



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 214

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uiibo to the Chief Minister, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Department of the Legislative Assembly Administration

The estimated cost for the Department to complete these responses is \$3166.

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as of 31 March 2026:

Answer:

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	25.50	28.00	28.00	0
2. Ongoing Part Time	1.51	2.00	2.00	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	1.80	2.00	2.00	0
4. Fixed Term Part Time	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
5. Casual Contract	0.61	18.00	18.00	0
6. Executive Contract	3.00	3.00	3.00	0

- (b) Please provide, for each of the six categories above: the relevant position classifications and the number of staff employed against each classification.

Answer:

Category	Classification	FTE	Head count (actual)	Located outside NT
Ongoing Full Time	AO2	1.00	1	0
	AO4	5.00	7	0
	AO5	2.00	2	0
	AO6	5.00	5	0
	AO7	2.00	2	0
	P2	0.50	1	0

	SAO1	5.00	5	0
	SAO2	4.00	4	0
	T4	1.00	1	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head count (actual)	Located outside NT
Ongoing Part Time	AO3	0.65	1	0
	AO7	0.86	1	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head count (actual)	Located outside NT
Fixed Term Full Time	AO3	0.80	1	0
	AO7	1.00	1	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head count (actual)	Located outside NT
Casual Contract	AO2	0.00	4	0
	AO4	0.61	14	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head count (actual)	Located outside NT
Executive Contract	ECO2	1.00	1	0
	ECO3	1.00	1	0
	ECO5	1.00	1	0

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

Answer:

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is a measure of an employee's salary payment in any given fortnight, expressed as a fraction of full-time employment.

Headcount is the number of employees, with part-time employees counted as one person.

Variances in FTE and Headcount are due to leave at half pay or without pay, part-time work arrangements, and casual work hours.

All established positions in the DLA are full-time roles; however, employees are able to request part-time work arrangements to manage their personal commitments through work life balance. All requests are considered on their merits and the DLAs ability to deliver its outputs.

The DLA maintains a pool of casual staff in the Hansard team to support peak periods, including parliamentary sittings and Committee meetings.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as of 31 March 2026:

Answer:

Category	Number
Resigned	5
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	1
Unattached	0
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	3

3. Please advise the number of staff identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as of 31 March 2026.

Category	Number
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	0

4. (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as of 31 March 2026 and as a percentage of the Agency's total employment.

Answer:

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	N/A	

The majority of DLA staff deliver services directly to its external clients, being the public's elected representatives, as well as occupants of Parliament House and Electorate Office 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 of 31 March 2026. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Number Engaged	Labour Hire / Employment Agency / Consultancy	Purpose	Duration	Cost

Answer: NIL

6. Please advise how many **locums** have been employed, for what purpose, duration, and at what cost as of 31 March 2026. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Number Employed	Purpose	Duration	Cost

Answer: NIL

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?
 (b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?
 (c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.
 (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?

Answer:

7(a)

Positions advertised (1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026)	11
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7(b)

Positions advertised with special measures applied (1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026)	10
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7(c) for period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

Classification level	Total positions advertised
AO3	2
AO4	3
AO6	1
AO7	4

Total	10
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7(d) Most NT Government agencies have implemented special measures arrangements across the whole agency or for some roles. The process for positions that are 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 may assess all other applicants' suitability for the role.

OUTSOURCING

8. (a) For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.

Answer: No agency functions have been outsourced for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

- (b) Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise any functions in this Department in financial year 2026/27? If so, provide details.

Answer: No consideration is being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise agency functions in 2026-27.

LEGAL EXPENSES

9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026? Provide details on:
- The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which are ongoing)
 - The amount paid by matter
 - The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged

Answer:

The Department expended \$11,054 on legal advice comprising:

Provider	Amount (\$)
Hall & Wilcox	3,885
Hall & Wilcox	6,510
Ned Aughterson	660

PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

10. From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) 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

Answer:

The Department of the Legislative Assembly engaged 4 consultancies from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Inquiry (\$38,181 excl. GST)

- A technical adviser (NT-based) was appointed to assist the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee with the inquiry at a cost of \$4,909.
- The Queensland University of Technology drafted instructions for model legislation at a cost of \$33,272.
- The Committee's report has been tabled in the Assembly.

Electorate Office fit outs (\$1,000 excl. GST)

- An architecture company (NT-based) was approached to create a 3D rendition of a floor plan for electorate offices compliant with the Department's minimum security standards.

Accessibility audit for Parliament House (\$13,400 inc. GST)

- Senior Access Consultant (NT-based) was engaged to conduct a comprehensive accessibility assessment of the building.
- This was substantially funded by the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities Capital Investment Fund with an amount received of \$13,148.

Job evaluation assessment (\$1,680 inc. GST)

A consultant was engaged (panel contract) to conduct an assessment for a new position within the department.

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 2025 to 31 March 2026 as follows:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT

Answer: Nil

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.

Answer:

Not applicable

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Answer:

Nil

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 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Answer:

Nil

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?

Answer:

Nil

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 purchasing goods and/or

services as of 31 March 2026?

Answer:

As at 31 March 2026 there were 6 credit card holders in the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

Position Title	Position Level
Senior Accountant	AO7
Functions Officer	AO4
Finance Officer	AO4
Travel and Vehicle Officer	AO4
Finance Support Officer	AO3
Building Maintenance Officer	T4

17. For each contract awarded to a non-Territory enterprise:

- a) Was a Territory enterprise shortlisted? If not, why not?
- b) What weighting was given to local content?
- c) Did the procurement process include a local industry participation requirement?

Answer:

Not applicable

18. What percentage of total procurement spend was awarded to:

- a) Interstate businesses
- b) International businesses

Answer:

The Department of Corporate and Digital Development will provide the relevant data on the total procurement awarded.

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026:

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

Answer:

Not applicable

20. 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.

Answer:

Not applicable

21. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.

Answer:

Not applicable

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

22. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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 expenditures and media outlets.

Answer:

The Department's total marketing and advertising expenses from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 was \$1,721.

- \$323 for a condolence notice published in the NT News.
- \$398 for a public notice in the NT News relating to a condolence motion.

TRAVEL

23. 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 2025 to 31 March 2026 broken down to:

- a) International Travel
- b) Interstate Travel
- c) Intrastate Travel

Answer:

International Travel

Official Allowance	Accom	Travel Fare	Other Expense	Total Amount (GST Inc.)
\$1,644	\$2,564	\$10,250	\$1,465	\$15,923

(b) Interstate Travel

Official Allowance	Accom	Travel Fare	Other Expense	Total Amount (GST Inc.)
\$4,482	\$11,084	\$12,356	\$5,249	\$33,170

(c) Intrastate Travel

Official Allowance	Accom	Travel Fare	Other Expense	Total Amount (GST Inc.)
\$3,164	\$4,303	\$25,797	\$18,659	\$51,923

24. 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.

Answer:

Travel from date	Travel to date	Traveller	Destination	Reason for Travel	Total Travel Cost to 31/03/2026
06/07/2025	13/07/2025	Klarin Siver	Wellington	Advanced Residency Programme for Leadership in Parliament - For Clerks and Officials	\$3,511
06/07/2025	13/07/2025	Russell Keith	Nauru	54th Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference	\$7,171
24/11/2025	29/11/2025	Amy Taylor	Wellington	Australasian Parliamentary Educators Conference (APEC)	\$5,248

25. 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 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

Nil

26. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by any Assistant Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

Nil

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

27. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

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?

Answer:

- \$2,449 – catering for the first sitting day of the year in February 2026.
- \$1,724 – dinner hosted by the Speaker for all Members of the Legislative Assembly during Sittings. Travel allowance was deducted from 8 Members totaling \$616. Two Members did not attend the dinner.
- \$2,216 – catering for Committees.
 - *Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee \$502*
 - *Public Accounts Committee \$774*
 - *House Committee \$418*
 - *Privileges Committee \$105*
 - *Standing Orders Committee \$314*
 - *Standing Committee on the ICAC \$105*

GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

28. Please detail expenditure on grants, sponsorships, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including agency budget totals to administer such programs.

Answer:

Nil.

29. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, and to what activities. Please list details of any contract periods as part of any arrangement.

Answer:

Nil.

30. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2026/27 financial year?

Answer:

Not applicable

31. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

Answer:

Nil

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

32. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

33. 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?

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

34. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

35. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, the purpose of the contract, the cost, and why a territory firm was not chosen.

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

36. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by this Department for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Answer:

- Parliament House electricity for the period was \$742,431.
- Electorate Offices' electricity for the period was \$125,821.

37. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by this Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

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

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

39. Please detail all expenditure for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 incurred by the Agency on repairs, maintenance or replacement of assets as a direct result of:

- a) Vandalism
- b) Theft
- c) Property damage associated with criminal activity

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

40. For each instance:

- a) Nature of damage
- b) Location/ region (table)
- c) Cost

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

41. What preventative measures has the Agency implemented to reduce crime-related damage to assets?

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

FEES AND CHARGES

42. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2025/26 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges were increased following the 2026 budget.

Answer:

Not applicable

INTERNAL AUDITS

43. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Answer:

One internal audit commenced in March 2026 (completion due in June 2026).
No financial investigations.

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

Answer:

Not applicable.

45. 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.

Answer:

No fraud has been reported via the Department's reporting mechanism.

46. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies, e.g. Integrity and Ethics Commissioner /Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and how?

Answer:

Agencies would not be privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

47. How many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.

Answer:

Agencies would not be privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

48. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2025/26, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election.
- b) The current members and when they were appointed

Answer:

The Department of the Legislative Assembly has no boards or advisory bodies to report.

49. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

Not applicable

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

50. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced since 1 July 2025, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference
- b) The criteria for selection of all panel members
- c) The composition, qualifications and state or Territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry
- d) The cost of the review/inquiry
- e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry
- f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly
- g) If not completed when this is expected

Answer:

There were no reviews or inquiries during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

51. Please provide a comprehensive list of all:

- a) Policies.
- b) Procedures.
- c) Guidelines.
- d) Discussion papers.
- e) Briefing papers.
- f) Reports.
- g) Reviews.
- h) Media releases.
- i) Internal communications intended for external publication.
- j) Submissions to Federal Parliamentary Inquiries and other inquiries by Independent Agencies.
- k) Responses to reviews and inquiries

issued or updated between 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

Reports, findings and associated materials arising from official

government reviews and inquiries, where appropriate are made publicly available. Such material is typically published on relevant agency websites, subject to applicable legislative, policy and confidentiality requirements.

52. For each document listed:

- a) Date of issue.
- b) Whether publicly released.
- c) If not publicly released, why not.

Answer:

Reports, findings and associated materials arising from official government reviews and inquiries, where appropriate are made publicly available. Such material is typically published on relevant agency websites, subject to applicable legislative, policy and confidentiality requirements.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

53. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

In the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, there were:

- no notifiable incidents reported to NT WorkSafe under section 35 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*
- three reported incidents that resulted in physical injuries requiring medical attention, but had no cost to the department.

54. Please detail the number of stress-related matters and claims for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Answer:

Nil.

REGIONAL OFFICES

55. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved since 1 July 2025. What are the locations for which they are responsible?

Answer:

Nil.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

56. What policies and procedures are in place to identify, declare and manage conflicts of interest in:

- a) Procurement processes
- b) Grant allocation processes

Answer:

57. How many conflicts of interest were declared in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 in:

- a) Procurement.
- b) Grants programs.

Answer:

58. For each declared conflict of interest:

- a) What mitigation measures were implemented?
- b) Was the individual excluded from decision-making?

Answer:

59. Were any breaches of conflict-of-interest policies identified? If so:

- a) Provide details.
- b) What actions were taken?

Answer to questions 56 – 59:

All NT Government employees and officers are bound by the NT Public Sector Code of Conduct, established under the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (NT).

Employment Instruction 12 provides the Code of Conduct for the Northern Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest):

https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/codeof-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf

60. Are conflict-of-interest declarations independently audited or reviewed? If so, by whom? Please provide copies of any conflict-of-interest guidelines, policies or training materials used by the Agency.

Answer:

Each agency is responsible for managing and reviewing declared conflicts

of interest in accordance with the agency's own conflict of interest policy.

OPERATIONAL SAVINGS

61. Please identify all savings measures implemented by the Agency to contribute to the Government's \$20 million per annum, per agency operational savings target, including:

- a) Description of each measure
- b) Estimated savings
- c) Actual savings achieved to date

62. Please identify any reductions in:

- a) Staffing
- b) Programs
- c) Service delivery resulting from these savings measures.

63. What impact assessments were undertaken prior to implementing these savings?

64. Have any services been reduced, delayed or discontinued as a result of these savings measures? If so, provide details.

65. What reductions have been made in the following categories:

- a) Consultancies
- b) Travel
- c) Communications and marketing
- d) Other discretionary spending

66. Please quantify how much has been saved in each of the above categories.

67. Please provide any internal reports or advice identifying service delivery risks within the Agency for 2025–26.

68. Please identify any programs or services where demand exceeded available funding or capacity.

69. Please provide details of any projects or programs delayed due to budget constraints or resourcing issues.

Answer to questions 61 – 69:

There was no allocation to the Department of the Legislative Assembly

under the savings measure.

COST PRESSURES

70. What specific programs, policies or initiatives, for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 has the Agency implemented or contributed to in the reporting period to reduce cost of living pressures for Territorians? Please detail:

- a) Target cohort
- b) Budget allocation
- c) Measurable outcomes or KPIs

Answer:

Not applicable.

71. Has the Agency undertaken any modelling or analysis of cost-of-living pressures relevant to its portfolio? If so:

- a) Please provide copies
- b) What policy changes have resulted?
- c) Cost of modelling

Answer:

Not applicable.

72. Please identify any fees, charges or cost-recovery mechanisms administered by the Agency that have increased since 1 July 2025, including:

- a) Amount of increase
- b) Rationale
- c) Estimated impact on households/businesses

Answer:

Not applicable.

73. What steps has the Agency taken to ensure government services delivered by the Agency are accessible and affordable, particularly in remote and regional areas?

Answer:

Not applicable.

74. Has the Agency reviewed any programs or services to reduce out-of-pocket costs for users? If so, provide details and outcomes.

Answer:

Not applicable.

75. Please quantify any savings to households or businesses that have resulted from Agency initiatives since 1 July 2025.

Answer:

Not applicable.

76. What additional costs has the Agency incurred during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as a result of increases in fuel prices? Please detail:

- a) Total additional expenditure attributable to fuel price increases.
- b) Impact on operational budgets (including service delivery, logistics, and regional operations).
- c) Any mitigation strategies implemented to manage these increased costs.

Answer:

Not applicable.

77. What additional costs has the Agency incurred during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as a result of increases in airfares? Please detail:

- a) Total additional expenditure attributable to airfare increases.
- b) Impact on travel requirements, including any reduction, deferral or substitution of travel.
- c) Any changes to service delivery, stakeholder engagement or program implementation as a result.

Answer:

Not applicable.

COMPLAINTS

78. Number of complaints received about Agency services, broken down by category, complainant (internal or external) and outcome.

Answer:

Nil.

OTHER EXPENDITURE

79. Please provide details for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 on the following matters:

a) Whether the Agency or Ministerial Offices utilise artificial intelligence or other digital services to enhance or promote social media or public communications, including:

- a) The name and purpose of each service used.
- b) Total expenditure on such services.

b) All paid subscriptions held by the Agency, including:

- a) Type and purpose (e.g. software, data services, publications, memberships).
- b) Total cost of each subscription.
- c) Whether each subscription has been reviewed for cost efficiency or ongoing necessity.

c) Expenditure on the production of Government materials in Aboriginal languages and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) languages, including:

- a) Languages materials were produced in.
- b) Total cost.

d) The number of instances where non-government organisations or private entities have assisted the Agency.

e) The number of consultations, engagements or community meetings that were cancelled, rescheduled or postponed due to the unavailability of interpreters, including the language required.

f) Reimbursements made to staff, including:

- a) Total value of reimbursements (including fuel and work-related purchases).
- b) The types of expenses reimbursed.
- c) Average processing time for reimbursement.

g) Heritage-listed buildings under the Agency's responsibility that have received, or are scheduled to receive, repairs or maintenance, including:

- a) Description of works undertaken or planned.

b) Total cost.

h) Expenditure associated with Government-hosted or Government-attended events, including:

a) Traffic management and control costs.

b) Policing, security or crowd control costs.

Answer:

(a) (b)

Microsoft Copilot is endorsed as the preferred generative AI tool for use within the NT Government. The NT Government version of Copilot operates entirely within its secure digital environment, ensuring that information entered is not exposed to the internet.

All use of AI must comply with the acceptable use of digital resources policy, the code of conduct and align with the [AI ethics principles](#) outlined in the [AI assurance framework](#). Refer NTGCentral – Artificial intelligence policy.

(c) (d) (e)

A whole-of-government response will be provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

(f)

All reimbursements made to NT Public Sector staff are for official government purposes are subject to approval by an authorised financial delegate.

Reimbursements are made in accordance with relevant legislative requirements, financial management frameworks and agency policies, and include expenses incurred in the course of performing official duties, such as approved work related purchases and fuel expenses.

Processing of reimbursements occurs in line with established financial procedures and internal controls to ensure appropriate oversight and accountability.

(g)

A whole-of-government response will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

(h)

A whole-of-government response will be provided by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

80. Please detail all media enquiries received by the Agency during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including:

- a) The date each enquiry was received.
- b) The media outlet or individual making the enquiry.
- c) The subject matter of the enquiry.
- d) The date a response was provided

Answer:

The administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

81. For each enquiry where no response was provided, please detail the reasons why no response was issued.

Answer:

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82. For each enquiry where a response was provided, please provide a copy of the response.

Answer:

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