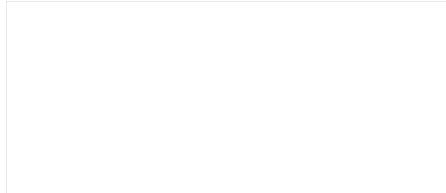


Question No : 277

Question : Crennex Pty Ltd
Question Date : 18/05/93
Member : Mr BELL
To : MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRY and FISHERIES



1. Is there an agreement between Crennex Pty Ltd and the Northern Territory government in respect of the operation of the grain receival depot at Katherine and Douglas/Daly; if so, what are the terms of the agreement.
2. Are there any arrangements between the Northern Territory government and Crennex Pty Ltd concerning the provision of 2 Hilux utilities (1 x 4WD registration No 803438 and 1 x 2WD registration No 803548); if so, what are the details of the arrangements.

ANSWER

1. An agreement in respect of arrangements for the operation of grain receival and handling depots at Katherine and Douglas/Daly was executed by the Northern Territory of Australia, care of the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries, the Northern Territory Grain Marketing Board (NTGMB) and Crennex Pty Ltd on 29 July 1992. The Northern Territory Land Corporation is also a party to the arrangements.

The agreement provides for -

The company to be lessee of the depots at Katherine and Douglas/Daly from the Northern Territory of Australia and the Northern Territory Land Corporation respectively.

The company to be lessee of certain assets in the form of plant and machinery from the Northern Territory of Australia.

Arrangements to apply for a period of 3 years with options for renewal.

A grain handling service to be provided by the company to the NTGMB covering receival, storage and handling of both vested and non-vested grains for a fee of \$200 000 per annum. The fee to be adjusted by \$12 per tonne for each tonne above or below 9000 t of grain received at the depots. The NTGMB is levying a handling charge of \$12 per tonne on producers delivering grain to the depots.

The company to provide a number of other services to producers, such as grain cleaning and grading, and coolroom facilities, on a commercial basis.

The company to maintain the assets in good order and repair and provide routine maintenance. Major repairs/replacements to be effected by the Northern Territory.

2. The vehicles identified were sold by the Northern Territory of Australia to Crennex Pty Ltd at market value in July 1993 (sic).

The terms of the contract covering the sale provide for payment to be effected by instalments, with interest at commercial rates, over a period of 3 years ending July 1995.