

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Minister for Lands and Planning.

Aerial Photography, Lands and Planning

- 1. Is the Department planning to fly aerial photography over the greater rural area of Darwin during the balance of the 2012 year including the areas of Humpty Doo, Bees Creek, Virginia, Howard Springs, Girraween, Lambells Lagoon and Noonamah?**

Aerial photography for Humpty Doo, Bees Creek, Virginia, Howard Springs, Girraween and Noonamah was captured in 2011, with Lambells Lagoon captured in 2010. It is not planned to recapture these localities in 2012.

- 2. If the Government is planning to fly aerial photography, what is the purpose and what departments will have access to the data?**

The Aerial Photography and Mapping programs support a wide range of activities of government and industry including; strategic planning, development assessment, land management, infrastructure development, environmental assessments, flood assessment/modelling and emergency services.

Aerial photography is captured and managed for the benefit of all NTG agencies. Once captured, it is made available through the internal NT Visualiser system (based on Google Earth Enterprise software) which is accessible by all NTPS agencies at no cost to agencies.

- 3. If the Government is planning to fly aerial photography, will the data be outsourced and/or available to local government organisations?**

All aerial photography is publicly available through a standard digital data agreement and the payment of a fee based on the amount of data and the resolution (level of detail) being requested.

Several local government organisations have licensed aerial photography in past years. Once aerial photography has been captured over their respective areas of interest, the Department notifies them so that they can chose to license the newly available imagery.

4. If the Government is planning to fly aerial photography, what contractor will be undertaking the work and at what cost?

Aerometrex Pty Ltd was recently awarded a tender for the capture of the annual photography requirements; the total amount awarded is \$1,985,764.
