

**Estimates Committee 2015**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 26/05/2015 to 4/06/2015 )

Date: 26/05/2015 Output: Economic Regulation  
Sub Output: Utilities Commission  
Subject: Preparation by the Utilities Commission for the interim NT energy market

**From:** Mr Michael Gunner to Hon David Tollner  
Treasurer

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**Question:** 2-4  
What is the total expenditure to date by the Utilities Commission preparing for the interim Northern Territory energy market?

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 09/06/2015

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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**Date:** 26 May 2015 **Output:**

**Subject:** Preparation by the Utilities Commission for the interim NT energy market

**From:** Treasurer

**To:** Leader of Opposition

**Agency:** Department of Treasury and Finance

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**Number:** 2.4

**Question:** What is the total expenditure to date by the Utilities Commission preparing for the interim Northern Territory energy market?

**Answer:**

The Commission was not responsible for the implementation of the interim Northern Territory Electricity Market (I-NTEM). The only expenditure incurred by the Commission was \$15 955.01 (GST exclusive) for legal advice on amendments proposed by Power and Water Corporation to the System Control Technical Code for implementation of the I-NTEM.

In September 2013, the Commission received a request from the Treasurer (as Regulatory Minister) for the Commission to conduct a review under Part 7 of the *Utilities Commission Act* into wholesale electricity market arrangements that would be appropriate for the Territory and to recommend preferred arrangements. The review recommended the Territory adopt a Northern Territory Electricity Market with specific characteristics such as reliability assurance and energy trading mechanisms, and the Territory Government consider appropriate interim market arrangements based on amendments to existing Territory regulatory arrangements.

The total cost of the review (excluding salaries and Commission sitting fees) was \$135 000 (GST exclusive). The Commission's report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 27 March 2014 (Paper 788).