

ORD DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT — KIMBERLEY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

1026. Hon DARREN WEST to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the government's announcement on 6 December 2013 that it had signed an Ord development agreement with Kimberley Agricultural Investment Pty Ltd.

- (1) What is the estimated investment Kimberley Agricultural Investment—KAI—is expected to make in the 6 000 hectare Knox Plain site in the next three years?
- (2) Was an Aboriginal development package for the Knox site land signed?
- (3) If no to (2), why not, and why was signing an Aboriginal development land package for the Knox site not a condition of the Ord development agreement?
- (4) If KAI does not proceed with the option to develop the Knox site, will it be compensated by the state for the costs of developing the land?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The Kimberley Agricultural Investment Pty Ltd investment is to develop the infrastructure and farmland in the Knox Plain after it receives the necessary federal environmental approval. It is estimated to be in the order of \$120 million.
- (2) Under the Ord final agreement an Aboriginal development package—ADP—is to be agreed prior to the commencement of ground disturbing activities; that is, construction. The ADP is a condition precedent for the Knox lease.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) No.