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Senator: Senator Nova Peris OAM
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Question:

1. To what extent has the Tiwi Land Council been briefed on the potential for the facilities to be used by the US Marines or any other US military organisation?
2. Who briefed the Tiwi Land Council on the potential for Port Melville to be used by the US Marines or any other US military organisation?
3. Who does the Tiwi Land Council foresee using the Port facility as well as the US Marines or any other US military organisation?

Answer:

1. The TLC has not been briefed on the potential for the facilities to be used by the US Marines or any other US military organisation.
On 29th April 2015, Munupi P/L Directors reported to the TLC Executive on a meeting held between themselves and EOHLT. According to Munupi P/L, EOHLT mentioned a broad range of opportunities that could possibly be explored for Port Melville, including use by US Marines. No other discussions have occurred relating to US Marines.
2. See response to Question 1 above.
3. See responses to Questions 1 and 2 above.