

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub

1. Please confirm that this will be a 255.3 hectare project. What is the current land tenure status of the land in question?
2. What is the timeline for acquiring the land for the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub?
3. Has the Department identified any current or future obstacles to achieving the timeline outlined above?
4. What is the current market value of the land comprising the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub?
5. How was market value ascertained?
6. Is any consideration being given to conversion to freehold of any of the project area? If so please specify.
7. How many stakeholders are currently involved in the land acquisition process? Who are they?
8. How many times has the Department met each stakeholder?
9. What principles of negotiation are being used with each stakeholder?
10. How is the negotiation being conducted?
11. What is the total value of the investment by the Northern Territory Government in the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub?
12. How much is being paid to pastoral lease holders, if any? What is the basis of this amount?
13. How much is being paid to freehold land holders if any?
14. Has there ever been a Native Title claim on the lands comprising the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub?

15. Are there any pending Native Title claims on the lands comprising the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub that the Northern Territory Government is aware of?
16. Are there currently any Native Title rights over the land, or any part of the lands, comprising the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub? If so, what are they?
17. What provision, if any, has been made for Native Title claims of any of the land comprising the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub?
18. What compensation, if any, has been offered or paid to traditional owners as part of the development of the Katherine Logistics Agribusiness Hub?
19. Has the Government sought any legal advice, from the Solicitor General, SFNT or outside counsel, to inform any of the above?
20. Has Treasury modelled the effect of any current or future native title claims on the value of pastoral estates or land in the Katherine area?