

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 305

asked on Thursday, 2 March 2017

MR J KRAUSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the independent public consultation process undertaken in relation to the ASF proposal on the Gold Coast—

Will the Minister advise (a) who was commissioned to undertake the consultation, (b) how much the consultation process cost and (c) why the consultation timeframe was cut short?

ANSWER:

- (a) Donaldson Consulting Group (DCG) was engaged as soon as practicable after the Premier and I announced the two-pronged community consultation process on 18 December 2016. The process seeks community views on: (1) how to best rejuvenate The Spit parklands; and (2) ASF's revised integrated resort development proposal for the 5-hectare block of land south of Sea World.
- (b) The contract was profiled on QTenders under the standard limited offer process. It detailed that the Department of State Development required the services of an appropriately skilled contractor to design and undertake consultations with key stakeholders, local groups and individuals regarding The Spit.

An estimate of professional costs of \$200,000 was detailed at the time but, beyond that estimate, associated on-costs are yet to be finalised. The DCG program has included face-to-face briefings, focus groups, an on-line survey, telephone polling, online surveys on the Department of State Development's website and public information sessions.

- (c) The community consultation process has not been cut short. It was initially scheduled to run from January to the end of March; however, at my instruction it was extended into April with submissions closing on 7 April 2017.