

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Economic Development and Major Projects:

#### Darwin Port Corporation

1. What is the status of upgrading East Arm Port to increase capacity?
2. What is the cost of temporarily replacing the container crane at East Arm Wharf?
3. What is the current budget for completion of the Marine Supply Base?

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### ANSWER

1. DPC has completed several upgrades to the East Arm Port (EAW) and has identified further expansion and development opportunities through recent planning exercises (East Arm Wharf Facilities Masterplan 2030; Port Development Strategy 2014-19 and its responses to the Economic Development Strategy), including:
  - DPC completed the dredging of the shipping channel at Charles Point Patches to the depth of 14m ensuring larger vessels are no longer tidal restricted and will now have all tides access to EAW as well as creating an additional 2.5 hectares of hardstand lay down area adjacent to the berth line through reclaiming Pond F.
  - DPC has substantially increased the EAW capacity by transferring vessels servicing the offshore oil and gas industry to the Marine Supply Base - of 774 vessel visits to EAW in 2013/14, 349 vessels or 45% were servicing the oil and gas industry.
  - DPC implemented the new Klein Port Management System and new traffic management system to improve efficiencies with berth scheduling.
  - Additional upgrades in the planning stage include extension of the EAW quay length and improvements to operational systems.
2. The DPC contributed approximately \$980,000 to the installation of two mobile cranes as the ongoing solution to the old fixed cranes, which have also doubled crange capability at EAW.
3. This is commercial in confidence.