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Uncertainty continues for Pastoral Land legislation

This morning in Parliamentary committee for the *Pastoral Land Legislation Amendment Bill*, the confused Minister for Environment and Natural Resources further fuelled the uncertainty for the pastoral sector.

The Leader of the Opposition asked a simple question of the responsible Minister, in an effort to ascertain whether there was any economic modelling conducted in relation to the delays that the Labor government has caused.

“The Opposition is trying to ascertain whether the Labor government has done any costing on the economic impact of the delays they have brought upon themselves in relation to this Bill.

“The Minister refused to say whether the Labor government had added-up the cost of its delays, which speaks volumes.

Further, the Minister refused to commit when the Leader of the Opposition asked the question whether Labor would commit to further consultation.

“This begs the question what secret deal is this Labor government discussing with other than pastoralists.

“The government refused to answer these questions and gagged the debate - what do they have to hide and why do they think they can run rough shod over the parliament?

“These delays have caused further uncertainty in relation to lost jobs and investment in the Northern Territory.

“All industries need certainty, and the pastoral sector is no different,” said Mr Higgins.

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