

Estimates Committee 2008 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Proposal to Establish Oil and Gas Institute

From: Mr Terry Mills MLA to Ms Marion Scrymgour MLA
Minister for Employment Education and Training

Question: **4-2**
Please provide an update on the Labor Party's proposal for an oil and gas institute.

Answer:
Answered On: 18/06/2008
Answer: The investigation of establishing an oil and gas institute was first discussed during the 2001 election campaign. Following further discussion with industry after the election, it was advised that there was no pressing need for such a facility at the time.

The Department of Employment, Education and Training facilitated meetings between ConocoPhillips and Charles Darwin University to discuss possible training needs. They also arranged for discussion to take place with interstate training providers specialising in the oil and gas sector, including Challenger TAFE Institute in Western Australia.

The Department continues to work with the peak industry association, Australian Petroleum, Production and Exploration Association, and ConocoPhillips on future training needs.