

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Lambley to the Chief Minister:

**Port Darwin**

It has been confirmed that the Federal Department of Defence is currently reviewing the controversial 2015 decision for a 99 year lease of the Darwin Port to Landbridge Group, a Chinese owned company.

This deal includes 100% operational control and 80% ownership of the Port by Landbridge.

1. What is your Government's current position on this deal?
2. If advised that this lease is not in the National Interest, what will the NT Government do?
3. Will you support the Northern Territory buying back the lease from Landbridge?
4. What is your Government's plan for addressing this scenario?
5. If the Northern Territory decides to buy back the lease, where will this money be sourced from?
6. The NT Government has a 20% stake or interest in the Darwin Port. What does that mean in practice?
7. Does the NT Government have a say in the operation of the Darwin Port?
8. How often does the NT Government meet with Landbridge to discuss Darwin Port business and operation?
9. If a disagreement arises between the NT Government and Landbridge about decisions made on the Darwin Port does your Government have much influence as a 20% shareholder?