

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to Minister for Local Government

#### Rates for Pastoral Leases

#### 1. How many pastoral leases are rated in what shire?

Council	No. of Pastoral Leases Rated
Barkly Shire Council	48
Central Desert Shire Council	29
Litchfield Council	1
McDonnell Shire Council	49
Roper Gulf Shire Council	51
Victoria Daly Shire Council	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>

**Note:** No pastoral leases at East Arnhem Shire Council (EASC), West Arnhem Shire Council (WASC), Belyuen Shire Council (BSC), and Wagait Shire Council (WSC).

#### 2. What rates have been paid on each lease in each shire for years 2010 and 2011?

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

Council	Rates Collected 2010-11 (\$)	Rates Collected 2011-12 (\$)
Barkly Shire Council	87 179	90 814
Central Desert Shire Council*	*13 610	10 825
Litchfield Council	580	605
McDonnell Shire Council	320	328
Roper Gulf Shire Council	15 180	12 401
Victoria Daly Shire Council	54 974	56 277
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>171 843</b>	<b>171 250</b>

\* In the 2010-11 financial year, the council received a special purpose grant from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services in lieu of rates income collected by council.

3. How many pastoral leases are in arrears for rates and in which shire?

<b>Council</b>	<b>Number of pastoral leases in arrears 2010-11</b>	<b>Number of pastoral leases in arrears 2011-12</b>
Barkly Shire Council	28	18
Central Desert Shire Council	11	18
Litchfield Council	Nil	Nil
McDonnell Shire Council	3	6
Roper Gulf Shire Council	18	17
Victoria Daly Shire Council	3	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>

4. How many pastoral leases have challenged the payment of rates and in which shire and for how much?

<b>Council</b>	<b>Challenged Leases</b>
Barkly Shire Council	Nil
Central Desert Shire Council	Nil
Litchfield Council	Nil
McDonnell Shire Council	Nil
Roper Gulf Shire Council	3 (in 2011-12 only) Total \$8384
Victoria Daly Shire Council	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3 leases for \$8384</b>