

KIMBERLEY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PTY LTD — INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

**135. Hon ADELE FARINA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

My question has been lodged in the name of Hon Darren West, who is away on urgent parliamentary business. I refer to the government's announcement on 6 December 2013 that it had signed the Ord development agreement with Kimberley Agricultural Investment Pty Ltd.

- (1) Is KAI required to provide jobs and training to local Indigenous people?
- (2) If yes to (1), please detail these requirements, including the nature and number of the jobs and training required.
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) How many local Indigenous people are currently employed by KAI?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes. This is a requirement of the Ord native title final agreement.
- (2) KAI will be required to agree on an Aboriginal development package for the Knox Plain lands prior to ground-disturbing activities commencing. Details of jobs, training and business development will be contained in that agreement. In 2013, KAI employed 19 plant operators, 12 of whom were local Aboriginal people, on the development of new farmlands.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Twelve.