

**Estimates Committee 2012**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 12/06/2012 to 21/06/2012 )

Date: 19/06/2012

Output:

Sub Output:

Subject: Full acquittal of building costs

**From:**Mr John Elferink to Mr Karl Hampton  
Sport and Recreation

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**Question:**

Minister, with regard to the 2006 building for the Palmerston Magpies, at what point was the grant determined to have been fully acquitted? Was it at the point of issuing the Certificate of Occupancy? If not, why not? If it was at the Certificate of Occupancy stage, why was it not discovered the Certificate of Occupancy was not issued in 2006?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 19/07/2012

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19 June 2012 Output: Sport and Recreation  
Sub Output: Events and Engagement

Subject: Certificate of Occupancy for Magpies Sports Ground

From: Minister Hampton To: Member for Port Darwin

Department: Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport

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**Number: 7.20**

**Question: With regards to the 2006 building for the Palmerston Magpies at what point was the grant determined to be fully acquitted? Was it at the point of the issuing of the Certificate of Occupancy? If not why not? If it was at the Certificate of Occupancy stage, why was it not discovered the Certificate of Occupancy was not issued in 2006.**

**Answer:**

The \$2 million grant for the upgrade of the oval and construction of change rooms for the Palmerston Magpies Football Club (Magpies), Charles Darwin University (CDU) Palmerston Campus was acquitted on 4 August 2007.

The Funding Agreement required that CDU obtain all necessary consents, permits and approvals and was acquitted on the basis of a statement from the CDU Chief Financial Officer that:

“All necessary consents, permits, approvals obtained. Section 65 Certificate of Compliance held.”

At the commencement of the new project it was brought to attention that there was no Certificate of Occupancy for the existing building. However, at that point it was understood that only the veranda of the existing building was not compliant, with this addressed during construction. It was later determined that changes had been made to the building post handover by the original contractor and these had not been appropriately complied to, nor the Certificate of Occupancy obtained.

This is a matter for CDU and the Magpies to address, though this Department has offered to participate in discussions and assist where possible.