

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

More Questions on Darwin Passenger Railway Terminal

In December 2021, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics awarded a consultancy to Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd for \$234,389 to undertake a relocation feasibility study and concept design for the Darwin Passenger Railway Terminal.

Questions:

- 1. Over a year since Aurecon commenced this work, why has no final report or concept design been publically released?**

In December 2021, this Department engaged Aurecon Consulting Engineers to undertake a feasibility study and to develop a concept plan for a preferred site option for the relocation of the Darwin Passenger Railway Terminal (DPRT).

To date, the following works have been undertaken:

- Develop a detailed site assessment report to provide an overview of the suitable site characteristics and identify the main opportunities and constraints for each of the proposed site.
- Consultation with key stakeholders on the proposed locations, land suitability, access and connectivity, visibility and benefits, related projects, environmental issues, design considerations, operational considerations and other potential sites.
- Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) process to identify a preferred site by assessing each site against critical selection criteria such as value for money, passenger experience, stakeholder acceptance and strategic alignment, and environmental impacts.

Aurecon is developing a concept design and the finalisation is anticipated by the end of April 2023. Public release of the outcome of the feasibility study into the relocation of the DPRT is planned for Q2 2023.

- 2. When will the final feasibility report and concept design be released publically?**

See answer to question one above.

3. Did the consultants consider other locations on merit, other than Archer or Tivendale? If yes which sites, if no why not?

The following sites were considered:

- Archer
- Tivendale
- Winnellie
- Wishart Business Park
- Darwin CBD
- Weddell site
- Darwin International Airport location.
- Gunn Point spur line

Final site selection is based on extensive technical analysis and consultation with key stakeholders and Northern Territory Government agencies.

4. The CLP Opposition has sought a briefing on numerous occasions but have been told further work is still being undertaken. What further work is being or has been undertaken?

As outlined in the response to question one, a detailed site assessment and an MCA process have been undertaken, and a concept design is currently being developed. Once the preferred option has been considered and is released to the public, a briefing can be provided.

5. Will this or did this additional work result in any contract variations?

There are no variations to the original report contract.

6. If yes, what were the costs of each contract variation?

Not applicable.

7. Does the NT Government have any forward estimates on when this relocation is likely to commence and what budget figure has been penciled in as a result of any preliminary quantity surveying that may have been done by Aurecon on potential concept designs? Can you provide this detail?

This is currently under consideration.