

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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

**Palmerston Police Station Site**

- 1. Please advise whether the land which will serve as the site for the new Palmerston Police Station has been leased or purchased from the Larrakia Development Corporation.**

The site of the new Palmerston Police Station is vacant Crown land. The Farrar West Framework Deed provided the Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC) with a first right of refusal over land in Farrar West, including the Police Station Site. The Farrar West Framework Deed is part of the settlement package for the Kenbi land Claim. Subsequent to the Government entering into the Deed, the site was identified as the preferred location for the new Palmerston Police Station by NTPFES on the basis of the sites servicing, access and response times. The Government agreed in principle to a payment of \$1million to the LDC in relation to relinquishing its development rights over the land, on the basis that the LDC progresses planning and development of Farrar West or alternative site as negotiated with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

An alternative site on the corner of Lambrick and Roystonea Avenues was thoroughly investigated but was not preferred due to longer NTPFES response times, land zoning and considerably higher site servicing costs in the order of \$2.6m.

- 2. If a lease, please advise the details of the lease, including names of the parties, the starting date and duration of the agreement and any specific conditions.**

The land is owned by the Crown and is not subject to a lease.

- 3. Please advise the cost of either the lease or outright purchase of the land to the Northern Territory.**

As above.