

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Mines and Energy:

Resource Industry Management – Mines Directorate

1. Please provide details of all Northern Territory mine sites considered by the Department of Mines and Energy to be legacy mine sites, detailing:
 - a) the name of the site,
 - b) the location, area of land affected, key environmental and management issues for each site,
 - c) the key remediation measures required at each site,
 - d) the nature of any current or proposed plans for remediation works (including indicative cost), and
 - e) the timing of any existing or proposed remediation works.
2. Please detail:
 - a) The estimates provided by the Department to the Northern Territory government, prior to the introduction of the Mining Remediation Levy, of the revenue expected to be collected by that levy on mining companies in both 2013/14 and 2014/15 compared with the actual amount collected in 2013/14 and expected in 2014/15,
 - b) Revenue expected to be obtained under the Mining Remediation Levy and applied to the Mining Remediation Fund in 2014/15,
 - c) The funds currently held in the Mining Remediation Fund and all projects funded out of the Mining Remediation Fund in 2013/14 or proposed for 2014/15 by name of project, location, purpose, cost and timing of work,
 - d) Any departmental administrative costs taken from income obtained under the Mining Remediation Levy in 2013/14, and
 - e) The funds currently held in the Mining Securities Remediation Fund and all projects funded out of the Mining Remediation Fund in 2013/14 or proposed for 2014/15 by name of project, location, purpose, cost and timing of work.
3. Please detail the number of mining plans approved or amended during 2013/14 including:
 - a) the name of the mining operation,
 - b) the purpose of the new plan or amendment to an existing plan,

- c) the length of time taken by the Department to consider and process the new plan or amendment, and
 - d) the number of mining plans subject to review or consideration of approval by the Department as of 1 June 2014.
4. 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.
