

**Question No: 234**

**Question: NT Oil Refinery**

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**Member: Mrs HICKEY**

**To: MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY**

1. How much is to be spent on further studies of the feasibility of an oil refinery in the Territory in 1992-93.
2. How much of this is Territory funds, Commonwealth funds and private funds.

**ANSWER**

1. No funds are committed to further studies on the Darwin Refinery project in 1992-93.

Bechtel's pre-feasibility study, completed in August 1992, recommended that the next step should be to undertake a full feasibility study costing in the order of US\$5m to US\$8m.

The private sector sponsors are continuing their evaluation of Bechtel's pre-feasibility study and are not yet in a position to commit to a full feasibility study.

2. Participation in and funding of future refinery project studies is a matter yet to be determined by the pre-feasibility study sponsors.

Meetings between staff of my department and project sponsors are planned for the week commencing 7 December 1992. As well the Commonwealth's position has been sought.