

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Minister for Trade and Major Projects

#### Ship Lift Facility

1. What is the detail of the \$5 million allocated to the due diligence of the ship lift facility and how does it relate to the considerable investment made into the feasibility of the project undertaken by the Paspaley Group of companies?
2. What firm commitments have been received from the Federal Government to utilise this facility for defence border protection and other Commonwealth purposes? Please provide copies of the correspondence with the Commonwealth in relation to this important project which has bi-partisan support.

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### ANSWERS

1. Of the \$100 million contribution by the Northern Territory Government, \$4 million has been allocated to the Front End Engineering and Design (FEED) phase, which is currently underway. The Northern Territory Government has entered into an agreement to negotiate exclusively with Paspaley during the FEED phase. It is expected that FEED will conclude in Quarter 3 to Quarter 4 of 2018. At the conclusion of FEED, the Northern Territory Government will make a decision on the next steps.
2. The Northern Territory Government has had numerous confidential discussions with the Australian Government in respect of its requirement for, and potential future use of, the ship lift facility.

The ship lift is intended to foster the development of a new marine servicing and maintenance industry in the Northern Territory, and discussions to date, indicate that there will be demand from Defence and Border Force, as well as from general commercial vessels.