

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question On Notice**

**Tuesday, 26 June 2018**

**1427. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

I refer to the media statement, *Seismic survey to uncover the Canning Basin's deep geology*, released by Hon Bill Johnston MLA on Monday, 18 June 2018, and I ask:

- (a) how much is the Labor Government spending on seismic surveys of the Canning Basin;
- (b) will this research be useful for companies focusing on exploiting gas fracking in the Canning Basin/Kimberley; and
- (c) what is the total amount of money that the McGowan Labor Government is spending on fossil fuels research, exploration or subsidies of any kind?

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**Answer**

- (a) The 2D deep seismic survey being undertaken in the Canning Basin, across the Kidson Sub-basin will include a contribution of \$1.6 million through the Western Australian Government's Exploration Incentive Scheme (EIS). The total cost of the Kidson Seismic Survey is about \$4.6 million, with \$3 million being contributed by Geoscience Australia. Geoscience Australia is managing the project.
- (b) This seismic survey is in a very remote area of Western Australia and the basic scientific information gathered provides a view of the crust down to a depth of 40km, as such it provides valuable information over a wide area to the scientific community generally, including the mineral and petroleum exploration industries.
- (c) Due to the broad nature of this question, and the array of programs across the whole of Government conducting work that may intersect with the topic broached by the Member, I am unable to provide an answer to this question.



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**MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM**

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