

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Chief Minister, Treasurer, Minister for Territory Development, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Major Projects – for all agencies falling under the Chief Minister's, Treasurer's and Ministers' portfolios.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Notes:

- The following questions can be answered from existing Agency data as at 31 March 2024.
- You have previously referred questions requiring a Whole of Government response to the Minister responsible at a time that enables a response within the same timeframe as the remainder of the questions.
- Further, you have previously inserted the question at the beginning of each answer.
- My Office would appreciate these practices being continued.

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as at 31 March 2024:

Note, data includes the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation as at 31 March 2024.

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Total Full Time Equivalent	114.8	119	119	
1. Ongoing Full Time	68.6	71	71	
2. Ongoing Part Time	4.2	5	5	
3. Fixed Term Full Time	23.0	23	23	
4. Fixed Term Part Time				
5. Casual Contract				
6. Executive Contract	19.0	19	19	

Note:

1. Fixed term full time includes 11 graduate trainees.
2. One executive contract officer was on secondment to another agency as at 31 March 2024.

- (b) As at 31 March 2024, the following were employed with the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.

Staffing numbers are provided as head count.

Classification	Ongoing		Fixed Term		Casual Contract	Executive Contract
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time		
ECO6						1
ECO4						3
ECO3						4
ECO2						4
ECO1						7
SAO2	6					
SAO1	17	2	2			
AO7	7	1				
AO6	21					
AO5	12		6			
AO4	8	1	4			
AO3		1				
GRADX			11			
TOTAL	71	5	23			19

Note: Two ECOs were on secondments to other agencies as at 31 March 2024.

- (c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile.

The Department of Treasury and Finance and the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation employs on a part time/temporary contract basis depending on operational requirements under flexible workplace arrangements within the Northern Territory Public Service. Several staff recorded as part time are on parental leave and using their accrued leave at a part time rate.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as at 31 March 2024:

Category	Number
Resigned	12
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	0
Unattached	6
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	21

Note: The supernumerary data includes 11 graduate trainees who have since been assigned position numbers and are not regarded as supernumerary.

- 3. Please advise the number of staff who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as at 31 March 2024.**

A whole-of-government response to Question 3 will be provided by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

- 4. (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as at 31 March 2024 and as a percentage of the Agency total employment.**

(b) Please advise how the Agency determines which staff fall under the category of Frontline.

(a) and (b): The Department of Treasury and Finance is a central agency that mainly provides advice to government and/or services to other agencies and taxpayers. It does not have frontline staff.

- 5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through labour hire, employment agency arrangements and/or consultancy contracts, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as at 31 March 2024. Please use the table format presented below for your response.**

No staff were engaged in the Department of Treasury and Finance or Northern Territory Treasury Corporation through employment agency arrangements as at 31 March 2024.

- 6. Please advise how many locums have been employed, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as at 31 March 2024. Please use the table format presented below for your response.**

Not applicable.

- 7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024?**

The Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation advertised **24** positions during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024

(b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?

23 positions advertised had special measures applied. The one position not to have special measures applied was a short-term work experience placement.

(c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

Breakdown of the level of positions with Special Measures applied:

Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
ECO1, SAO2	1
SAO2	1
SAO1	3
AO7	5
AO6	6
AO5	5
AO3	1
Trainee	1
Total	23

*Graduates are recruited through DCDD as part of OneNTG Graduate recruitment

(d) How many positions that had Special Measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during this period and required contract or backfilling arrangements?

All positions with special measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024. The process for positions advertised with special measures is to consider special measures applicants first; if no special measures applicants apply, or no special measures applicants are considered suitable, recruitment panels then assess all other applicants' suitability for the role

OUTSOURCING

8. (a) For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.

(b) Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise in financial year 2024/25? If so, provide details.

The Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation did not outsource, contract out or privatise any functions that are traditionally carried out by the agency for the period in question.

Consideration is not being given to outsourcing, contracting out or privatising any functions in 2024-25.

LEGAL EXPENSES

9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024? Provide details on:
- The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which ongoing)
 - The amount paid by matter
 - The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged

Department of Treasury and Finance and the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation legal expenditure was **\$132 632** for the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The Utilities Commission as an independent statutory authority incurred legal expenditure of **\$25 374** for the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Details of expenditure on each matter is attached.

9 (a)	9 (b)	9 (c)	
Matter	Status: Ongoing/Finalised	Amount \$	Legal firm/Barrister
Workers Compensation Claims Management Agreement	Finalised	36 472	Mallesons Stephen Jaques (NSW)
Legal representation: Commissioner of Territory Revenue	Finalised	33 200	Hamish Baddeley
Recovery of Payroll Tax Debt	Ongoing	11 646	HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
Legal representation: Mineral Royalty Secretary	Ongoing	11 200	Hamish Baddeley
Workers compensation insurance and application of Territory's self-insurance for overseas employees	Finalised	7 681	HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
Ex Gratia Payment	Finalised	7 264	Not applicable
Advice: <i>Mineral Royalty Act 1982</i>	Finalised	4 500	Sheila Kaur-Bains
Advice: <i>Mineral Royalty Act 1982</i>	Finalised	4 000	HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
Advice: Review of TD on Losses, Waivers, and Postponements	Finalised	4 000	William Foster Chambers
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility - Darwin Ship Lift	Ongoing	3 994	Herbert Smith Freehills
Advice: Declaration of a saleable mineral commodity under the <i>Mineral Royalty Act 1982</i>	Finalised	3 780	Stephen Wright
Legal representation: Mineral Royalty Secretary	Ongoing	2 000	Hamish Baddeley
Advice: Pricing Framework	Finalised	1 500	William Foster Chambers
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility - Darwin Ship Lift	Ongoing	1 395	Minter Ellison
	Total	132 632	

Utilities Commission (Independent statutory body)

9 (a)	9 (b)	9 (c)	
Matter	Status: Ongoing/Finalised	Amount \$	Legal firm/Barrister
Advice: <i>Electricity Legislation Amendment Bill 2023</i>	Finalised	15 454	Allens Arthur Robinson
Advice: Port access and pricing regime	Finalised	9 920	Seaton Legal
	Total	25 374	

PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

10. For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) that have been obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:
- a) Purpose
 - b) Cost
 - c) Person or entity engaged
 - d) Whether the person or entity has their principal place of business in the Northern Territory or elsewhere (if elsewhere, please provide the address of the principal place of business of the person or entity)
 - e) Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
 - f) Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy
 - g) Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken

Total Department of Treasury and Finance and the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation expenditure for consultant fees was **\$576,872** for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The Utilities Commission as an independent statutory authority incurred expenditure of **\$107,390** for consultant fees for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Details of expenditure on each consultancy are attached.

10 (a)	10 (b)	10 (c)	10 (d)	10 (e)	10 (f)	10 (g)
Purpose	Cost (\$)	Person / Entity	Principal place of business	Report Tabled	Outcomes/KPIs	Tenders/EOIs
NT Mineral Royalty Review	132 174	ACIL Allen Pty Ltd	VIC	No	Financial and economic modelling	Select tender
Quality assurance and risk review in the Territory Revenue Office	129 878	KPMG Australia	NT	No	Operational risk register and control self-assessment program	Panel contract
NTPS workers compensation – actuarial advice	84 691	Cumpston Sarjeant Consulting Actuaries	VIC	No	Outstanding claims liability calculation as at 30 June 2023 and premium calculations	Panel contract
Advice on a prudential framework for the Motor Accidents Compensation Scheme	60 400	Finity Consulting Pty Ltd	NSW	No	Revised prudential framework for the MAC Scheme including a draft Treasurer's Determination	Select tender
Annual review and disclosures in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) 119 Report for NTG Public Authorities' Superannuation Scheme, NT Supplementary Superannuation Scheme, NTG Death and Invalidity Scheme and Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme plus review and preparation of triennial letter as at 30 June 2023.	41 950	Price Waterhouse Coopers	VIC	Advice included in annual reporting	Valuation reports as at 30 June 2023	Panel contract

10 (a)	10 (b)	10 (c)	10 (d)	10 (e)	10 (f)	10 (g)
Purpose	Cost (\$)	Person / Entity	Principal place of business	Report Tabled	Outcomes/KPIs	Tenders/EOIs
Northern Territory Redress Scheme Valuation 2023	27 273	Finity Consulting Pty Ltd	NSW	Advice included in annual reporting	Valuation report as at 30 June 2023	Public tender
Administrator scheme valuation, Police Supplementary Benefit Scheme triennial review and individual tax component calculations, Judges Pension Scheme valuation and Legislative Assembly Members' Scheme as at 30 June 2023	17 151	Cumpston Sarjeant Consulting Actuaries	VIC	Advice included in annual reporting	Valuation reports as at 30 June 2023	Panel contract
Advice on NT Housing market	15 582	Ernst & Young	NT	No	Report on housing market	Panel contract
Drafting of the new mineral royalty legislation	16 137	Patrick Hutchins Orr	Canada	Yes	Draft Mineral Royalty Bill	Panel contract
People Matter Survey Follow Up	12 000	Hatch Solutions Pty Ltd	NT	No	Workshops with DTF staff on DTF's 2023 People Matter Survey results, to inform DTF's 2023 People Matter Response Plan	Direct purchase (Tier 1)
Northern Territory electricity market advice	6 600	Oakley Greenwood Pty Ltd	QLD	No	Advice on reliability standard, tail risk charts and writing up of CBA approach	Panel contract
Independent expert advice on governance and delivery of Indigenous essential services.	6 300	Michael Burgess	NT	No	Advice on strengthening accountability and transparency in the delivery of remote essential services	Direct purchase (Tier 1)
Expert technical advice on power system security	5 200	GHD Pty Ltd	NT	No	Technical advice on system security investment plans put forward by various stakeholders for Darwin-Katherine electricity system	Direct purchase (Tier 1)

10 (a)	10 (b)	10 (c)	10 (d)	10 (e)	10 (f)	10 (g)
Purpose	Cost (\$)	Person / Entity	Principal place of business	Report Tabled	Outcomes/KPIs	Tenders/EOIs
NTPSBS Income Tax Return FY 23	4 330	SLCA Pty Ltd	WA	No	NTPSBS tax return prepared and lodged. Tax advice provided as part of preparation of NTPSBS' audited financial statements	Direct purchase (Tier 1)
Risk and Governance Services	4 000	Hill Professional Services	NT	No	Risk management and governance related projects	Tier 1
Provision of Probity Advisory Services	3 420	Merit Partners Pty Ltd	NT	No	Probity advice and review report for the procurement of the new return to work claims management agreement	Panel contract
Succession planning facilitation	2 250	Hill Professional Services	NT	No	Succession planning toolkit for DTF and process map for NTTC	Tier 1
Corporate planning	2 250	Hill Professional Services	NT	No	Workshop with DTF senior leaders to review Corporate Plan and set actions for 2023-24	Tier 1
Amendment to the regulation 5 of the <i>Financial Management Regulations 1995</i>	1 800	Caroline Heske	NT	No	Advice on proposed regulatory amendments	Direct purchase (Tier 1)
Individual tax component calculation and NT Police Supplementary Benefit Scheme end benefit cap	1 511	Cumpston Sarjeant Consulting Actuaries	VIC	No	Tax components calculated for individual pensioners at pension commencement	Panel contract
Succession planning facilitation	1 500	Hill Professional Services	NT	No	Succession plan and process map for NT Superannuation Office	Tier 1
Desktop publishing services for the 2023-26 Corporate Plan	475	Louis Marquez Graphic Design	NT	No	DTF 2023-26 Corporate Plan prepared for publication on DTF website	Direct purchase (Tier 1)

\$ 576 872

Utilities Commission (independent statutory authority)

10 (a) Purpose	10 (b) Cost (\$)	10 (c) Person / Entity	10 (d) Principal place of business	10 (e) Report Tabled	10 (f) Outcomes/KPIs	10 (g) Tenders/EOIs
Specialist technical advice to inform the 2023 Northern Territory Electricity Outlook Report	107 390	Australian Energy Market Operator Limited	VIC	No	Report to Utilities Commission providing on technical advice, including for the power system forecasting and consideration of management and planning for the Territory's regulated power systems	Select tender

\$107 390

11. Please advise the number of contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business in the NT and outside the NT for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 as follows:

Three new contracts were awarded during the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
2	1

12. For each of the contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business outside of the Northern Territory, please advise the selection criteria on the applicable contract or tender.

Business Entity	Address
ACIL Allen Pty Limited	WA

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024?

Tier	No. of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	0
Tier 4	0
Tier 5	1
Total	1

14. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many contracts or tenders were awarded without undertaking a public tender process during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024?

Tier	No. of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	2
Tier 4	0
Tier 5	0
Total	2

15. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for those with a Certificate of Exemption:

- a) What is the description of the goods and services contracted?
- b) What is the value of the goods and services contracted?
- c) What was the reason for not using the public tender process or for requiring a Certificate of Exemption?
- d) Who recommended the course of action in c) above?
- e) Who approved the course of action in c) above?

Description of Goods and Services (a)	Awarded value (b)	Reason for Exemption (c)	Recommended by (d)*	Approved by (e)
Economic Modelling - Mineral Royalty Scheme Review	\$145,391.00	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	Director, Economic Analysis	Executive Director Revenue
Provision of Recruitment Services for Economic and Financial positions	\$156,000.00	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements (following market testing with 10 firms)	Deputy Under Treasurer, Economics and Revenue and A/Executive Director Finance	Deputy Under Treasurer (Finance and Performance)

16. Please advise the total number of NTG Corporate Credit Cards within the Agency, including the position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit cards for the purchase of goods and/or services as at 31 March 2024.

Four NTG Corporate Credit Cards are held by Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation as at 31 March 2024:

- Department of the Treasury and Finance – 3 credit cards; and
- Northern Territory Treasury Corporation – 1 credit card.

Position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit card are:

Department of Treasury and Finance

No.	Position Title	Position Level
1	Executive Officer	AO6
2	Publisher	AO6
3	Superannuation Officer	AO4

Northern Territory Treasury Corporation

No.	Position Title	Position Level
1	Administration Officer	AO4

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024:

- 17. Please detail expenditure on opinion polls and focus groups, including costs and entities that conducted the work.**

No expenditure was incurred for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 on opinion polls and focus groups for Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.

- 18. Detail all surveys undertaken in relation to the focus groups and opinion polls above, including their form, the cost and the inducements that were provided to incentivise participation.**

Not applicable.

- 19. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.**

Not applicable.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

- 20. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.**

For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:

- a) What was the purpose / description of the advertisement?
- b) Who was the advertisement placed with, i.e. media outlet, newspaper, television station, digital platform; or other?
- c) What was the total production cost, including, but not limited to, design, commissions, and placement costs?
- d) Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?
- e) Did the agency enter into any separate arrangements for advertising placements or advertorials? If so, please provide details of expenditure and media outlet.

Advertising and communication expenditure for Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation for the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 is as follows:

20 (a)	20 (b)	20 (c)
Purpose	Type of Advertisement	Total Production Cost (\$)
2024 Graduate Program	Australia Financial Review/NT News Career One/Indeed/Seek/LinkedIn Economic Society of Australia Facebook/Instagram Grad Connection Job Search	19 721

20 (a)	20 (b)	20 (c)
Promotion of NTTC/NTG for High-Grade Issuer Yearbook	KangaNews	3 872
Recruitment Notices	Analysis and Policy Observatory/ Australian Evaluation Society Career One/Seek/LinkedIn Economic Society of Australia The Mandarin	3 706
Bereavement Notice	NT News	366
Northern Territory 2023 Budget Notice	LinkedIn	19
Total		\$27 684

- d) Tenders or expressions of interest were not called, as procurement of these services was undertaken using Across Government Contracts, where the following panel contracts were utilised:
- AGC22-0161 – Provision of Media Services
- e) No separate arrangements for advertising placements or advertorials were entered into.

TRAVEL

21. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including, but not limited to travel-related costs such as accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, car rental, meals and incidentals, in each Agency and authority during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 broken down to:

- International Travel
- Interstate Travel
- Intrastate Travel

a) International Travel – Nil.

b) Interstate Travel – the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation incurred total expenditure of **\$51,139** for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

c) Intrastate Travel – the Department of Treasury and Finance incurred total expenditure of **\$7,726** for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Key items to note:

- Travel amount includes travel related costs of airfare, accommodation, meals, travelling allowance, car rental and incidentals.
- Travel expenditure reported is from TRIPS and is exclusive of GST as at 22 April 2024.

22. In the case of international travel identified in response to the question above, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip.

Not applicable.

23. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

A whole-of-government response to Question 23 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

24. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

In relation to each occasion where official hospitality was provided:

- a) What was the purpose of the hospitality?
- b) How many guests attended?
- c) How many Ministers attended?
- d) How many Ministerial staff attended?
- e) How many MLAs attended?
- f) How many Public Sector employees attended?
- g) What was the total cost incurred?

Total expenditure on public service hospitality for the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 for the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation was **\$2,161**.

Official hospitality expenditure relates to staff meetings and attendance at forums and industry events. No hospitality was organised where Ministers, Ministerial staff or MLAs attended.

GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

25. Please detail expenditure on grants, sponsorships, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, including agency budget totals to administer such programs.

Detail of grants, sponsorships and donations paid by the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024:

	2023-24 Actuals \$
First Home Owners Grant Scheme ¹	507 000
Research Grant ²	360 000
Sponsorships ³	13 240
Donations	0
Total	880 240

¹ All recipients were individual households

² Charles Darwin University

³ All recipients are schools, colleges and individual students

26. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, and to what activities. Please list details of any contract periods as part of any arrangement.

Awards by the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation in the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 all relate to students for their academic achievements.

Recipient of each Payment	Description	Total
St Philip's College	2023 Student Awards	3180
Taminmin College	2023 Student Awards	1520
Katherine High School	2023 Student Awards	1020
Yirara College	2023 Student Award	940
Darwin High School	2023 Student Awards	940
Casuarina Senior College	2023 Student Awards	940
Good Shepherd Lutheran College	2023 Student Awards	820
Ms Abbi Therese Tastula	2023 NT Board of Studies – Mathematics Award	500
Miss Grace Nice	2023 NT Board of Studies – Accounting Award	500
Centralian Senior College	2023 Student Awards	470
O'Loughlin Catholic College	2023 Student Leadership Awards	470
St John's Catholic College	2023 Student Leadership Awards	470
Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Catholic College	2023 Student Leadership Awards	470
	TOTAL	\$12,240

Sponsorships by the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation in the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 relate to public events.

Recipient of each Payment	Description	Total
Department Of The Chief Minister and Cabinet	NAIDOC Week Runway Contribution	1000
	TOTAL	\$1000

27. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2024/25 financial year?

The Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation do not have regional offices.

28. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

Not applicable.

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

29. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

A whole-of-government response to Question 29 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

30. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia or Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?

A whole-of-government response to Question 30 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

31. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

A whole-of-government response to Question 31 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

32. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, for what purpose, the cost and why a Territory firm was not chosen.

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

- 33. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by each Department for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024?**

The total power bill of the leased premises occupied by the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation from 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 was:

Building	As at 31 March 2024
Charles Darwin Centre, 19 Smith St	\$27 997

- 34. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by each Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024?**

A whole-of-government response to Question 34 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

- 35. How much Government owned or leased premises or office space is currently under-utilised (at less than 100 per cent occupied) or vacant?**

A whole-of-government response to Question 35 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

FEES AND CHARGES

- 36. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2023/24 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges were increased following the passage of the 2023/24 financial year budget.**

The Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation collected levied no fees and charges, and no increases in fee and charges occurred due to the passage of the 2023-24 financial year budget.

The Utilities Commission, as an independent statutory authority, collected licence fees for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 of **\$544,454**.

INTERNAL AUDITS

37. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024?

Four internal audits were completed by the Department of Treasury and Finance during the period 1 July 2023 and 31 March 2024:

1. Cabinet Information Security Measures – Annual Compliance
2. NT Superannuation Office control self-assessment
3. Territory Revenue Office internal controls
4. Value for Territory 2023 audit

Two internal audits were completed by the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation during the period 1 July 2023 and 31 March 2024:

1. Control testing period – 1 April to 30 September 2023
2. Business Continuity review

No matters of suspected fraud were reported during the period, and there were no financial investigations.

38. What were the terms of reference or focus for each investigation?

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
Cabinet Information Security Measures – Annual Compliance	Undertake performance compliance assessments, focusing on the handling of or breaches of Cabinet material and Cabinet security measures.
NT Superannuation Office control self-assessment	Assess whether NTSO internal controls enable effective management of associated business risks and compliance with relevant regulatory requirements.
Territory Revenue Office review	Review TRO policies, guidelines, procedures, delegations and internal controls that support decision-making and legislative compliance. Develop a TRO-specific internal audit schedule.
Value for Territory audit	Test compliance with the NTG Procurement Rules and Buy Local Framework for a sample of agency procurements across tiers 1 to 5.
Control testing period: 1 April to 30 September 2023	Ensure key areas of compliance are met, best practice frameworks are being applied, and provide recommendations for improvement in business processes and frameworks, where applicable.
Business Continuity review	Evaluate the adequacy of business continuity and associated disaster recovery plans and processes in line with risk appetite and better practice

39. Please provide details of any fraud, anomalies, breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures exposed by the audits and financial investigations.

Audits undertaken for the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation have not identified any fraud or anomalies.

40. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies e.g. Auditor-General/Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and how many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.

The Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation is not privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

41. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2023/24, also providing the following information:
- The Terms of Reference, if changed from last year
 - The current members and when they were appointed
 - The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2023/24 financial year
 - The itemised total cost incurred by the Board during the 2023/24 financial year

The following board and advisory body are in the Treasurer's Portfolio:

Board	Terms of Reference (a)	Members and Date Appointed (b)	Remuneration (including Superannuation) (c)	Total Costs (d)
Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory	The Commission operates under section 2 and 6 of the <i>Utilities Commission Act 2000</i> and performs functions under the <i>Electricity Reform Act 2000</i> , <i>Water supply and Sewerage Services Act 2000</i> and the <i>Ports Management Act 2015</i> .	Commissioner Lyndon Rowe – 31/12/2018 Associate Commissioner Richard Owens – 12/04/2017	The <i>Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006</i> governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies.	\$162 611

Northern Territory Treasury Corporation Advisory Board	Review and monitor the performance of NTTC, its business risks and performance in relation to its objectives. The Advisory Board also provides guidance on policy, analysis of economic conditions and advice on aligning borrowings and investing intentions with interest rate expectations.	Mr Craig Graham – April 2017 Dr Sarah Rummery – May 2021 Mr John Montague – November 2014 Mr Clare Milkins – May 2021	The <i>Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006</i> governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies.	\$45 573
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Fall within Treasurer Portfolio, not part of DTF				
Board	Terms of Reference (a)	Members and Date Appointed (b)	Remuneration (including Superannuation) (c)	Total Costs (d)
Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission	N/A	Commissioner William Oliver – (statutory appointee – no board established under the <i>Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act 1996</i>)	\$232 221	\$232 221

42. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The number of times the following Boards met during the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 are as follows:

- Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory - eight times
- Northern Territory Treasury Corporation Advisory Board - three times

This is not applicable for Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission.

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

43. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced during the 2023/24 financial year, also providing the following information:

- The Terms of Reference**
- The criteria for selection of all panel members**
- The composition, qualifications and state or territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry**
- The cost of the review/inquiry**
- How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry**
- If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly**

g) If not completed when this is expected

One review was undertaken by the Department of Treasury and Finance and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation between 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Review	43 (a)	43 (b)	43 (c)	43 (d)	43 (e)	43 (f)	43 (g)
Review of Power and Water Corporation (PWC) Water community service obligation (CSO)	Undertake a financial assessment and determine whether changes are required to the CSO	N/A - Review undertaken by DTF	Review undertaken by DTF with assistance from PWC	Undertaken internally within budget	Sourced from PWC and internal research	Report has been completed and adjustment to the CSO reflected in the 2024-25 Budget. Report has not been tabled.	N/A

Note: There were no inquiries undertaken in 2023-24.

In addition, seven reviews were undertaken by the Utilities Commission (the independent economic regulator) between 1 July 2023 and 31 March 2024. Details are set out in the following table.

Seven reviews were undertaken by the Utilities Commission during the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Review	43 (a)	43 (b)	43 (c)	43 (d)	43 (e)	43 (f)	43 (g)
2022-23 Northern Territory Electricity Retail Review	Review undertaken annually in accordance with clause 5.5.1 of the Electricity Industry Performance (EIP) Code	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaken internally	Undertaken internally within budget - no consultant/ legal fees	Licenseses' report (data and other information) to the UC as required by EIP Code, and research.	Published on 7 May 2024	N/A
2022-23 Northern Territory Power System Performance Review	Review undertaken annually in accordance with Section 45 of <i>Electricity Reform Act 2000</i>	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaken internally	Undertaken internally within budget - no consultant/ legal fees	Data and information provided by licensees as required under section 25(1) of <i>Utilities Commission Act 2000</i>	Not yet complete	Expected publication in May 2024
Review of Alcan Gove Pty Ltd (RTA Gove) s.87 Licence exemption	Review required by clause 5 of RTA Gove's s.87 Licence Exemption. Scope and review process published in 2023 Review of Alcan Gove Pty Ltd Exemption Document - Consultation Paper.	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaken internally	Undertaken internally within budget - no consultant/ legal fees	UC request for information and data to relevant stakeholders, public consultation with submissions, and UC visit to Nhulunbuy to meet with stakeholders.	Not yet complete	Expected by 30 June 2024 and will be published

Review	43 (a)	43 (b)	43 (c)	43 (d)	43 (e)	43 (f)	43 (g)
2023 Review of the Port Access and Pricing Regime	<p>Review required by section 123 of the <i>Ports Management Act 2015</i>, which includes the purpose and scope.</p> <p>Process set out in the 2023 Review of the Port Access and Pricing Regime - Issues Paper and further published documents.</p>	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaken internally	Undertaken internally within budget \$9,920 (Ex GST) spent on legal assistance.	Public consultation, and research. Sought and received submissions in response to published Issues Paper and Draft Decision. Met with stakeholders.	Final Report delivered on 1 November 2023, Tabled on 12 March 2024, and Published on 13 March 2024	N/A
Review of NT Electricity Supply Licensing Regime (Stage 1) – scope and design	Purpose, scope and process set out in the Northern Territory Electricity Supply Licensing Regime Review - Issues Paper and further published documents.	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaken internally	Undertaken internally within budget - no consultant/ legal fees	Public consultation and research. Sought and received submissions in response to published Issues Paper and Draft Decision. Met with stakeholders.	Final Decision published on 21 August 2023	N/A
Review of NT Electricity Supply Licensing Regime (Stage 2) – form and content of licences	Purpose, scope and process set out in the Review of the Northern Territory Electricity Supply Licensing Regime (stage 2) - Consultation Paper and further published documents.	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaken internally	Undertaken internally within budget - no consultant/ legal fees	Public consultation and research. Sought and received submissions in response to published Issues Paper and Draft Decision. Met with stakeholders.	Final Decision published on 25 January 2024	N/A

Review	43 (a)	43 (b)	43 (c)	43 (d)	43 (e)	43 (f)	43 (g)
2024 Review of Compliance Framework and Reporting Guidelines	See published 2024 Review of the Compliance Framework and Reporting Guidelines - Consultation Paper	N/A – Utilities Commissioners are the decision makers	Undertaking internally	Being undertaken internally within budget - no consultant/ legal fees	Public consultation and research. Sought and received submissions to Consultation Paper. Met with stakeholders.	Not yet complete	Final decision and revised guidelines to be published by end-2024

Note: There were no inquiries undertaken in 2023-24 by the Utilities Commission.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 44. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.**

For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 in the Department of Treasury and Finance (including Northern Territory Treasury Corporation), there were:

- **no** notifiable incidents reported to NT WorkSafe under section 35 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*
- 4 reported incidents relating to falls.

- 45. Please detail the number of stress related matters and claims for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.**

Not applicable.

REGIONAL OFFICES

- 46. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved in the 2023/24 financial year. What are the locations for which they are responsible?**

Not applicable.