

KIMBERLEY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PTY LTD — LAND LEASING

115. Hon DARREN WEST to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

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.

How much will KAI pay the state government each year to lease —

- (a) 7 400 hectares of Goomig land; and
- (b) 6 000 hectares of Knox land?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

Notice of this question was given on 10 December 2013, so I am not sure whether this information is still relevant.

- (a) Farm development costs for the Goomig land is in the order of \$7 000 per hectare or approximately \$50 per metre. In recognition of this cost and environmental compliance overheads, the rental has been agreed at \$1—nominal—for the four-year development lease, recognising that land development occurs across this time. This will increase to \$4 per hectare once the 50-year lease is in place.
- (b) Farm development costs for the Knox lands are higher for Kimberley Agricultural Investment Pty Ltd as it is responsible for progressing approvals and infrastructure planning and construction. Additionally, KAI will need to fund the Aboriginal development package for the Knox Plain. Costs are in the order \$120 million, and in recognition of this, lease rental has been agreed at \$1—nominal—per year.