

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Purick to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Regional Fire Station – Howard Springs**

- 1. What Government agency was responsible for the decision to clear vegetation outside the new regional fire station at Howard Springs?**

The decision to clear the vegetation outside the new Palmerston Regional Fire Station was made jointly by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) and Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES).

- 2. What was the cost of clearing the vegetation?**

The works were carried out by the contractor engaged to deliver the Palmerston Regional Fire Station; C & R Constructions Pty Ltd and its sub-contractors.

- 3. Was the work of clearing the vegetation undertaken by a private contractor and if so, what was the business name?**

The works were carried out by the contractor engaged to deliver the Palmerston Regional Fire Station; C & R Constructions Pty Ltd and its sub-contractors.

- 4. Was any environment assessment of loss of species of flora and fauna undertaken and if so by what business and/or agency? If not why not?**

An arborist was engaged to review the condition of the flora and an inspection was undertaken prior to commencement of works to establish if any fauna was present, with one tree snake found.

- 5. What is the cost of revegetation including irrigation and associated supporting water management infrastructure?**

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**6. What grasses were selected for revegetation and by whom?**

The spray grass applied was a dry land grass group.

**7. Has the work of revegetation and irrigation gone out to tender and if so, what businesses secured the job?**

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**8. Who undertook the risk assessment that supports the claim that the existing vegetation was a risk that could impact emergency response times or cause a vehicle accident?**

The decision to clear the vegetation outside the new Palmerston Regional Fire Station was made jointly by DIPL and NTPFES and included representatives from NT Fire and Rescue Service.