

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Business and Economic Development

Coca Cola Plant

1. What did your government try and do to keep the Darwin Coca-Cola bottling plant being shipped to Jakarta?
2. How many local jobs were lost as a result of this?

ANSWER

1. On 28 January 2005, Coca-Cola Amatil (CCA), a listed Australian company, purchased the Northern Territory soft drink sales, distribution and production assets from Parmalat Australia. This acquisition makes CCA the sole licensee of Coca-Cola products in Australia and allows it to fully utilize production facilities in Brisbane and Adelaide.

At this stage CCA continue to distribute its range of products from warehouses leased from Parmalat at the Stuart Park facility.

CCA does not consult with Government regarding commercial decisions it takes in relation to its production facilities.

2. As was made public by the company at the time, when CCA purchased the Northern Territory operation from Parmalat, 35 staff were transferred to the Coca Cola Amatil NT distribution network and approximately 20 staff were made redundant. We are advised that since being made redundant approximately 80% of the redundant staff have rejoined the workforce.