Question on Notice

No. 993

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MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION

With reference to the lease held by the Education Department over the Archookoora Camp Site in the South Burnett—

Will the Minister advise (a) the tenure and terms of the current Archookoora caretaker, including whether the caretaker pays a fee to live at Archookoora, (b) if a Community Use Agreement been developed between the caretaker and Kingaroy SHS, (c) has the lease been transferred to the Kingaroy SHS and if so, (i) the due diligence undertaken regarding the proposal for the future use of Archookoora to approve the lease transfer and (ii) the terms of this lease including timeframe, benefits to the community, rent and evidence of progress of the proposal

ANSWER

Further to my response to the Member for Nanango on 19 June 2018, I can advise that Kingaroy State High School, in consultation with the Department of Education, has developed a 12-month Community Use Agreement, which is currently being finalised, between the school and Hart Consultancy for the use of the Archookoora site.

While the Community Use Agreement is being formalised, Kingaroy State High School appointed Hart Consultancy as the caretaker for the site. Under the terms of the caretaker arrangement, all improvements, maintenance and utility costs for the Archookoora site will be borne by Hart Consultancy. There is no fee, apart from these costs, currently being paid by Hart Consultancy as caretaker for the site.

The school has not entered into an arrangement for permanent residency at the site.

The lease has not been transferred to Kingaroy State High School. The lease for the Archookoora Outdoor Education Centre was renewed by Kingaroy State High School in 2008, with the expiry of the lease to end in April 2038.

Any future proposal to transfer the Archookoora Outdoor Education Centre lease would need to satisfy the requirement that the intended use is for the purpose for which the original lease was issued, that being for educational purposes only.