

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Mines and Energy:

Resource Industry Development

The Department of Mines and Energy is currently preparing data for verification and inclusion in end of year financial statements. Once approved by Accountable Officers and audits have been completed, end of year financial data will be available in agency Annual Reports in accordance with the Public Sector Employment and Management Act and the Financial Management Act.

Financial information included in this WQON is to 31 March 2014.

1. Please detail:

- a) Proposed budget allocations for 2014/15 of the \$3.95m allocated to Creating Opportunities for Resource Exploration, including proportion of funds that will be allocated to individual regions of the Northern Territory, departmental administration, staff employed on this activity, consultants and external advice:

Proposed budget allocation of the \$5.95m under CORE 2014/15 including the \$3.95m extension of CORE plus \$2m is as follows:

Regional geoscience acquisition programs northern region (i.e. McArthur Zone)	\$1.73m
Regional geoscience acquisition programs southern region (i.e. Central Australia Zone)	\$0.57m
Administration costs	\$0.28m
Specialist geoscience personnel	\$1.4m
Vehicles for remote area field work	\$0.15m
Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations program	\$0.75m
Industry information delivery	\$0.13m
Spatial data storage and delivery	\$0.44m
Indigenous engagement	\$0.1m
Promotion, investment attraction, Annual Geoscience Exploration Seminar (AGES) 2015	\$0.4m

- b) Key industry development products to be delivered under the Creating Opportunities for Resource Exploration Program in 2014/15.

This question was answered as part of the Estimates hearings. Please refer to Hansard.

2. Please provide details of all costs borne by the Department of Mines and Energy, for both 2012/13 and 2013/14 of:

- a) organising, promoting, facilitating and attending mines and energy industry awareness,

2012/13: Promo expenditure - \$37,139
 Investment Attraction expenditure - \$97,253
 ACMIS (Australia China Minerals Investment Summit) expenditure - \$217,061
 TOTAL - \$351,453

2013/14: Promo expenditure to date - \$79,531
 Investment Attraction expenditure to date - \$286,038
 TOTAL - \$365,569

- b) marketing and investment events by date, location and purpose and showing the number of staff and elected members of the Northern Territory Government participating in those events:

Answer provided in the table below:

2012/13

Event name	NT welcome dinner
Date	10 July 2012
Location	From Orient Restaurant, 125-127 Pirie Street, Adelaide
Purpose	Promote the NT to Chinese potential investors in Adelaide ahead of the Australia China Resources Symposium (ACRS).
Number of NTG staff participating	9
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$1,520.91 (net of sponsorship contribution)

Event name	Australia China Resources Symposium (ACRS)
Date	11-12 July 2012
Location	Hilton Hotel, Adelaide
Purpose	Promote the NT to Chinese potential minerals and energy investors. Joint event with SA Government
Number of NTG staff participating	10
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$37,755.94

Event name	Australian Uranium Conference
Date	18-19 July 2012
Location	Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle
Purpose	Promote the NT to potential minerals and energy investors, in particular Japanese companies attending this conference
Number of NTG staff participating	3
Elected NT members participating	0
All costs	\$5999.76

Event name	NT Resources Week
Date	September 2012
Location	Darwin
Purpose	To promote resources potential of the NT.
Number of NTG staff participating	2

Elected NT members participating	0
All costs	\$1962.00

Event name	NT investment delegation to China (including Department return via Japan)
Date	31 October – 14 November 2012
Location	Beijing, Tianjin, Jinan, Weifang (China) & Tokyo (Japan) Major activities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 November – Tianjin- China Mining Congress • 4 November – Beijing – NT Promotional Dinner • 6 November – Beijing - NT Mineral Investment Seminar • 7 November – Beijing – NT Investment Roundtable and Promotional Dinner with China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters (CCCME) • 8 November - Team Australia Beijing Seminar “China Australia Resources Investment Forum” • 9 November – Jinan – Roundtable with Shandong Bureau • 10 November – Weifang – China Fertiliser Conference • 12 November – Tokyo - Australia-Japan Minerals Exploration Seminar
Purpose	To promote opportunities for Chinese and Japanese investment in Northern Territory (NT) exploration and mining. To facilitate a program of promotional events and investment meetings for 6 companies with NT exploration projects. Attend and promote Northern Territory at Australia Minerals Booth at China Mining, Tianjin and at China Australia Resources Investment Forum, Beijing.
Number of NTG staff participating	4
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$53,377.58 (net of sponsorship and exploration company contributions)

Event name	Host inbound delegation from East China Mineral Exploration and Development Bureau (ECE)
Date	26 November 2012
Location	Dragon Court Restaurant, Sky City, Darwin
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE’s delegation visited Darwin to announce significant exploration results • ECE is one of the Territory’s largest Chinese investors with equity investment in Arafura Resources, TNG Ltd, a number of granted exploration licenses, and an office in Darwin
Number of NTG staff participating	4
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$1,217.51

Event name	Host inbound delegation from KRIBHCO
Date	22 February 2013
Location	Garam Masala Restaurant, Mitchell Street, Darwin
Purpose	Promote investment in the NT’s phosphate projects
Number of NTG staff participating	3

Elected NT members participating	0
All costs	\$267.95

2013/14

Event name	Australia China Minerals Investment Summit
Date	21-23 May 2013
Location	Various venues around Darwin
Purpose	Promote NT investment opportunities to Chinese investors, especially in minerals and energy projects but also in agriculture and other sectors of the economy. Joint event with SA Government
Number of NTG staff participating	44 (including 13 volunteers)
Elected NT members participating	10
All costs	\$47,239 (net cost to the Department after sponsorship and delegate contributions)

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea, Japan and China
Date	23 October – 9 November 2013
Location	Seoul (South Korea), Tokyo (Japan) & Kunming, Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai (China) Major activities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 October – Tokyo - NT Minerals Investment Seminar • 28 October – Seoul - NT Investment Briefing Breakfast • 28-29 October - Kunming – International Copper Conference • 29 October – Tokyo – Minerals Australia Investment Seminar • 31 October – Beijing – Minerals Australia Resources Seminar • 3 November – Tianjin- China Mining Congress • 5 November – Beijing – NT Promotional Dinner • 8 November – Shanghai – NT Investment Seminar and Promotional Dinner
Purpose	To promote opportunities for Asian investment in Northern Territory (NT) exploration and mining and agricultural projects. To facilitate a program of promotional events and investment meetings for 4 companies with NT exploration projects. Attend and promote Northern Territory at Australia Minerals Booth at China Mining, Tianjin and at China Australia Resources Investment Forum, Beijing.
Number of NTG staff participating	6
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$129,569.25 (net of sponsorship and exploration company contributions)

Event name	NT – South Korean Investment Roundtable
Date	2 December 2013
Location	Hilton Hotel, Mitchell Street, Darwin
Purpose	To promote opportunities for South Korean investment in Northern Territory (NT) exploration and mining projects
Number of NTG staff	8

participating	
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$4,850.50 (net of exploration company contributions)

Event name	Host inbound delegation from Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Date	20 February 2014
Location	Loong Fong Seafood Restaurant, Darwin
Purpose	Build relationship with the head of the Commercial Section at the Chinese Embassy, to help encourage Chinese investment in the NT, especially in minerals and energy projects but also in agriculture and other sectors of the economy
Number of NTG staff participating	7
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$445.54 (net cost to the Department after DPIF contribution)

Event name	NAPE – North America Prospect Expo
Date	10-13 February 2014
Location	Houston, Texas
Purpose	To promote petroleum resources of the NT through Team Australia Booth and presentations.
Number of NTG staff participating	2
Elected NT members participating	0
All costs	\$18643 NTGS Staff only

Event name	APPEA – Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association
Date	6-9 April 2014
Location	Perth
Purpose	To promote petroleum resources of the NT through attendance at the NT Government booth.
Number of NTG staff participating	1
Elected NT members participating	0
All costs	\$2210 NTGS Staff only

Event name	NT Minerals and Energy Chinese Investment Seminar and Dinner
Date	29 April 2014
Location	Minter Ellison Lawyers, Perth and Dragon Palace Restaurant and Bar, The Woodside Plaza, Shop 7, 240 St George Terrace Perth
Purpose	Promote NT minerals and energy investment opportunities to Chinese investors
Number of NTG staff participating	4
Elected NT members participating	0
All costs	\$9,608.36 (net cost to the Department after sponsorship contribution)

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea and Japan
Date	18-24 May 2014
Location	Seoul (South Korea) and Tokyo (Japan)

Purpose	Promote NT minerals and energy investment opportunities to South Korea and Japanese investors Major activities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 May – Seoul - NT Minerals and Energy Investment Seminar and Promotional Dinner • 22 May – Tokyo – NT Minerals and Energy Networking Lunch
Number of NTG staff participating	4
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$89,540 – estimated (net cost to the Department after sponsorship contribution) – invoicing and reimbursements still being finalised

- c) for each of the events attended by a Northern Territory Minister, the names of the Minister/s attending and details of Departmental costs of any hospitality for receptions and other activities attended by the Minister/s.

Answer provided in the table below.

2012/13

Event name	NT welcome dinner
Date	10 July 2012
Location	From Orient Restaurant, 125-127 Pirie Street, Adelaide
Ministers participating	Hon. Kon Vatskalis MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$920.91 (net of sponsorship contribution)

Event name	NT investment delegation to China (including Department return via Japan) – promotional dinner
Date	4 November 2012
Location	Tianjin (China)
Purpose	Networking dinner for members of the investment delegation and potential Chinese investors
Number of NTG staff participating	4
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$383 (net of sponsorship contribution)

Event name	NT investment delegation to China (including Department return via Japan) – joint promotional dinner with CCCMC
Date	7 November 2012
Location	Beijing (China)
Purpose	Networking dinner for members of the investment delegation and potential Chinese investors
Number of NTG staff participating	4
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$152.74 (net of sponsorship contribution)

Event name	Host inbound delegation from East China Mineral Exploration and Development Bureau (ECE)
Date	26 November 2012
Location	Dragon Court Restaurant, Sky City, Darwin
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to	\$1,101.46

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Event name	Australia China Minerals Investment Summit – welcome reception
Date	20 May 2013
Location	Parliament House, Darwin
Ministers participating	Hon. Adam Giles MLA Hon. John Elferink MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$950 (net cost to the Department after sponsorship and delegate contributions)
Event name	Australia China Minerals Investment Summit – VIP dinner
Date	20 May 2013
Location	Dragon Court Restaurant, Sky City, Darwin
Ministers participating	Hon. Adam Giles MLA Hon. John Elferink MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$360 (net cost to the Department after sponsorship and delegate contributions)

Event name	Australia China Minerals Investment Summit – banquet dinner
Date	21 May 2013
Location	Parliament House lawns (Liberty Square), Darwin
Ministers participating	Hon. Adam Giles MLA Hon. John Elferink MLA Hon. Peter Chandler MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$2,854.30 (net cost to the Department after sponsorship and delegate contributions)

2013/14

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea, Japan and China – NT Minerals Investment Seminar
Date	23 October 2013
Location	Imperial Hotel, Tokyo (Japan)
Ministers participating	Hon. Adam Giles MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$123.40

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea, Japan and China – NT Investment Briefing Breakfast
Date	28 October 2013
Location	Lotte Hotel, Seoul (South Korea)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$2,314 (net of exploration company contributions)

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea, Japan and China – promotional dinner
Date	5 November 2013
Location	Hilton Hotel, Beijing (China)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$6,000 (net of sponsorship, DPIF contribution and exploration company contributions)

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea, Japan and China – promotional dinner
Date	8 November 2013
Location	Le Meridien Hotel, Shanghai (China)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to	\$4,805.67 (net of sponsorship, DPIF contribution and exploration

Department	company contributions)
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Event name	NT – South Korean Investment Roundtable Dinner
Date	2 December 2013
Location	Hilton Hotel, Mitchell Street, Darwin
Purpose	To promote opportunities for South Korean investment in Northern Territory (NT) exploration and mining projects
Number of NTG staff participating	6
Elected NT members participating	1
All costs	\$4,004 (net of exploration company contributions)

Event name	Host inbound delegation from Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Date	20 February 2014
Location	Loong Fong Seafood Restaurant, Darwin
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$404.64 (net cost to the Department after DPIF contribution)

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea and Japan - NT Minerals and Energy Promotional Dinner
Date	20 May 2014
Location	Seoul (South Korea)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$4,680 – estimated – invoicing and reimbursements still being finalised

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea and Japan – Networking lunch with senior business executives
Date	20 May 2014
Location	Seoul (South Korea)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$375 – estimated – invoicing and reimbursements still being finalised

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea and Japan - NT Minerals and Energy Networking Lunch
Date	22 May 2014
Location	Tokyo (Japan)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Cost of hospitality to Department	\$7,000 – estimated (net cost to the Department after sponsorship contributions) – invoicing and reimbursements still being finalised

Event name	NT investment delegation to South Korea and Japan – Networking lunch with senior business executives
Date	23 May 2014
Location	Tokyo (Japan)
Ministers participating	Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA

Cost of hospitality to Department	\$1,100 – estimated – invoicing and reimbursements still being finalised
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3. Please detail infrastructure projects, by project description, location, estimated cost and timing that the Department of Mines and Energy has identified as investment priorities for the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments in support of minerals and energy resource development in the Northern Territory

There are currently two mining infrastructure projects in construction in the Northern Territory. These are:

- (a) Construction and commissioning of the second processing plant at Glencore’s McArthur River Mine (capex \$360M); and
- (b) Construction and commissioning of the mining and processing facilities at Australian Ilmentie Resources Pty Ltd’s Sill 80 mine at Roper River (capex \$20M).

There are a further 17 mining development infrastructure projects proposed for development over the next 4-5 years.

4. Please provide details of the proportion of persons employed in the Northern Territory mines and energy sector who are not permanent residents of the Northern Territory.

The Department of Mines and Energy is not required to keep statistical information about the industry workforce.

5. Please provide details of all projects and programs supported by the Department of Mines and Energy, both with the mines and energy sector and other government agencies, to increase the proportion of:

- a) employees of the mines and energy sector who are permanently resident in the Northern Territory; and
- b) the proportion of local Indigenous employees employed in the Northern Territory’s mines and energy sector.

The Department of Mines and Energy encourages mine and petroleum operators to work with local communities to provide employment. The department is aware that this is often an objective of negotiations under relevant Commonwealth legislations of the *Native Title Act* and *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* (commercial agreements between land councils and companies) which are not available to the department.

The Department of Mines and Energy does not collect data to show place of living or distinguish race.
