

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Gwoja

To: Hon Steven Edgington MLA

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: Safe Drinking Water legislation

QUESTION:

Can you confirm what has happened to the tender that went out to look at the economic and social impacts about developing a safe drinking water act and regulations. That was a tender to the value of \$62,000. It was AGC21-0265, Assessment of Economic and Social Impact of Safe Drinking Water.

ANSWER:

In June 2024, a Request for Services Under Panel Contract AGC21-0265 - Assessment of Economic and Social Impact of Safe Drinking Water was advertised.

On 30 August 2024, the contract was awarded to Marsden Jacobs. While the initial timeframe for completion was 60 days, an extension was provided to allow for more comprehensive stakeholder engagement with NT Government agencies, drinking water providers, Aboriginal Land Councils and Aboriginal peak/advocacy bodies.

Marsden Jacobs has now completed this consulting engagement.