

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Gerard Maley

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Agency: Mining and Energy

Subject: Sustainable Energy Projects

QUESTION:

Will you table a list of sustainable energy projects in the budget, with original allocation, current allocation and date for completion?

ANSWER:

The Department of Mining and Energy is supporting two major sustainable energy projects:

- the Darwin Energy Hub; and
- the Remote Power for Indigenous Communities program (formerly the Remote Power Partnership Program).

The budget estimates for these projects for 2025-26 and 2026-27 are shown in Table 1 below. Variations between original and revised budgets reflect the revised schedule of project activities and milestones.

Table 1: Original and Revised Budget Estimates for Sustainable Energy Projects

Projects	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Darwin Energy Hub	2,843	1,253	1,807
Remote Power Partnership program	2,116	375	1,373
Total	4,959	1,628	3,180

The timeframes for completion of the Darwin Energy Hub will be determined through the current Darwin-Katherine Electricity System infrastructure planning exercise.

The timing for completion of the Remote Power for Indigenous Communities program is subject to securing funding for the program delivery.