

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Gunner to the Minister for Asian Engagement:

#### **Government's Representative in Indonesia**

1. Who recommended termination of the contract between Terry Mills (Midian Pty Ltd) and the Northern Territory Government for services as the Government's representative in Indonesia and ASEAN?
2. On what date was the recommendation to terminate the contract made?
3. Who approved termination of the contract?
4. On what date was termination of the contract approved?
5. On what date was Terry Mills advised that the contracted had or would be terminated?
6. Who provided the advice to Terry Mills that the contract had or would be terminated?
7. Why was the contract terminated?
8. On what date was the Indonesian Consul in Darwin advised that the contract had or would be terminated?
9. Who provided the advice to the Indonesian Consul?
10. Was the Commissioner for Public Employment involved in any of the matters or decisions in relation to questions 1-9 above?
11. If so, what was the extent of the Commissioner's involvement in the termination of the contract between the Government and Terry Mills?

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### ANSWER

1. Mr Jeffrey McAlister, Director-General of the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment of the Department of Business.
2. 6 February 2015.
3. Mr Michael Tennant, Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Business.
4. 10 February 2015.
5. Midian Pty Ltd was advised of the Department of Business' intention to terminate the contract on 10 February 2015.

6. Mr Jeffrey McAlister, Director-General of the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment of the Department of Business.

7. Please refer to the statement released by the Department of Business on the matter:

The Department of Business has terminated its contract with Midian Pty Ltd, represented by Mr Terry Mills, Commissioner of the Northern Territory to Indonesia and the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

This contract, like any Northern Territory Government contract, is subject to regular review.

With the Northern Territory Government's greater focus on the region through the Developing the North agenda, it is an opportune time to review the costs and benefits of other models of representation employed by other jurisdictions.

Mr Mills will remain in the position until mid-March when the Department confirms a new arrangement. The Department of Business would like to acknowledge and thank the incumbent Mr Terry Mills on the delivery of his role to date.

8. 16 February 2015.

9. Mr Jeffrey McAlister, Director-General of the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment of the Department of Business.

10. No.

11. Not Applicable.

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