

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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to Chief Minister

Territory Development - Darwin Port Authority Relationship

1. What is the relationship between the Office of Territory Development and the Darwin Port Corporation in developing the AustralAsia Trade Route, and how is that coordinated with the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development and DIPE responsibilities in this area?

ANSWER

The Office of Territory Development no longer exists.

As a result of the ministerial and portfolio changes following the 2005 Election, some elements of the former Office of Territory Development and the Trade Group of the former Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) have been amalgamated into the Trade and Major Projects Division of the Department of the Chief Minister. This complements the Chief Minister's role as Minister for Asian Relations and Trade.

The development of the AustralAsia Trade Route continues to be co-ordinated by a whole of government task force chaired by the Department of the Chief Minister. This task force consists of senior representatives from the following agencies:

- . Department of the Chief Minister (Chair)
- . Darwin Port Corporation
- . Land Development Corporation
- . Department of Business, Economic and Resource Development (DBERD)
- . Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- . NT Treasury
- . Department of Justice.