

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub

The Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub (KLAH) has been in the planning process for a number of years, but has stalled due to the failure of the NT Government to secure Native Title with the Traditional Owners.

Questions:

- 1. Why have native title negotiations stalled and /or failed on the proposed KLAH site in Katherine?**
- 2. What next steps will be taken and what is the planned timetable?**
- 3. How many projects and/or prospective business operations have been lost at the KLAH due to the unresolved native title?**
- 4. How many jobs have been lost?**
- 5. KLAH is listed on the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy as a key initiative the NT Government will deliver within 3 years. What is being done to ensure this project can be delivered within 3 years?**
- 6. At what point will the KLAH be abandoned due to the native title failures and a new site investigated?**

Response to Questions 1 – 6

The NT Government's preferred approach to acquiring interests in land is by agreement with the interest holders.

The resolution of native title rights and interests over the land identified for the Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub (KLAH) and the development of the KLAH remains a priority for Government. Correspondence between the relevant native title parties is ongoing.

The Department continues to plan for and progress the KLAH, including design and delivery of headworks infrastructure to support the Hub.