

Question No: 40

Question: Arrangements between the Trade Development Zone and the Makasan Development Zone

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Member: Mr BAILEY

To: MINISTER for INDUSTRIES and DEVELOPMENT

1. Is it the government's intention to formalise cooperative arrangements between Darwin's TDZ and the Makasan Special Economic Zone or other special developmental zones in Indonesia.
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, when will the arrangements be formalised.
3. What specific activities are under consideration from cooperation between the 2 zones.
4. Is it envisaged that cooperation will be between separate firms established in each of the zones or will it take the form of individual firms establishing their operations in both areas.
5. What was the cost of the report on this issue recently completed for the TDZ Authority by Dr Frans Seda and Mr Bob Tormey.
6. What is the anticipated total cost of the second stage of the study referred to in your response to a question in the Legislative Assembly on 1 May 1991.
7. What is the anticipated or actual cost of -
 - (a) the policy study; and
 - (b) the operational task force,referred to in the minister's response to the question referred to above.
8. What selection process will apply to the appointment of the policy study team and the operational task force.
9. Will copies of the policy study and operational task force reports be made available to the public.

ANSWER

1. The Northern Territory Government, in conjunction with the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Provincial Government of South Sulawesi, proposes to establish a formal cooperative arrangement between the Darwin Trade Development Zone and the Makassar Industrial Estate at Ujung Pandang.
2. Based on the current and projected timetable, it is estimated that a formal partnership agreement will be entered into during 1992.
3. Given the predominantly industrial nature of both the Darwin Trade Development Zone and the Makassar Industrial

Estate, industries establishing under cooperative arrangements are likely to be in the manufacturing sector.

4. Both forms of business structures are envisaged.

5. The cost of the first stage report completed by Auslink Pty Ltd was A\$30 000.

Dr Frans Seda was retained by the TDZ Authority from November 1990 throughout the duration of the first stage report at a monthly retainer fee of A\$2500.

6. Auslink Pty Ltd has been commissioned to undertake a second stage of analysis to identify potential projects which could be established under proposed Trade Zone Partnership arrangements.

It is estimated that this consultancy will cost in the order of A\$65 000.

7. With regard to the NT Working Party, no sitting or retainer fees are payable.

Fees are payable to 1 member of the NT sector of the Joint Policy Committee. These are budgeted at A\$5000 per month.

8. The over-riding consideration which applied to the selection processes for membership of the Policy Committee and the Northern Territory Working Party was the desire to achieve a coordinated approach by the Northern Territory government, bringing together professional and sectorial interests in the potential partnership, and in an increase of reciprocal trade and commercial development between the Northern Territory and Eastern Indonesia.

A number of related issues include provision of services such as education, training and technical expertise, and these interests are provided for in the structure of the working party.

9. As minister, I will be receiving regular reports from both the Policy Committee and the NT Working Party. Items of major importance will obviously be referred to my Cabinet colleagues. I anticipate reporting to the Legislative Assembly on the outcome of findings by both groups.