**No. 290**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Purick to Minister for Local Government

**Rates on Mineral Leases**

1. **How many operational mineral leases are rated in what shire.**

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| **Councils** | **Number of Active**  **Operational Leases** |
| Barkly Shire Council | 1 |
| Central Desert Shire Council | 11 |
| East Arnhem Shire Council | 14 |
| Litchfield Council | 55 |
| McDonnell Shire Council | 32 |
| Roper Gulf Shire Council | 13 |
| Victoria Daly Shire Council | 66 |
| West Arnhem Shire Council | 1 |
| **Total** | **193** |

1. **What rates have been paid on each lease in each shire.**

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

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| **Councils** | **Rates Collected**  **2010-11($)** | **Rates Collected**  **2011-12 ($)** |
| Barkly Shire Council | 2 282 | 2 383 |
| Central Desert Shire Council\* | 19 216 | 6 160 |
| East Arnhem Shire Council | 12 185 | 10 291 |
| Litchfield Council | 41 507 | 42 735 |
| McDonnell Shire Council | 5 296 | 5 439 |
| Roper Gulf Shire Council\*\* | 16 407 | 7 665 |
| Victoria Daly Shire Council | 16 441 | 17 051 |
| West Arnhem Shire Council | 4 405 | Nil |
| **Total** | **121 529** | **91 724** |
| **\***In the 2010‑11 financial year, the council received a grant from the Department of Housing, Local  Government and Regional Services in lieu of rates income because the council’s conditional rating proposal was not received by the department by the due date. In 2011-12, $5 382 remain as unpaid rates to Central Desert Shire Council as it’s not the end of the financial yet. Please refer to question 4.  \*\*In 2011-12 $10 921 remain as unpaid rate to Roper Gulf Shire Council as the financial year has not ended. Please refer to question 4. | | |

1. **How many collective project rating arrangements have been negotiated with mining companies and in what shire.**

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| **Councils** | **No. of Negotiated Leases** |
| Barkly Shire Council | Nil |
| Central Desert Shire Council | Nil |
| East Arnhem Shire Council | Nil |
| Litchfield Council\* | 166 |
| McDonnell Shire Council | Nil |
| Roper Gulf Shire Council | Nil |
| Victoria Daly Shire Council | Nil |
| West Arnhem Shire Council | Nil |
| **TOTAL** | **166** |
| **\***For Litchfield Council, there are 166 negotiated leases over 55 active leases, but in accordance with the  Legislative framework, leases that are contiguous or reasonably adjacent are rated as if they are a single lease. | |

1. **What level of outstanding rates are due on what mineral lease in what shire.**

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| **Councils** | **Amount outstanding 2010-11 ($)** | **Amount outstanding**  **2011-12 ($)** |
| Barkly Shire Council | Nil | Nil |
| Central Desert Shire Council | Nil | 5 382 |
| East Arnhem Shire Council | Nil | 9 508 |
| Litchfield Council | 1 509 | 6 216 |
| McDonnell Shire Council | 6 863 | 10 101 |
| Roper Gulf Shire Council | 1 735 | 10 921 |
| Victoria Daly Shire Council | 1 517 | 3 698 |
| West Arnhem Shire Council | Nil | 4 537 |
| **TOTAL** | **11 624** | **50 363** |