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Portfolio: Defence Industries

Agency: Chief Minister and Cabinet

Subject: Defence discussions in relation to the Gove Peninsula

QUESTION:

What Defence discussions are happening in relation to the Gove Peninsula? How many visits has the Department of Defence made to the region? Who are they in discussions with regarding which possible Defence site and Defence activity?

ANSWER:

No visits during the reporting period, however two representatives from the Department of Defence (Defence) visited Gove on 2 May 2024, accompanied by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's staff from Darwin and Nhulunbuy.

Meetings were held with the Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation; Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation; and Rio Tinto. The visit was primarily for Defence to gain a greater understanding of the infrastructure capability and capacity at Gove Port and in the town of Nhulunbuy.

At this time, Defence is not formally considering utilisation of infrastructure / assets post-mining operations.