

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Hon. Kezia Purick to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Recent transfer of the INPEX Workers' Camp located on Howard Springs Road, Howard Springs**

- 1. What is the current legal ownership of the land previously used by INPEX for housing workers?**

The land is vacant Crown land.

- 2. Who currently owns the infrastructure on the site that is, demountables, sewerage systems, pool, buildings and power facilities?**

The Northern Territory of Australia owns all the buildings and infrastructure on the site with the exception of the sewer pump station and high voltage power intake which are owned by the Power and Water Corporation.

- 3. Who is currently servicing the essential services within the site that is, sewerage treatment facilities, water and power installations? What is the associated costs for servicing these essential services on the site?**

Power and Water Corporation is responsible for maintenance of the sewer pump station and the high voltage intake. These assets are subject to the normal maintenance regimes of Power and Water Corporation.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is responsible for the maintenance of all other assets on the site.

Power, water and utilities costs are currently approximately \$220 000 per month. This will reduce to approximately \$200 000 per month in 2020-21, following a further reduction in the sewer rate by the Power and Water Corporation.

- 4. Does the Government have a budget for servicing and care and maintenance of the site and if so, what is the cost of care and maintenance?**

Contracts are in place for the maintenance of the grounds, pool and building at a cost of approximately \$20 000 per month.

- 5. Does the Government have a shutdown programme and if so, is this available as a public document? If there is no shut down programme, why not and when will one be developed?**

The property was transitioned to a mothball state while still under the control of Inpex and an Advisory Committee will inform Government's decision on the future of this site.

- 6. Is there security for the site and if so, what is the cost of providing this service?**

A contract is in place to provide 24 hour security on the site. The average cost per month is approximately \$115 000.

- 7. How many demountables are located on the site and what are the plans for removal/sale of the demountables? Will the sale be by tender and if not, how will they be sold?**

The transportable infrastructure located at the Howard Springs Accommodation Village include 44 laundry buildings and 875 accommodation units making up 3501 bedrooms with ensuites.

An Advisory Committee consisting of the Member for Nelson, Ms. Maree Bredhauer, Mayor, Litchfield Council and the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has been established to provide advice to the NT Government on possible future uses of the site.

The Territory will conduct a robust analysis of options for the future use of the site and its facilities, including the option of removal or sale of the demountables.

**8. On the open day for the community, how many people visited the site?**

On 27 July 2019, approximately 100 members of the public visited the Howard Springs Accommodation Village site.

**9. How many commercial operators have visited the site and held discussions with Government agents?**

Seven organisations with commercial interest have visited the site.