

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

**Date:** 12 June 2019

**Subject:** Expenditure on Promotion and Facilitation of Fracking Industry

**From:** Mr Yingiya (Mark) Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

**To:** Hon Michael Gunner MLA

**Agency:** Trade, Business and Innovation

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**Question:** Can you provide a breakdown of total government expenditure since 2016 on the promotion and facilitation of a fracking industry in the NT? What is the projected expenditure for the promotion facilitation of this industry?

**Answer:**

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) does not directly allocate budget for the promotion and facilitation of a hydraulic fracturing industry in the Northern Territory; rather, as a whole of Department function, it supports the development of an oil and gas industry that includes both onshore and offshore sectors.

The Strategic Oil and Gas Industry Development (SOGID) unit was established within DTBI in April 2018.

SOGID's key functions support implementation of the NT Gas Strategy and the Territory becoming a world class gas production, manufacturing and services hub, facilitating a whole of government approach to development of the oil and gas industry in the Territory.

SOGID was established within existing DTBI budget allocations in April 2018 and was allocated a budget of \$1 899 000 in 2018-19.

As part of the 2019-20 Budget announcements, the NT Government announced:

- \$820 000 per annum to support the NT Gas Taskforce
- \$1 million to commence initial strategic studies, and
- provisional funding of up to \$5 million per year over the next five years for detailed proposals recommended by the Gas Taskforce to support development of the gas industry and implementation of the NT Gas Strategy.