

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Mines and Energy:

Resource Industry Management – Energy Directorate

1. Please provide details of offshore oil and gas exploration permit and licence applications received and approved during 2013/14 showing:
 - a) the name of applicant, location of permit application area,
 - b) the number and nature of any objections received and, for each application,
 - c) the length of time taken by the Department to consider each application.
2. Please provide details of any public consultations facilitated or attended by officers of the Department of Mines and Energy in relation to off-shore oil and gas exploration affecting Northern Territory coastal waters including for each proposal or activity:
 - a) the location and nature of the project/s,
 - b) the date and location of consultations,
 - c) the number of non-government and non-industry participants in consultation meetings, and
 - d) the key issues of concern to members of the public attending those consultation.
3. Please provide a copy of the Department's oil and gas exploration agreement template showing details of the application of the government's 'use it or lose it' policy.
4. Please provide details of all oil and gas exploration permit applications and licences including:
 - a) the location, description of project, name of applicant or licence holder,
 - b) whether any permit or licence issued includes a 'use it or lose' it provision, and
 - c) the term (including expiry date) of the current permit or licence.
5. What proportion of the \$2 million allocated in Budget 2014/15 for accelerated assessment of shale oil and gas potential in the Northern Territory will be applied to environmental monitoring and regulation by the Department of Mines and Energy of the conditions of shale oil and gas exploration permits and licences issued by the Department?
6. Please provide details of any contributions by the Department of Mines and Energy in 2013/14, or proposed for 2014/15, in terms of cash, staff time or in-kind assistance to any work considering the feasibility of a gas pipeline connecting the Northern Territory to other Australian gas pipeline networks.