

Question No: 197

Question: Department of Mines and Energy Budget

Date: 17/11/92

Member: Mrs HICKEY

To: MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. Have any estimates been made of the full year revenue effect of royalties on possible interstate gas sales to South Australian buyers.
2. What was the Mine Injury Frequency Rate for the following financial years -
 - (a) 1990-91; and
 - (b) 1991-92.
3. How did the Mine Injury Frequency Rate for 1991-92 compare to that in other states.
4. What expenditure was undertaken in 1991-92 in support of a project being developed by AireSearch Pty Ltd.
5. Was any staff travel undertaken in relation to a project being developed by AireSearch Pty Ltd; if so, what are the details of both national and international travel.
6. How many field hours were spent on geological surveying in 1991-92.
7. Is there a significant difference between the 12 725 hours spent on geological surveying in 1990-91 and those spent in 1991-92; if so, what is the explanation.

ANSWER

1. Yes. It is estimated that \$5.2m (1992 dollars) would be paid to the NT government.
2. 1990-91 22.7; and
1991-92 22.2.
3. WA 21;
Qld 22;
Tas 54; and
NSW 16.
4. The department expended \$1405.79 on operation costs.
5. The Director of Special Projects and Promotions Division attended the signing of the contractual agreement between a consortium from the Peoples Republic of China and AireSearch Pty Ltd.

This was at the specific request of the Peoples Republic. The total cost of this trip was \$4500 for air fare and travel allowance.
This was the only national or international travel undertaken in relation to this project.
6. 15 081 hours.
7. The additional 2356 hours in 1991-92 was due to the cyclical nature of the

geological mapping activity.