

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Minister for Trade and Major Projects

Trade with Indonesia

1. In a response to Written Question No. 168 regarding trade with Indonesia, your Department informed us that from 1 December 2017 that Mr Bill Farmer AO had been engaged as a 'Special Advisor' to undertake a 'strategic review' of the best option for ongoing NT representation in Indonesia. Please provide an update on the outcomes of this work.
2. What is the current status of the NT- Indonesia strategic review Mr Farmer is undertaking?
3. In addition, the NT Government also engaged Dr John Ackerman, founding Director of PT Mitra Asia Lestari, on a part-time basis. Dr Ackerman, who resides in Jakarta, and was the previous Counsellor for the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and country manager for Meat and Livestock Australia, will provide on ground representation. What are the KPIs for Dr Ackerman?
4. What is his current remuneration?
5. Please outline the resources that have been and will be available to Mr Farmer and Dr Ackerman.

ANSWERS

1. Mr Farmer has completed his report on the best option for ongoing Territory representation in Indonesia, which is currently being considered by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation.
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3. Dr John Ackerman key performance indicators include, but are not limited to:
 - Provision of a NT-Indonesia Engagement Strategic Paper.
 - Working with and contributing to the work of the Northern Territory.
 - Special Advisor on Indonesia (as advised by the Northern Territory).
 - Arranging and managing experts to undertake specific project tasks approved by the Territory.
 - Providing contemporary information and local advice on relevant Indonesian political, economic, business, social and cultural developments to the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation.
 - Identifying and advising on business trade and investment opportunities in Indonesia to assist Northern Territory firms and organisations win business, trade, investment, tourism and education opportunities.
 - Supporting Territory ministerial and business delegations and promotions in Indonesia through on ground assistance, facilitate meetings and preparing briefs.
4. In accordance with a pre-approved work plan, and on an as needs basis, Dr Ackerman is remunerated at a set daily rate, per day, inclusive of GST as per the agreed consultancy agreement for provision of services.
5. Both Mr Farmer and Dr Ackerman are supported for administrative tasks through the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation. This support equates to around less than <0.1 of an FTE.