

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Middle Arm – Industry Development Consultancies

Background:

Over \$4 million in consultancies has recently been awarded to GHD Pty Ltd and EcOz Pty Ltd for Infrastructure and Environmental studies over 12 months.

Questions:

- 1. How many studies will be included in these contracts and what are the details of these studies?**

The consultancies awarded to local firms GHD (civil engineering) and EcOz (environmental services) are three year contracts to undertake the necessary investigations to support the planning for the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct (SDP).

The civil engineering investigations include water supply, power supply, storm water drainage, product corridors, common user facilities, roads infrastructure and traffic impact assessment to identify infrastructure strategies to support the precinct planning and inform cost estimates for the provision of this infrastructure.

Environmental investigations include those required to support the preparation of a strategic environmental proposal to the NT EPA to support the Middle Arm SDP. These include terrestrial and marine ecosystems, air quality and water quality modelling, dredge management and cultural heritage studies.

- 2. Will these studies be publically available upon completion?**

Engineering reports are highly technical and specific in nature, and generally inform further investigations or design work.

The environmental reports will inform an environmental impact assessment process which will be submitted as part of the Strategic Proposal submission to the NT Environment Protection Authority (EPA). This information will be made public as part of the regulatory assessment process.