

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Waters asked:**

How will the \$19.6m in Budget Paper 2, page 95 be spent? Will it be administered expenditure, or departmental?  
Is it intended to hand over any of that money to private gas pipeline companies, or gas companies generally?

**Answer:**

The budget allocation will be departmental funding and will be used to pay for expertise in technical matters regarding the operation of the Australian gas market. This reflects the acceleration of gas market reforms as announced by the Prime Minister on 15 March 2017.

No private gas pipeline company or gas companies generally will receive funding from this allocation.