

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Gunner to the Minister for Mines and Energy:

Department of Mines and Energy, grants and funding for non-government and external organisations

1. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding was provided by the former Department of Resources to non-government and external organisations in the year prior to 24 August 2012.
 2. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding will be provided by the Department of Mines and Energy to non-government and external organisations in the year following the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.
 3. Would you please advise which service or funding agreements currently or previously administered by the Department of Mines and Energy have been, or will be affected as the result of:
 - i. machinery of government changes, or the creation of new departments or agencies since 24 August 2012;
 - ii. the implementation of measures contained in the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget.
 4. Would you please outline the specific changes, amendments and monetary adjustments to service or funding agreements between the Department of Mines and Energy and non-government and external organisations referred to in question 3 above.
 5. Would you please advise what grant, program, project and operational funding provided by the Department of Mines and Energy to non-government and external organisations will be adjusted or diverted, and by how much, as the result of the implementation of measures contained in the Northern Territory Mini-budget on 4 December 2012.
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ANSWER TO QUESTION 1

From 1 July 2011 to 24 August 2012 the Minerals and Energy division within the former Department of Resources provided the following funding to non-government and external organisations:

- \$80 000 - through the Industry Development Support Program (IDSP) to the Welding Institute of Australia (WIA) - \$40 000 for the financial year 2011-12 and \$40 000 for the financial year 2012-13
- \$471 540 - Northern Territory Geological Survey (NTGS) Geophysics and Drilling Collaboration Program – and \$25 736 up to 24 August for the financial year 2012-13.
- \$30 000 - Minister for Mines and Energy Scholarships - and \$6000 up to 24 August for the financial year 2012-13.
- \$10 000 - Deep Exploration Technologies Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)
- \$25 000 - China Australia Resources Symposium (CARS) Sponsorship
- \$908 - in ad hoc sponsorships.

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 2, 3, 4 and 5

Changes that have occurred since 24 August 2012, including measures announced on 4 December 2012, have had no impact on non-government and external organisation funding administered by the new Department of Mines and Energy for the financial year 2012-13.

This includes the IDSP, the NTGS Collaboration Program; funding for scholarships; contributions to CRCs; and the assessment of sponsorship requests.

Funding provided or allocated for 2012-13 is as follows:

- \$40 000 through the IDSP to the WIA
- \$580 000 - NTGS Geophysics and Drilling Collaboration Program (year to date actuals \$256 243)
- \$24 000 - Minister for Mines and Energy Scholarships - (\$12 000 year to date expenditure)
- \$10 000 Deep Exploration Technologies CRC
- Ad hoc sponsorships are assessed as applications are received.

Funding allocations beyond 30 June 2013 are expected to be similar but are subject to decisions taken within the context of the Northern Territory Budget 2013-14.