

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Public Employment:

**NTPS EBA Negotiations**

1. The Minister and Commissioner have both stated that the offer of a 2.5% annual pay rise for outstanding EBAs is conditional upon the negotiations being concluded prior to October 2018. How was this October 2018 deadline arrived at?

*The October deadline was determined in consideration of enterprise agreement negotiations that had already commenced. This would enable the parties to work towards a settlement in a timely manner that was consistent with the good faith bargaining requirements of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth); as well as being fiscally responsible.*

2. Who made this decision?

*Cabinet made the decision.*