

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Lawrie to the Chief Minister:

#### **Expenditure on the 'Stella Maris' Inquiry**

1. With respect to the Inquiry into the proposed grant of a Lease over Lot 5260, Town of Darwin known as Stella Maris:
  - a. What is the total expenditure to date on the Inquiry?
  - b. What is the estimated total cost of the Inquiry?

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### **ANSWER**

1.
  - a. Year to date expenditure to 22 April 2014 is \$292 760.
  - b. The estimated total cost of the Inquiry is \$455 659.

The Commissioner to the Inquiry has restrained costs through a number of measures including:

- Undertaking hearings by phone (reduced travel expenditure);
- Not having witness evidence transcribed;
- Not using a Counsel Assisting; and
- Bringing support staff in to the Inquiry Secretariat as required (e.g. the Investigator was used only for certain periods of the Inquiry).