

# Work Programme Summary



## Notes:

1. In setting the programme it has been assumed that each workstream will involve consultation which may lead to recommendations being made to the Minister which require new arrangements to be implemented by rules or regulations. Actual outcomes may differ from these assumptions. In particular consultations may be short or protracted depending on the issues raised, and it may be that some matters do not require a pan industry arrangement and others may be addressed by non-regulatory arrangements. Accordingly, while the outcomes may be written for brevity as “Report on issues” or “Implement arrangements” addition of the words “... where required” should be assumed.
2. Government may, from time to time, issue requests or Policy Statements which cause the Gas Industry Co to alter its work programme.

A - Corporate Work Programme							
	Jan-Mar 06	Apr-Jun 06	Jly-Sep 06 (Q1)	Oct-Dec 06 (Q2)	Jan-Mar 07 (Q3)	Apr-Jun 07 (Q4)	2007-08
<b>A1 Accountability Framework</b>	Issue Quarterly and Board Reports.	Issue Quarterly and Board Reports.	Issue Quarterly and Board Reports.	Issue Annual, Quarterly and Board Reports.	Board and Quarterly Report.	Board and Quarterly Report.	Board and Quarterly Report.
		Develop and issue Strategic Plan.	Develop and issue Baseline Review.			Develop and issue Strategic Plan.	
				Develop 2007-08 Budget.			
	Hold Industry Workshop.		Hold Industry Workshop.		Hold Industry Workshop.		Hold Industry Workshop.
<b>A2 Levy Process</b>	Invoice levies monthly. Develop and consult on 06-07 Levy Proposals.	Invoice levies monthly. Recommendations to Minister on 06-07 Levy. Gazetting of Levy arrangements.	Invoice levies monthly. New levy arrangements implemented.	Invoice levies monthly. Forecast Levy Revenue.	Invoice levies monthly. Develop and consult on 07-08 Levy Proposals.	Invoice levies monthly. Recommendations to Minister on 07-08 Levy Proposals. Gazetting of Levy arrangements.	Invoice levies monthly. New levy arrangements implemented.

<b>B - Retail Work Programme</b> (subject to Government policy direction, consultation outcomes and funding)							
	<b>Jan-Mar 06</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 06</b>	<b>Jly-Sep 06 (Q1)</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 06 (Q2)</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 07 (Q3)</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 07 (Q4)</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
<b>B1 Switching and Registry</b>	Issue consultation document on cost benefit of switching options.	Publish decision on preferred Registry development option  Develop Registry functional specification and rules.  Develop service provider role specification and engagement proposal.	Consult on Registry arrangements and conduct Cost Benefit Analysis.  Issue RFP for Service Provider (the appointment of which will be conditional on Ministerial approval of the proposals).	Recommendation on registry arrangements to Minister.		Registry goes live.	Review Registry Operation.
<b>B2 Compliance and Enforcement</b>			Develop and consult on proposal.	Recommendations to Minister.			
<b>B3 Reconciliation</b>	Develop and consult on short term upstream reconciliation amendments (Gas Transfer Code revisions).	Develop and consult on short term downstream reconciliation amendments (Reconciliation Code revisions).	Short term fixes implemented (Revised Gas Transfer Code and Reconciliation Code operational).	Develop and consult on proposals for long term reconciliation arrangements.		Recommendations on reconciliation to Minister.	Implement new reconciliation arrangements.
<b>B4 Consumer Issues</b>		Hold Consumer Issues Forum.  Recommendations on consumer contracts to Minister.  Landowner disputes added to EGCC scheme.	Develop and consult on Consumer Issues Report.	Initial Report on Consumer Issues to Minister.		Hold Consumer Issues Forum.	
<b>B5 Distribution Contracts</b>	Identify any issues with the existing contracts.		Publish issues report.		Develop and consult on Distribution proposals.	Recommendations on Distribution Contracts to Minister.	Implement recommendations (if required).

**C - Wholesale Work Programme** (subject to Government policy direction, consultation outcomes and funding)

	Jan-Mar 06	Apr-Jun 06	Jly-Sep 06 (Q1)	Oct-Dec 06 (Q2)	Jan-Mar 07 (Q3)	Apr-Jun 07 (Q4)	2007-08
<b>C1 Open Access Review</b>		Issues Review released.	Consult on issues review.	Report to Minister on Issues Review.	Recommendations paper issued for consultation (if reqd.).	Preliminary recommendations presented to Minister (if reqd.).	
<b>C2 Wholesale Market Development</b>	Develop Concept Design for Wholesale Market.	Consult on and refine Concept Design.	Develop and consult on market arrangements.	Revise arrangements, consult on revision and report outcome to Minister.  Issue RFP for Service provider.	Appoint Service Provider and begin development of trading platform. (The appointment of which will be conditional on Ministerial approval of the proposals.)  Consult on trading platform design and detailed arrangements.	Recommendation on trading rules presented to Minister.	Wholesale Market open for trading.
<b>C3 Access to Processing Facilities</b>		Consult on options to achieve GPS outcomes.	Define and consult on preferred option.	Recommendation on access rules or protocols presented to Minister.		Implementation of preferred option.	
<b>C4 Gas Outage Contingency Plan</b>	Develop commercial options for contingency situations.	Consult on options and compliance with existing Contingency Plan (NGOCP).	Develop and consult on solutions for contingency events.		Recommendation on contingency arrangements presented to Minister.		Implementation of preferred option.
<b>C5 Quality Standards</b>	Consult on Gas Specification Issues.	Recommendations on Specification Issues to Minister.		Implement recommendations.			