

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to Minister for Local Government

Rates on Mineral Leases

1. How many operational mineral leases are rated in what shire.

Councils	Number of Active Operational Leases
Barkly Shire Council	1
Central Desert Shire Council	11
East Arnhem Shire Council	14
Litchfield Council	55
McDonnell Shire Council	32
Roper Gulf Shire Council	13
Victoria Daly Shire Council	66
West Arnhem Shire Council	1
Total	193

2. What rates have been paid on each lease in each shire.

The Department does not have information on the value of rates collected on each individual mineral lease. The following table shows the total value of rates collected by councils for the mineral leases in each shire.

Councils	Rates Collected 2010-11(\$)	Rates Collected 2011-12 (\$)
Barkly Shire Council	2 282	2 383
Central Desert Shire Council*	19 216	6 160
East Arnhem Shire Council	12 185	10 291
Litchfield Council	41 507	42 735
McDonnell Shire Council	5 296	5 439
Roper Gulf Shire Council**	16 407	7 665
Victoria Daly Shire Council	16 441	17 051
West Arnhem Shire Council	4 405	Nil
Total	121 529	91 724

*In the 2010-11 financial year, the council received a grant from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services in lieu of rates income because the council's conditional rating proposal was not received by the department by the due date. In 2011-12, \$5 382 remain as unpaid rates to Central Desert Shire Council as it's not the end of the financial yet. Please refer to question 4.

**In 2011-12 \$10 921 remain as unpaid rate to Roper Gulf Shire Council as the financial year has not ended. Please refer to question 4.

3. How many collective project rating arrangements have been negotiated with mining companies and in what shire.

Councils	No. of Negotiated Leases
Barkly Shire Council	Nil
Central Desert Shire Council	Nil
East Arnhem Shire Council	Nil
Litchfield Council*	166
McDonnell Shire Council	Nil
Roper Gulf Shire Council	Nil
Victoria Daly Shire Council	Nil
West Arnhem Shire Council	Nil
TOTAL	166

*For Litchfield Council, there are 166 negotiated leases over 55 active leases, but in accordance with the Legislative framework, leases that are contiguous or reasonably adjacent are rated as if they are a single lease.

4. What level of outstanding rates are due on what mineral lease in what shire.

Councils	Amount outstanding 2010-11 (\$)	Amount outstanding 2011-12 (\$)
Barkly Shire Council	Nil	Nil
Central Desert Shire Council	Nil	5 382
East Arnhem Shire Council	Nil	9 508
Litchfield Council	1 509	6 216
McDonnell Shire Council	6 863	10 101
Roper Gulf Shire Council	1 735	10 921
Victoria Daly Shire Council	1 517	3 698
West Arnhem Shire Council	Nil	4 537
TOTAL	11 624	50 363