

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

ANSWER

- 1) In relation to the department and its Resources Development division, in 2009:
- (a) 78 international representatives from 29 organisations were facilitated by the division.
 - (b) the department made five international representations. These included two representations to China, two to Japan and one to Canada.
 - (c) total cost of overseas representation for the department was \$155 436.55
- 2) The division provides facilitation services to all exploration and mining development projects in the Northern Territory. Part of this facilitation process is to identify if there are potentially any infrastructure issues associated with the proposed development. The division organises or provides contacts for the relevant organisation or agency that manages those issues.
- (a) Numerous exploration and mining development projects were facilitated, including but not limited to six Mining operators and four Exploration operators.
 - (b) The following Northern Territory agencies were involved in various discussions: the Department of the Chief Minister; NT Worksafe; Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport; Department of Lands and Planning; Department of Construction and Infrastructure; PowerWater Corporation; Darwin Port Corporation; and the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.
 - (c) The scope of discussions generally included:
 - Overview of the proposed development or activity
 - Options available for the proposed activity
 - Any issues relevant to the managing authority
 - Options for addressing any issues identified.
 - (d) The division provided information for incorporation into the whole of department input into the Growth Town Strategy.
- 3) As of 1 April 2010:
- (a) Yes, the department provided advice to Local Government on the general workings of mineral titles.

The department provides information annually on the number of active titles.
 - (b) No.