

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Chief Minister:

Amphibian Aerospace Industries

The NT Government has committed \$10 million to Amphibian Aerospace Industries (AAI) to build the aircraft through the Local Jobs Fund.

Questions:

1. How will the \$10 million be paid to AAI?
2. What security was given to the NT Government in relation to the \$10 million paid to AAI?
3. If the AAI project doesn't go ahead, how will the NT Government recover the \$10 million paid to AAI?
4. Are there any milestones that must be met by AAI in relation to the \$10 million paid to AAI?
5. Were any personal guarantees requested and required to be signed by Directors, or any other person of AAI in relation to the \$10 million paid for AAI?
6. How many jobs will be funded and what is the timeline for commencement of these positions?
7. How many jobs are FTE, how many part-time and how many are VET based traineeships?
8. Will all of the jobs created go to locals or will AAI also recruit nationally and/or internationally?
9. What are the conditions that must be met in order for the \$10 million grant to be paid?
10. Are there specific time frames that must be met?
11. Will any part of this \$10 million grant be funded to Darwin International Airport – Airport Development Groups proposed new Aerospace Manufacturing Precinct?
12. Is the \$10 million grant also subject to AAI securing investment funding to build the manufacturing facility and commence its design and production?
13. AAI claim the first new amphibious aircraft is expected to be completed by 2026. Can this timing be achieved given the company's only on ground facility is a rented hangar in the general aviation precinct at Darwin Airport?

ANSWER:

1. The Northern Territory Government has entered into an agreement to provide \$3 million in equity and up to \$7 million in loans to Amphibian Aerospace Industries (AAI) from the Local Job Fund.
2. The terms of the loan are commercial in confidence.
3. Any loans that are secured are made against tangible assets and non-tangible assets, the ownership of which would transfer to the Territory Government in the event of a loan default.
4. Yes.
5. No.
6. 305 FTE jobs would be created once the company reaches full production. The company forecasts reaching full production by 2030.
7. AAI has provided a commitment to including as many apprenticeships roles as possible.
8. AAI will be seeking to recruit locally first.
9. The funding is not a grant.
10. Milestones are negotiate for each tranche of funding.
11. The funding is not a grant.
12. The funding is not a grant.
13. AAI is confident that they can achieve this milestone.