LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Darwin city underground car park

1. In cubic metres, how much contaminated material and soil (asbestos specifically) was identified in the construction site of the underground car park?

Approximately 2000m3 of contaminated materials and soil was found during construction.

2. Where was the contaminated material and soil relocated to and at what additional cost to the project?

The bulk of the asbestos contaminated material was relocated into a Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority approved containment cell, under the lowest level of the carpark, with smaller finds of asbestos material being disposed of offsite at the City of Darwin's approved waste facility for this material. The project remains within the approved project budget.

- 3. At what depth was the contaminated material and soil found?

 The depth of the asbestos containing material was located between 0.3m to 2.5m below ground level in disturbed ground.
- 4. At what depth was rock found that required 'jack hammer' work to break through in order that the excavation could continue for the project? No jack hammering was required on the project, with all excavation completed by normal excavation. A layer of porcelanite rock was encountered between 1m to 3m below ground level, with softer material being encountered to the final depth of 15m below ground level.