

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Minister for Trade and Major Projects

Ship Lift and Marine Industry Project

1. What is the current status of the \$100m ship lift facility? Is it on budget? On time?
 2. What specific commitments have been made to use the facility?
 3. In April, the NT Government released a tender for a contract to provide “high-level technical advice to the NTG on the strategic planning, design and engineering requirements for the project”.
 - Why is this necessary given the contract for development of the SLAMI has already been awarded?
 - Who has won the technical advisor contract?
 - What is the value of that tender?
 4. What discussions has the NTG had with the Federal Government around requirements for Defence use of the SLAMI? Please provide any correspondence between NTG and the Commonwealth pertaining to the SLAMI.
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ANSWERS

1. The project is currently in the Front End Engineering and Design Phase (FEED). The FEED remains within budget and is expected to 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, recognising that the overall budget is \$100 million. Once a decision is made, prior to construction commencing, regulatory approvals will need to be obtained. The Northern Territory Government continues to target 2021 for the ship lift commissioning.
2. The Northern Territory Government has had numerous confidential discussions for the potential future use of the ship lift facility.
3. The Northern Territory Government has entered into an agreement to negotiate exclusively with Paspaley during the FEED phase.

Given the significant contribution by the Northern Territory Government, and the highly technical nature of the project, it is necessary for the Northern Territory Government to obtain specialist marine engineering advice for the project. As owner engineer, the successful proponent will ensure that the project delivers Governments objectives of critical enabling infrastructure to leverage a new marine industry precinct in the Northern Territory.

The contract was awarded to Mott Macdonald on 3 August 2018.

Value is \$1 233 536 over two years.

4. The Northern Territory Government has had numerous confidential discussions with the Australian Government and Defence in respect of its requirement for, and potential future use of the ship lift facility.