

**Question No: 117**

**Question: Northern Territory Gas Conversion**

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**Member: Mrs HICKEY**

**To: MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY**

1. Has a feasibility study been conducted on converting Northern Territory gas to petrol.
2. If a study has been conducted, what were the results; if not, is such a study proposed.

**ANSWER**

In 1988 the NT government received a proposal from a consortium to build a synfuel plant in the Northern Territory using NT gas as a feedstock. The proposal was examined in detail by the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth governments. Unfortunately, the overall project economics were found, at best, to be marginal for a no-risk project and well below that which would attract investors to a project having significant risks associated with a 'first of a kind' plant. However, the NT government continues to encourage such proposals and is actively pursuing new gas markets.