

Question No: 77

Question: Consultancy Costs for Mine Management

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To: MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What mine development projects are currently being investigated or proposed to be investigated in 1991-92 by the Mining Policy and Planning Unit.
2. What is the estimated 1991-92 consultancy cost for investigations into mine water seepage in the Top End.
3. What is the estimated 1991-92 consultancy cost for the assessment and provision of expertise on water management and dam stability.

ANSWER

1. Mine development projects currently being investigated or proposed to be investigated in 1991-92 are -

- Mt Todd gold mine project, 45 km north of Katherine;
- McArthur River lead/zinc project, 95 km south-west of Borroloola;
- Carlton (Gandy's Hill) gold mining project, 2 km north-west of Pine Creek;
- Dead Bullock Soak gold ore body, 40 km south of The Granites gold mine (and now the new Callie gold deposit, discovered close by);
- various exploration efforts by several major companies in the Tennant Creek region; and
- several projects related to dimension stone and vermiculite.

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The Department of Mines and Energy has a geotechnical consultancy budget for support to technical working groups which oversee such items as seepage, water management and dam stability issues at Ranger and elsewhere. The consultant is also available for support on other matters where there is insufficient in-house expertise.

The consultant is employed at a daily rate plus expenses when required. During 1991-92 the estimated cost for the above items is \$15 000.