

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hersey to the Minister for Parks and Rangers:

NT National Parks Online Booking System

1. Please advise why it has taken two years to develop the National Parks online booking system as stated by the Minister during Question Time on 25 February 2021.
2. What organisations have been consulted prior to releasing the Future Tender Opportunity and how many organisations have been consulted since the Future Tender Opportunity?

ANSWERS

1. Careful planning, market sounding and adherence to Northern Territory Government mandatory Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and financial management policy and processes is required when developing a new ICT product for implementation within the Territory Government. This requires staged investigations and approval processes and securing of resources including funding. The ICT Governance Board provides strategic governance for ICT activities. It enables the government to effectively manage its ICT resources and guides the direction of ICT across government.

2. The organisations consulted prior to the release of the Future Tender Opportunity (FTO) are as follows:

Entity	Topic
Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
Western Australian Parks and Wildlife Service	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
South Australian Parks and Wildlife Service	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
Parks Victoria	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
New Zealand Department of Conservation	Discovery and Research (Jurisdictional Scan)
Bookeasy Tourism Solutions	Discovery and Research (Commercial Scan)
USEDirect	Discovery and Research (Commercial Scan)
Tourism NT	Discovery and Research (Tourism industry implications)
Department of Corporate and Digital Development	Security and Infrastructure Solution design and architecture

The organisations consulted since the FTO are as follows:

- Tourism Top End;
- Tourism Central Australia;
- Four Wheel Drive NT;
- Northern and Central Land Council; and
- Correspondence will be sent to all concession and permit holders operating on parks and reserves.