

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Renewables and Energy:

NT Gas Supply

1. **In the 2023 Estimates Committee Hearings it was stated that the Territory's risk to gas supply (the risk rating to financial and commercial sustainability of Power and Water) was rated as very high. What is the current rating?**

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2. **What has been done to reduce this rating between Estimates 2023 and now?**
 - a) **What was the total cost of repairs or maintenance undertaken since Estimates to reduce this rating?**

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3. **What is the current arrangement with ENI Energy in relation to supply for Territory Generation?**
 - a) **Is ENI Energy currently able to totally meet the gas requirement for Channel Island on a month-by-month basis?**

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- b) **If not, where is the gas coming from and what is the cost?**

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- c) **What is the current compensation received by the Northern Territory Government for the failure of ENI to meet their contract obligations?**

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4. **How much gas is currently being supplied from INPEX and SANTOS?**

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5. **What was the cause of the power outage on 5 February 2024 at approximately 5.40pm in locations including Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine?**

Mechanical failure of regulators within the gas skid that feeds gas to generation units.

6. **What was the total cost of the urgent repairs required to bring Channel Island back online on the evening of 5 February 2024?**

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7. **When does the Northern Territory Government forecast that the Territory will be able to utilise gas from the Beetaloo Basin?**

Industry exploration is underway. The Australian Government is working to support accelerated final investment decisions by 2025 or earlier.

https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-05/beetaloo_sub-basin_gas_development_study.pdf

8. **Are the solar farms in Katherine, Acacia Hills and Bachelor connected to the grid and supplying continuous power? If not why not?**

The solar generators are at various stages of the connection process including achieving compliance through the Network Technical Code, Generator Performance Standards and System Control Code.