports the empowerment, self-determination and capacity building of Aboriginal people and communities to deliver on the Government's commitment to Local Decision Making over 10 years, along with progressing Treaty and ensuring land and sea ownership delivers on economic and social aspirations of Aboriginal people.

The Strategy will identify key targets, as well as a performance and reporting framework. Where appropriate, the Strategy will align to the Closing the Gap refresh. PIC will work alongside the Office of Aboriginal Affairs to draft a Strategy by August 2018 for further re-engagement with key stakeholders particularly through the regions, and a final Strategy by late 2018. The consultancy is to be undertaken in nine months costing \$384 910.

2. The answer provided on 16 May 2018, detailed expenditure for the period beginning 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018. No expenditure for PricewaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting was incurred by the Department of the Chief Minister during this period.