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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question On Notice**

**Tuesday, 14 August 2018**

**1502. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Regional Development**

I refer to the proposal by Mr Malcolm Harris, owner of the Gogo pastoral lease and proponent of a large irrigation project in the Kimberley, and ask:

- (a) has Mr Craig Huxtable, Senior Policy Adviser to the Minister visited Gogo pastoral lease or intends to visit;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister provide the details of the visit, including:
  - (i) the dates;
  - (ii) the purpose;
  - (iii) who he met or will meet with;
  - (iv) the length of the visit;
  - (v) who instigated the visit;
  - (vi) if there are publicly available reports from the visit; and
  - (vii) if he met with or intends to meet with other people and/or groups, and if so, who; and
- (c) if no to (b), why not?

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**Answer**

- (a) yes
- (b) (i) 9 March 2018
- (ii) The visit coincided with State Government consultation for the Fitzroy River election commitments. Ministers Kelly and Dawson, the Treasurer and myself travelled to Fitzroy Crossing to meet with traditional owners, pastoralists and other stakeholders.
- (iii) Senior DPIRD representatives, a Department of Water representative and Craig Huxtable met with Gogo Development Manager Phil Hams and Chris Towne on their way from Broome to Fitzroy Crossing.
- (iv) One hour
- (v) Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- (vi) No
- (vii) My policy advisors engage with a broad range of stakeholders and indeed have strong connections with indigenous groups in the Kimberley.
- (c) N/A

