

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Purick to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Planning and Land Development – Kowandi**

- 1. Has the NT Government written to the Commonwealth Government in relation to the land called “Kowandi” and if so, what date is on the letter and who was the signatory?**

The NT Government has been in discussions with the Commonwealth Government in relation to the future of Kowandi North (Section 5623, Hundred of Bagot) for many years.

The most recent letter to the Commonwealth Government was signed by the Chief Minister on 15 February 2021.

- 2. Has the NT Government received a letter from the Commonwealth Government in relation to the land called “Kowandi” and if so, what is the date on the letter and who was the signatory?**

The most recent letter from the Commonwealth to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics was signed by Mr Steve Grzeskowiak, Deputy Secretary, Estate and Infrastructure, Department of Defence on 12 May 2021. The letter confirms that the Department of Finance owns the property and is the primary contact for the property.

- 3. Has the NT Government commenced talks, other than by written correspondence, with the Commonwealth Government in relation to the land called “Kowandi” and if so, what form did the talks take and what NT Government officials were involved and what Commonwealth Government officials were involved?**

Discussions between the NT Government and the Commonwealth Government have spanned many years and included a large number of Government officials on both sides. Discussions in relation to the future of the site are being undertaken through the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

- 4. Has any other agency or external to Government person(s) commenced discussions to utilize the land known as “Kowandi” and if so, what and who is the agency and Person(s)?**

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is not aware of any other person(s) commencing discussions in relation to the land.