

**Estimates Committee 2014**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Subject: Sub-contractors owed money

**From:** Mr Gerry Wood to Hon Peter Chandler  
Department of Education

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**Question:**

Minister, I have been informed that the contractor who built the canteen and special education unit at Taminmin has left Darwin, and there are quite a number of sub-contractors owed money. Could you find out whether there is any truth in the report that I have received, and if so, could you find out what the story is, please?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 12/06/2014

**Minister:** MINISTER CHANDLER  
**Portfolio:** MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

**Question on Notice 6.4**

**Mr Wood:** Rumour that the contractor who build the canteen at the special education unit has left town leaving local contractors out of pocket. Is there any truth to this?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Education provided funding for the Department of Infrastructure to design and construct a new canteen for Taminmin College.

The contract was awarded to Jarvis Constructions on 4 June 2013 for the amount of \$994,540, after they tendered successfully through the public tender system, utilising the National Public Works Council (NPWC) 3 conditions of contract.

Works on site are complete and Jarvis Constructions have been paid as per the Department's contract.

The Northern Territory Government is not a party to the contract between the head contractor and his sub-contractors. DoI does not hold the details of sub-contractors.

However the Department of Infrastructure wrote Jarvis Constructions raising concerns and asking for a list of sub-contractors and details of any non-payment. Jarvis Constructions declined to provide the details.

The sub-contractor's option is to seek legal advice as to the validity and process required in the matter under their sub-contract arrangements the Northern Territory of Australia Construction Contracts (Security of payments) Act.

The Department of Infrastructure has confirmed this advice.

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