

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Update of the Sale of Section 4544 Hundred of Bagot

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) acquired the 2.5 hectare RL zoned lot at 35 Stevens Road Knuckey Lagoon in late 2020. DIPL were to hold the property for 12 months prior to reselling the land. Over 33 months later the property has not been placed on the market.

Questions:

- 1. Why hasn't 35 Stevens Road, Knuckey Lagoon been placed on the market via a public competitive process as required by the *Crown Land Act 1992*?**

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is working to prepare and progress the sale of the property in accordance with the *Crown Lands Act 1992* and Government's release of Crown Land Policy. Details with respect to the sale of this site will be released to the public, including neighbouring property owners and any other stakeholders at the appropriate time.

- 2. DIPL stated in the acquisition process it would be sold after 12 months, why has this been delayed?**

The property was held by the Territory for a minimum period of 12 months to ensure that there was no potential of existing use rights for industrial land uses remaining. The timing of release of the land is at the discretion of the Territory.

- 3. What work is DIPL undertaking to prepare and progress the sale of the property?**

Please see response to Q1.

- 4. After holding the property for over 2 years, why hasn't DIPL taken any measure to rectify the unapproved shed extension that sits on the boundary with 25 Stevens Road and has a roof that over hangs the boundary?**

Please see response to Q1.

5. What is the annual maintenance cost for holding this property?

The property is on a grounds maintenance contract through which the property is maintained year round.

6. It is understood the property has weekly security patrols. How much is DIPL spending on security patrols of this property?

Security undertakes two daily patrols and one nightly patrol of the property.

7. Why did DIPL award a tender to Property Shop Darwin for \$23,955 on 13 April 2022 for the provision of Auctioneer services, without proceeding to sale or auction?

The Department is progressing preparations for the auction of this property.

8. When will the property be sold? If there is no set date, what is the estimated date?

Please see response to Q1.