Mr TOLLNER: No worries. Tourism NT purchased a shelf company in its domain names from who knows who. Assets of the company comprise three domain names: tourismnorthernterritory.com.au, tourismnorthernterritory.com and northernterritory.com. Tourism NT paid $100 000 for these. Minister, do you believe paying $100 000 for those three domain names will encourage ‘cyber squatting’? Do you think it is right that the taxpayer should fund somebody to ‘cyber squat’?

Ms McCARTHY: Member for Fong Lim, the use of the Internet is a valuable tool and, in fact, a most efficient one for tourism …

Mr TOLLNER: Absolutely, valuable to …

Ms McCARTHY: … and we will do everything that we can within Tourism NT to ensure we can entice travellers to the Northern Territory, member for Fong Lim …

Mr TOLLNER: Along with paying cyber squatters.

Ms McCARTHY: We do not apologise for any of the things we do to try to entice people to the Northern Territory, and to do it in an innovative and creative way. I will hand over to Maree Tetlow for the details in that.

Ms TETLOW: The reason for that is, obviously, those domain names are very valuable; northernterritory.com, etcetera. We evaluated what we considered was a fair value, taking into account what others had paid for a similar nature. For example, Western Australia and other jurisdictions, Tourism Australia, etcetera.