



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 222

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Attorney-General, Hon Marie-Clare Boothby MLA:

Attorney-General's Department Administration

The cost for the Attorney-General's Department to complete these responses is \$26,559.40.

STAFFING

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

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time				
2. Ongoing Part Time				
3. Fixed Term Full Time				
4. Fixed Term Part Time				
5. Casual Contract				
6. Executive Contract				

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

Question 1 (a) and 1 (b) exclude the Judiciary who are not employees of the department.

1 (a)

Category	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	408.00	419	418	1
2. Ongoing Part Time	21.27	30	29	1
3. Fixed Term Full Time	74.01	75	74	1
4. Fixed Term Part Time	4.33	6	5	1
5. Casual Contract	12.78	19	19	0
6. Executive Contract	45.00	45	45	0
Total	565.39	594	590	4

1 (b)

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	Administrative Officer 3	31.80	32	32	0
	Administrative Officer 4	75.22	79	79	0
	Administrative Officer 5	68.04	69	69	0
	Administrative Officer 6	50.52	52	52	0
	Administrative Officer 7	38.00	38	38	0
	Executive Officer 2	1.00	1	1	0
	Professional 1	1.00	1	1	0
	Professional 2	23.50	24	24	0
	Professional 3	35.50	36	36	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	28.50	30	30	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	11.97	12	11	1
	Senior Professional Officer 1	20.45	22	22	0
	Senior Professional Officer 2	17.50	18	18	0
	Solicitor General	1.00	1	1	0
	Technical 5	3.00	3	3	0
	Technical 6	1.00	1	1	0
	Total	408.00	419	418	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT	
2. Ongoing Part Time	Administrative Officer 2	0.68	1	1	0	
	Administrative Officer 3	2.51	4	4	0	
	Administrative Officer 4	2.73	5	5	0	
	Administrative Officer 5	0.73	1	1	0	
	Administrative Officer 6	1.61	2	2	0	
	Administrative Officer 7	1.40	2	2	0	
	Professional 2	0.80	1	1	0	
	Professional 3	1.38	2	2	0	
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	2.22	3	3	0	
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	0.80	1	1	0	
	Senior Professional Officer 1	3.01	4	3	1	
	Senior Professional Officer 2	3.40	4	4	0	
	Total		21.27	30	29	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT	
3. Fixed Term Full Time	Administrative Officer 3	14.66	15	15	0	
	Administrative Officer 4	24.80	25	25	0	
	Administrative Officer 5	4.00	4	4	0	
	Administrative Officer 6	4.00	4	4	0	
	Administrative Officer 7	4.60	5	5	0	
	Graduate Trainees	5.00	5	5	0	
	President	1.00	1	1	0	
	Professional 1	2.95	3	3	0	
	Professional 2	3.00	3	3	0	
	Professional 3	3.00	3	3	0	
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	2.00	2	2	0	
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	3.00	3	2	1	
	Senior Professional Officer 2	2.00	2	2	0	
	Total		74.01	75	74	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
4. Fixed Term Part Time	Administrative Officer 5	1.23	2	2	0
	Administrative Officer 6	0.80	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 7	1.50	2	2	0
	Professional 3	0.80	1	0	1
	Total	4.33	6	5	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
5. Casual Contract	Administrative Officer 2	11.59	17	17	0
	Administrative Officer 4	0.61	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 7	0.58	1	1	0
	Total	12.78	19	19	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
6. Executive Contract	Executive Contract Officer 1	25.00	25	25	0
	Executive Contract Officer 2 ¹	12.00	12	12	0
	Executive Contract Officer 3	4.00	4	4	0
	Executive Contract Officer 4	2.00	2	2	0
	Executive Contract Officer 6 ²	2.00	2	2	0
	Total	45	45	45	

1. Includes seven Statutory Officers or Independent Commissioners and the Solicitor-General.

2. Includes Acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

1(c)

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) = the proportion of an employee's salary payment to that of an equivalent full-time employee in any given fortnight.

Paid Headcount = Headcount is the count of physical people, so a part-time person would count as one.

The NT Government provides opportunities for employees to balance the demands of work with the needs of family and general health and wellbeing. Flexible work practices are used in the Northern Territory Public Service to attract and retain employees. Flexible work arrangements can include flexibility in relation to an employee's hours of work, or mode of employment such as part-time, and leave..

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

Category	Number
Resigned	
Made Redundant	
Terminated	
Unattached	
Classified Redeployee	
Supernumerary	

Answer:

Category	Number
Resigned	73
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	3
Unattached	42 ¹
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	96 ²

1 May include supernumerary employees listed below and excludes statutory office holders.

2. Excludes board members and statutory office holders and may include unattached officers listed above.

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	

Answer:

A whole of government response to sub-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 of 31 March 2026 and as a percentage of the Agency's total employment.

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline		

Answer:

4(a)

Category	Number	% of Total Staff
Frontline ¹	237.86	40.01%

¹ Based on the department position profile

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:

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

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 no staff were engaged through labour hire or employment agency arrangements.

The administrative effort required to respond to this question in relation to consultancy contracts would be too time-consuming and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

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:

Not applicable.

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)	1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
Positions advertised	211

7(b)	1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
Positions advertised with Special Measures applied	200

7(c)	
Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
Administrative Officer 3	23
Administrative Officer 4	28
Administrative Officer 5	24
Administrative Officer 6	28
Administrative Officer 6, Administrative Officer 7	1
Administrative Officer 7	21
Executive Contract Officer 1	3
Executive Contract Officer 3	1
Professional 1, Professional 2	2
Professional 2	10
Professional 2, Professional 3	4
Professional 3	13
Professional 3, Senior Professional Officer 1	1
Senior Administrative Officer 1	14
Senior Administrative Officer 2	3

Senior Administrative Officer 2, Senior Professional Officer 2	1
Senior Professional Officer 1	13
Senior Professional Officer 2	6
Technical 5	4
Total	200

Notes:

1. Answers provided are based on the number of RTF's (request to fills) advertised and not positions, as multiple positions can be advertised under one RTF.
2. Data provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

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.
- (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:

- (a) No contracting or privatising of functions traditionally carried out by the Attorney-General's Department have been contracted out or privatised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Due to challenges recruiting and retaining prosecutors a greater number of cases have been outsourced to external prosecutors in 2025-26. AGD is actively working to increase its prosecutor workforce to return to normal outsourcing levels in 2026-27.

- (b) At this time no consideration is being given to outsource, contract out or privatise 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 scope of the question is too broad and encompasses a very large number of matters handled by legal firms, government lawyers, including prosecutions and advice given by the Solicitor-General. Providing details in relation to some legal matters has the potential to prejudice the interests of the Territory and other parties.
- As above. From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the Attorney-General's Department Legal fees were \$1,263,907.49.
- From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the Attorney-General's Department paid the following amounts to outside legal firms or barristers for advice:

Vendor Name	Amount \$
Alice Springs Family Law	32,610.00
CHRISTOPHER MCGOREY C/- FORBES CHAMBERS	9,900.00
CLAYTON UTZ (DARWIN)	87,580.00
DARWIN IT SUPPORT	33,000.00
David Alexander Mclure	5,000.00
Duggan Family Lawyers	600.00
Fiona Kepert	50,000.00
Foley's List Pty Ltd	29,920.00
Giles O'Brien-Hartcher	27,272.73
Helena Blundell Barrister at Law	2,800.00
Hubber Legal	6,000.00
Iles Selley	40,671.24
James Maxwell Lowrey	6,660.00
Jonathan Martyn Bortoli	5,250.00
Joshua Ingrams	13,800.00
Jude Lawyers	41,870.00
Ke Roussos and Associates, Barristers and Solicitors	2,000.00
KJ Lawyers and Migration Consultants	1,000.00
Lisa Papadinas	1,600.00
Maria Walz Legal	73,700.00
Mary Chalmers Barrister	64,000.00
Meher Gaven	3,150.00
Nicholas Goodfellow	25,209.09
Nicholas Papas QC	9,013.64
Parnell's Barristers Pty Ltd	11,209.09
Patterson Commercial Services Pty Ltd	8,000.00
Paul Howard Crean	48,450.00
Paul Morgan	28,000.00

Vendor Name	Amount \$
Peggy Dwyer	77,765.59
Piper Alderman	25,106.50
Povey Stirk Lawyers & Notaries	5,368.00
Sandra Wendlandt	22,000.00
Simon Lipert	500.00
Territory Criminal Lawyers Pty Ltd	6,000.00
Thomas Andrew Besanko	28,025.00
YPol Lawyers Pty Ltd	430,876.61
Total	1,263,907.49

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:
- Purpose
 - Cost
 - Person or entity engaged
 - 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)
 - Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
 - Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy
 - Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken

Answer:

From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the department did not have expenditure for reports and consultancies (excluding annual reports) obtained from outside the Northern Territory Public Sector.

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:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
15	42

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.

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria

Answer:

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria %
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Papas, Nicholas	Melbourne, VIC	Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 30
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Fitzgerald, Sarla Miranda Carmel	West Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 10 Price 30
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Wright, Stephen James	Perth, WA	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Wright, Stephen James	Perth, WA	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 50 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Burnnard, Amanda	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	McGorey, Christopher James	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Lenehan, Craig	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	O'Leary, Damian Francis	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 10 Price 10

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria %
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	O'Leary, Damian Francis	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10 Capacity 5%
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	O'Leary, Damian Francis	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	McLure, David Alexander	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	McLure, David Alexander	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Freckelton, Ian Richard	Melbourne, VIC	Local Content 30 Past Performance 50 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	FYFE Pty Ltd	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10 Capacity 15%
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Cooper, Henry	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Waters, John	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Maurice Blackburn Pty Limited	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria %
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Goodfellow, Nicholas Jason	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Queensland University of Technology	Brisbane City, QLD	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Wright, Stephen James	Perth, WA	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 5 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Hughston, Vance Bernard	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Lee, Edmund	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Provision of Legal Services	Lee, Edmund	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Papas, Nicholas	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Provision of Legal Services	Lee, Edmund	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Roberts, Mark Alexander	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria %
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Roberts, Mark Alexander	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Roberts, Mark Alexander	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Roberts, Mark Alexander	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Provision of Legal Services	Roberts, Mark Alexander	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Goodfellows, Nicholas Jason	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Freckelton, Ian Richard	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Iles Selley Lawyers PTY LTD	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 30 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Iles Selley Lawyers PTY LTD	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin – Provision of Legal Services	Wright, Stephen James	Perth, WA	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria %
Provision of Operational Review of the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal	SaM Productions Consulting	Coogee, NSW	Capacity 25 Local Content 30 Scope Specific 5 Timeliness 10 Price 30
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	Roberts, Mark Alexander	Adelaide, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	Wright, Stephen James	Perth, WA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 30 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	Goodfellow, Nicholas Jason	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	McLure, David Alexander	Sydney, NSW	Capacity 10 Local Content 30 Past Performance 40 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	Kruger, Louise Molly	Brisbane City, QLD	Capacity 40 Local Content 30 Past Performance 10 Timeliness 10 Price 10
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	Blattman, Holly Louisa	Brisbane City, QLD	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Timeliness 20 Price 10

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

Answer:

Between 1 July 2025 and 31 March 2026, no public tenders were advertised.

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

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:

Tier	Number of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	1
Tier 4	0
Tier 5	0
Total	1

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:

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

Answer:

Description of Goods and Services (a)	Awarded value (b)	Reason for Exemption (c)	Recommended by (d)*	Approved by (e)
Darwin - Provision of Legal Services	\$100,875.00	Legal Practitioners and Expert Witnesses	Not applicable	Acting Executive Director, Legal Services

1. Note this procurement is classified as Tier 2 as undertaken prior to the new procurement framework.

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:

At 31 March 2026 there were 47 credit card holders in Attorney-General's Department.

No.	Position Title	Actual Classification Code
1.	Administration Assistant	AO3
2.	Sheriffs Officer	AO3
3.	Administration Support Officer	AO3
4.	Administrative Assistant	AO3
5.	Consumer Affairs Support Officer	AO3
6.	Administration Officer	AO3
7.	Recruitment Officer	AO4
8.	Judges Personal Secretary	AO4
9.	Executive Assistant	AO4
10.	Executive Assistant	AO4
11.	Executive Assistant	AO4
12.	Legal Services Officer	AO4
13.	Senior Court Officer	AO4
14.	Executive Assistant	AO4
15.	Business Support Officer	AO4
16.	Executive Assistant	AO4
17.	Secretary	AO4
18.	Office Administrator	AO4
19.	Executive Assistant	AO4
20.	Travel Manager	AO4
21.	Office Manager	AO5
22.	Coroner's Clerk	AO5
23.	Senior Executive Assistant	AO5
24.	Executive Officer/ Chambers Manager	AO5
25.	Office Manager	AO5
26.	Deputy Registrar	AO5
27.	Intake and Administration Officer	AO5
28.	Executive and Secretariat Services Officer	AO5
29.	Statutory Appointments Officer	AO5
30.	Deputy Registrar Katherine	AO5
31.	Personal Assistant/Training Officer	AO5
32.	Executive Assistant	AO5
33.	Senior Executive Assistant	AO5
34.	Research Officer	AO6
35.	Investigation and Conciliations Officer	AO6
36.	Business Services Manager	AO6
37.	Senior Executive Assistant	AO6
38.	Registrar, Tennant Creek	AO6
39.	Office Coordinator	AO6
40.	Remote Services Registrar	AO6
41.	Remote Services Registrar	AO6

No.	Position Title	Actual Classification Code
42.	Group Coordinator	AO6
43.	Registry Manager	AO6
44.	Registrar	AO7
45.	Registrar - Criminal	AO7
46.	Director Community Justice Centre	SAO1
47.	Senior Registrar Katherine	SAO1

17. For each contract awarded to a non-Territory enterprise:
- Was a Territory enterprise shortlisted? If not, why not?
 - What weighting was given to local content?
 - Did the procurement process include a local industry participation requirement?

Answer:

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

18. What percentage of total procurement spend was awarded to:
- Interstate businesses
 - International businesses

Answer:

% Interstate (a)	% International (b)
74.50%	0%

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:

The Attorney-General's Department did not undertake any opinion polls or focus groups during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The Department does undertake internal employee sensing polls and focus groups from time to time. These opinion polls and focus groups are carried out using an electronic survey tools with annual subscription costs totalling \$384. No incentives or inducements were offered.

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:

The Attorney-General's Department did not undertake any surveys in relation to opinion polls or focus groups during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The Department does undertake internal employee sensing surveys from time to time. These surveys are carried out using an electronic survey tool with an annual subscription costs totalling \$384. No incentives or inducements were offered.

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:

- a) Please refer to the table below for details.
- b) The amount of administrative effort required to respond to this question is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.
- c)

Advertising and communication activity	Total Paid \$
Cost related to design and development	10,852.00
Marketing and promotional costs	53,378.73
Promotional merchandise	29,010.75
Costs related to public notices	4,261.38
TOTAL	\$97,502.86

- d) Tiers one and two requirements are observed at the time services are procured.
- e) The whole of government media contracts were used to place advertising and advertorials.

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 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 broken down to:
- International Travel
 - Interstate Travel
 - Intrastate Travel

Answer:

- International Travel: \$8,623.26
- Interstate Travel: \$381,776.70
- Intrastate Travel: \$1,188,976.91

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 01/07/2025 to 31/03/2026
20/05/2025	24/05/2025	Solicitor-General Nikolai Christrup ¹	Singapore	Law Asia Conference	\$1725.00
19/06/2026	27/06/2026	Judge Sarah McNamara ¹	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT) Conference	\$731.92
20/06/2026	26/06/2026	Judge Greg Macdonald ¹	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT) Conference	\$771.67
19/06/2026	27/06/2026	Judge Stephen Gear ²	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT) Conference	\$2,282.21
20/06/2026	26/06/2026	Judge Elizabeth Morris ¹	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT	\$794.92

Travel from date	Travel to date	Traveller	Destination	Reason for Travel	Total Travel Cost 01/07/2025 to 31/03/2026
				(CLANT) Conference	
20/06/2026	26/06/2026	Judge Alan Woodcock ¹	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT) Conference	\$731.56
20/06/2026	26/06/2026	Judge Theresa Austin ¹	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT) Conference	\$744.49
20/06/2026	26/06/2026	Judge Ben O'Loughlin ¹	Bali	Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT) Conference	\$841.49

1. Expenditure only includes international travel fares paid to Judicial members in the reporting period.
2. Expenditure includes international travel fares and associated accommodation costs paid to Judicial members in the reporting period.

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 April 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:

The Attorney-General's Department expended \$33,057.91 on official hospitality between 1 July 2025 – 31 March 2026.

The administrative effort required to respond to this question would be too time-consuming and would result in the undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

Broadly, expenditure on hospitality during 1 July 2025 and 31 March 2026 related to catering for official programs, for example DPP Future Planning Forum, Judges Conference, functions for retiring Judges, advisory boards, workshops, meetings and other organisational events.

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:

Grant Recipient	Total Paid	Grant Funded For	Total Budget*
Crime Victims Services			
Victims of Crime NT	\$1,752,000	Victims of Crime Assistance	\$1,752,000
CatholicCare NT	\$575,000	Victims of Crime Counselling Services	\$575,000
Strategic Policy and Delivery			
Drug and Alcohol Services Australia	\$1,220,427	Alternatives to Custody - Central Australia	\$1,627,236
Drug and Alcohol Services Australia	\$753,042	Alternatives to Custody - Groote Eylandt	\$3,980,514
Legal Assistance			
Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit Aboriginal Corporation	\$3,642,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$3,642,000
Central Australian Women's Legal Services	\$645,680	Domestic and Family Violence Legal Assistance	\$645,680
Central Australian Women's Legal Services	\$3,510,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$3,510,000
Darwin Community Legal Service	\$1,629,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$1,629,000
Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service	\$121,000	Domestic and Family Violence Legal Assistance	\$121,000
Katherine Women's	\$1,545,000	National Access to Justice	\$1,545,000

Grant Recipient	Total Paid	Grant Funded For	Total Budget*
Information and Legal Service		Partnership 2025 – 2030**	
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$2,044,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$2,044,000
North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service - Aboriginal Corp	\$8,274,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$8,274,000
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	\$27,744,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$27,744,000
Legal Aid NT	\$5,175,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$10,711,000
Legal Aid NT	\$5,696,000	Baseline Legal Assistance Services	\$12,799,000
Top End Women's Legal Service	\$121,000	Domestic and Family Violence Legal Assistance	\$121,000
Top End Women's Legal Service	\$1,797,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$1,797,000
Consumer Affairs			
Darwin Community Legal Service	\$724,500	Tenants Advisory Service	\$724,500
Unallocated grants budget			\$400,070
Grand Total	\$66,968,649		\$83,642,000

(*) Full 2025-26 Budget.

(**) Includes Commonwealth funding.

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:

Between 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, expenditure for awards and sponsorships was:

Donation/Incentive recipient	Details	Total Paid	Total Budget
Charles Darwin University	CDU Law awards	\$850.00	Nil
Total funds		\$850.00	Nil

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

Answer:

Nil awards and sponsorships were managed by Attorney-General's Department Regional Offices during the reporting period.

Details of awards and sponsorships for the full 2025-26 financial year are unknown at the time of preparing this brief.

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:

Grant Recipient	Total Paid	Grant Funded For	Total Budget*
Crime Victims Services			
Victims of Crime NT	\$1,752,000	Victims of Crime Assistance	\$1,752,000
CatholicCare NT	\$575,000	Victims of Crime Counselling Services	\$575,000
Strategic Policy and Delivery			
Drug and Alcohol Services Australia	\$1,220,427	Alternatives to Custody - Central Australia	\$1,627,236
Drug and Alcohol Services Australia	\$753,042	Alternatives to Custody - Groote Eylandt	\$3,980,514
Legal Assistance			
Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit Aboriginal Corporation	\$3,642,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$3,642,000
Central Australian Women's Legal Services	\$645,680	Domestic and Family Violence Legal Assistance	\$645,680
Central Australian Women's Legal Services	\$3,510,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$3,510,000
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Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service	\$121,000	Domestic and Family Violence Legal Assistance	\$121,000
Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service	\$1,545,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$1,545,000
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$2,044,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$2,044,000
North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service - Aboriginal Corp	\$8,274,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$8,274,000
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	\$27,744,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$27,744,000
Top End Women's Legal Service	\$121,000	Domestic and Family Violence Legal Assistance	\$121,000
Top End Women's Legal Service	\$1,797,000	National Access to Justice Partnership 2025 – 2030**	\$1,797,000
Consumer Affairs			
Darwin Community Legal Service	\$724,500	Tenants Advisory Service	\$724,500
Grand Total	\$56,097,649		\$59,731,930

(*) Full 2025-26 Budget.

(**) Includes Commonwealth funding.

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

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

Answer:

A whole-of-government response will be provided to sub-question 32 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 sub-question 33 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

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 sub-question 34 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

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 sub-question 35 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

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:

The total expenditure for the Attorney-General's Department:

Government Building or Location	
Alice Springs Court House (Local Court)	\$98,529.21
Alyangula Court	\$8,317.05
Cascom Centre – Stage 2B and 5, Casuarina	\$31,902.60
Centrepont Building, Alice Springs	\$12,393.73
Darwin Central	\$9,163.43
Darwin Corporate Park	\$26,077.27
Darwin Local Court	\$359,885.00
Darwin Supreme Court	\$504,744.50
Green Well Building	\$978.47
Jabiru Court House	\$4,345.41
Jaliston House, Alice Springs	\$14,403.05
Katherine Court House	\$59,075.13
Nhulunbuy Court House	\$5,122.03
Alice Plaza, Alice Springs	\$1,941.27
NT House, Darwin	\$14,993.94
Old Admiralty House Tower, Darwin	\$74,192.97
Raymond Place Katherine East	\$3,153.80
Westpoint Complex, Alice Springs	\$10,053.17
Winnellie Storage Facility, Darwin	\$4,024.24
TCG Centre, Darwin	\$11,693.99
Total Expenditure	\$1,254,011.79

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 sub-question 37 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 sub-question 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 sub-question 39 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

40. For each instance:

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

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to sub-question 40 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

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

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to sub-question 41 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community 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:

Revenue raised from statutory and legislative fees and charges levied by the Attorney-General's Department for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 was \$17,938,693.06

Description	Amount \$
Court and Tribunal Application Fees	111,716.00
Court and Tribunal Filing Fees	415,118.55
Court and Tribunal Search Fees	210,307.03
Court Fees	80,165.00
Crime Victims Assistance Revenue	55,937.00
Insurance Contributions	3,988,008.61
Land Title Office Development Levy	200,620.00
Land Title Office Lodgement Fees	3,759,833.30
NT WorkSafe Fees	1,492,217.06
Photocopying Fees (Revenue)	3,744.09
Postage	1,131
Probate Fees	407,420.33
Public Trustee Levy	314,945.56
Public Trustee Management Fee	793,0403.56
Registrar-General Land Titles Office Search Fees	2,536,032.18
Registrar-General Application Fees	634,903.61
Requests under the <i>Information Act</i> 2002 Fees	4,367.30
Supreme Court Hearing Fees	36,912.20
Victims of Crime Assistance Scheme Levy	2,892,273.68
Total	17,938,693.06

Statutory and Legislative fees and charges were not increased following the 2026 Budget.

INTERNAL AUDITS

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

Answer:

Two internal audits and one investigation were fully completed between the period 1 July 2025 and 31 March 2026.

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

Answer:

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
Employee exit process	The internal audit assessed the department's controls over the employee exit process, to determine their effectiveness for improving workforce attraction and retention and managing information security and financial risks.
Cabinet information security measures – annual compliance check and reported breaches	The internal audit assessed compliance of the department's handling of Cabinet material. The scope included checks required in the mandated Cabinet Information Security questionnaire.
Investigation into unauthorised system access and password sharing – Public Guardian and Trustee	The investigation examined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of NTG login credentials by persons other than the account holder; • access to the Resolve system during periods of approved leave; and • compliance with NTG digital security and conduct policies. The investigation did not examine criminal liability or broader system procurement matters.

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:

Audit	Details
Employee exit process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses from exit survey identified improvement opportunities in several areas, including training and mentorship, fostering a recognition culture, enhancing career advancement pathways to strengthen retention, and initiatives to support work–life balance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-compliance with NTG employee exit procedures was identified, particularly in documentation, timely system access removal, and building access deactivation. <p>No evidence of fraud, personal gain, or financial loss was identified.</p>
Cabinet information security internal audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two breaches were detected, with the responsible business unit taking measures to reduce the risk of future breaches occurring. <p>No evidence of fraud, personal gain, or financial loss was identified.</p>
Investigation into unauthorised system access and password sharing – Public Guardian and Trustee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two employees engaged in conduct that was inconsistent with Northern Territory Government policy requirements relating to password security and system access. <p>No evidence of fraud, personal gain, or financial loss was identified.</p>

46. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies, e.g. Auditor-General/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:

Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Ms Amanda Hubber (Deputy Convenor)	1 June 2020
Dr Sairita Maistry, Member (Member)	19 November 2024
Ms Jane French, Member (Member)	19 November 2024

Crime Victims Advisory Committee

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Ms Jayne Lloyd (Member)	19 October 2017
Mr James O'Brien (Member)	10 November 2021
Ms Alicia Boothby (Member)	9 February 2022
Ms Connie-Anne Shaw (Member)	15 March 2022
Ms Alexandra Craig (Member)	20 May 2022
Ms Kathryn White (Ex-officio Member)	13 November 2023
Ms Shevaun Duncan (Member)	9 July 2024
Ms Yvette Nicholls (Member)	13 December 2024

Electrical Safety Board

- a) Not Applicable. This Board has not yet been constituted.
- b) Not Applicable. This Board has not yet been constituted.

Electrical Disciplinary Committee

- a) Not Applicable. This Committee has not yet been constituted.
- b) Not Applicable. This Committee has not yet been constituted.

Health and Community Services Complaints Review Committee

- a) Nil changes.
- b) There are no current members as the term of the last Committee has expired. The tenure of the last Review Committee expired in late October 2024, and no further Review Committee has been constituted.

Judicial Commission

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Chief Justice Michael Grant AO (Chair)	5 July 2016
Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris (Member)	7 October 2019
Mr Sabaratnam Prathapan (Member)	17 August 2021
Mr Mark O'Reilly (Member)	4 April 2022
Ms Susan Korner (Member)	16 November 2023
Ms Bernadette Raumteen (Member)	1 January 2026

Legal Practitioners Admission Board of the NT

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr Criag Smyth (Chair)	13 February 2025
Mr Neil Kumar (Member)	1 October 2025
Mr Dante Mavec (Member)	1 October 2025
Ms Lee Campbell (Member)	1 October 2025
Dr Alan Berman (Member)	1 October 2025
Ms Erin McAuley (Member)	1 October 2025
Mr Richard Henschke (Member)	1 October 2015

Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr Alastair Shields (Chair)	25 March 2025
Ms Mary Chalmers (Counsel Nomination)	6 November 2024
Ms Patrica Slocum (Non-legal Member)	9 May 2024
Mr David Eldridge (Legal Member)	28 July 2022
Mr Tomasz Korecki (Legal Member)	28 July 2021
Ms Nardine Collier (Legal Member)	28 July 2024
Mr Richard Giles (Legal Member)	6 November 2024

Legal Practitioners' Fund Management Committee

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr Nestor Jnr Sanchez (Chair)	2 September 2024
Mr James Richards (Member)	4 October 2024
Ms Aislinn McIntyre (Member)	7 July 2025
Ms Bernadette Raumteen (Member)	1 January 2026

Nominal Insurer

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr William Nayler (Chair)	18 March 2026
Ms Kerry Lee-Anne Barnaart (Member)	29 November 2016
Mr Colin Chilcott (Member)	14 February 2022
Ms Ava Lawton (Member)	18 March 2026
Ms Leonora Roberts (Member)	18 March 2026

Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr Mark Gerard O'Reilly (President)	20 December 2016
Mr Andrew Macrides (Member)	30 September 2014
Mr Richard Bruxner (Member)	30 September 2014
Ms Ingrid Meier (Member)	2 March 2023
Ms Jodi Mather (Member)	4 November 2015
Mr Paul Rysavy (Member)	4 November 2015
Ms Suzi Kapetas (Member)	4 November 2015
Mr Julian Johnson (Member)	4 November 2015
Mr Leslie McCrimmon (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr Lesley Hastwell (Member)	15 May 2018
Ms Kathleen Luppino (Member)	15 May 2018
Ms Jill Huck (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr Russell Goldflam (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr Ron Levy (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr Kenneth Grime (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr George Roussos (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr David Baldry (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr David Alderman (Member)	15 May 2018
Ms Diane Szarkowicz (Member)	15 May 2018
Mr James Greenwood (Member)	20 September 2019
Ms Teresa Garrone (Member)	20 September 2019
Ms Megan Lawton (Member)	20 September 2019
Ms Frances Kilgariff (Member)	20 September 2019
Ms Alison Phylis (Member)	20 September 2019
Ms Patricia Kurnoth (Member)	20 September 2019
Mr Joshua Ingrams (Member)	20 September 2019
Mr Benjamin Grimes (Member)	20 September 2019
Mr Peter O'Brien (Member)	20 September 2019
Mr Donald Zoellner (Member)	20 September 2019
Mr Arnold Waugh (Member)	20 September 2019
Ms Miriam McDonald (Member)	25 August 2021
Ms Marion Isobel Guppy (Member)	25 August 2021

Name	Appointed Date
Ms Elizabeth Veel (Member)	25 September 2021
Mr Adam Sattar (Member)	25 September 2021
Ms Monika Moy (Member)	25 September 2021
Ms Samantha Miles (Member)	23 February 2022
Ms Sally Gearin (Member)	23 February 2022
Ms Linda Morgan (Member)	23 February 2022
Ms Elizabeth Perrella (Member)	23 February 2022
Ms Claudia Espenschied (Member)	23 February 2022
Mr Richard Grant Giles (Member)	23 February 2022
Mr Michael Grove (Member)	23 February 2022
Mr Ian Read (Member)	23 February 2022
Mr Barry Jenkins (Member)	23 February 2022
Ms Mary Frost (Member)	28 September 2022
Ms Katrina Budrikis (Member)	7 December 2023
Mr Randall Chin (Member)	7 December 2023
Mr Steven Roberston (Member)	25 May 2023
Mr Anthony Chalker (Member)	7 August 2024
Mr Marcus Mancer (Member)	20 February 2026
Mr Rodney Roughan (Member)	20 February 2026
Mr Tony Ors (Member)	20 February 2026
Mr Dallas Graetz (Member)	7 May 2026

NT Law Reform Committee

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Ms Sue Oliver (Chair)	1 June 2024
Mr Ron Levy (Member)	1 August 2014
Mr Russell Goldflam (Member)	1 February 2015
Ms Elizabeth Morris (Member)	1 November 2019
Mr Julianna Marshall (Member)	1 November 2020
Mr Jonathan Parry (Member)	23 November 2023
Mr Richard Henschke (Member)	23 November 2023
Mr Oladapo Fabusuyi (Member)	16 April 2025
Mr James McMillan (Member)	16 April 2025
Ms Erin Morton (Member)	16 April 2025
Ms Georgina Kalyniuk (Member)	16 April 2025
Ms Aislinn McIntyre (Member)	7 July 2025
Ms Anna Gill (Member)	31 October 2025
Ms Abi Rajkumar (Member)	20 April 2026
Mr Nikolai Christrup SC (Member)	Ex-Officio
Ms Marie-Clare Boothby (Member)	Ex-Officio
Ms Leonique Swart (Member)	Ex-Officio

NT Legal Aid Commission

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr John Neill (Chair)	17 September 2025
Ms Vanessa Sutcliffe (Member)	31 October 2023
Ms Elizabeth Farquhar (Member)	17 September 2025
Ms Sally Gearin (Member)	17 September 2025
Ms Tania Collins (Member)	10 October 2025
Ms Catherine Voumard (Member)	30 June 2026
Ms Alexandra Nielsen (Member)	18 March 2026

NT Liquor Commission

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Ms Sally Gearin (Chair)	27 February 2026
Ms Michaela Malone (Deputy Chair)	27 February 2026
Dr Phillip Carson (Member)	31 October 2018
Ms Elizabeth Stephenson (Member)	5 June 2019
Ms Katrina Fong Lim (Member)	2 November 2021
Mrs Ebony Abbott-McCormack (Member)	20 July 2023
Mr Benjamin Gieseke (Member)	27 February 2026
Mr Stephen Gelding (Member)	27 February 2026

Parole Board of the Northern Territory

- a) Nil changes.
b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr Rex Wild (Chair)	7 October 2021
Mr John Ginnane (Member)	Ex-Officio
Commissioner Matthew Varley (Member)	Ex-Officio
Mr Gavin Kennedy (Member)	Ex-Officio
Dr Leonard Notaras (Member)	17 June 2013
Ms Patricia Lloyd (Member)	17 March 2014
Mr Mark Coffey (Member)	17 March 2014
Ms Frances Kilgariff (Member)	17 July 2017
Mr Ross Coburn (Member)	30 November 2020
Ms Susan Lowy (Member)	15 December 2021
Ms Rowena Friend (Member)	4 April 2022
Ms Melinda Fleming (Member)	2 March 2023
Mr Peter Pangquee (Member)	27 July 2023
Ms Angela Clark (Member)	12 March 2026
Ms Kathleen Cole (Member)	12 March 2026
Mr Gary Strachan (Member)	12 March 2026

Name	Appointed Date
Dr Sarah Dorrington (Member)	12 March 2026
Mr Peter Jones (Member)	12 March 2026

Public Trustee Investment Board

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Ms Beth Walker (Chair)	3 August 2021
Mr David Winter (Member)	3 May 2019
Mr Brion Foley (Member)	2 February 2026

Scheme Monitoring Committee

- a) Nil changes.
- b) There are no current members as the term of the last Committee expired on 10 October 2024

49. The Committee has not met during the reporting period.

Work Health and Safety Advisory Council

- a) Nil changes.
- b) There are no current members as the term of the last Committee expired on 10 August 2024.

Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council

- a) Nil changes.
- b)

Name	Appointed Date
Mr Grant Hastie (Member)	Ex-Officio

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

Answer:

Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee

The Committee has not met during the reporting period.

Crime Victims Advisory Committee

The Committee met two times during the reporting period.

Electrical Safety Board

Not Applicable. This Board has not yet been constituted.

Electrical Disciplinary Committee

Not Applicable. This Board has not yet been constituted.

Health and Community Services Complaints Review Committee

The Committee has not met during the reporting period.

Judicial Commission

The Commission met nine times during the reporting period.

Legal Practitioners Admission Board of the NT

The Board met four times during the reporting period.

Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal

The Tribunal met six times during the reporting period.

Legal Practitioners' Fund Management Committee

The Committee met eight times during the reporting period.

Nominal Insurer

The Board met four times during the reporting period.

Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Meetings are not held. Qualified members meet in relation to relevant Tribunal matters as part of the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal's day-to-day business.

NT Law Reform Committee

The Committee met four times during the reporting period.

NT Legal Aid Commission

The Commission met 15 times during the reporting period.

NT Liquor Commission

The Commission met two times during the reporting period.

Parole Board of the Northern Territory

During the reporting period there were:

- 34 General Meetings;
- 4 Lifers Meeting; and
- 162 Out-of-Session Meetings (Chairperson only).

Public Trustee Investment Board

The Board met four times during the reporting period.

Scheme Monitoring Committee

The Committee has not met during the reporting period.

Work Health and Safety Advisory Council

The Committee has not met during the reporting period.

Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council

The Council has not met during the reporting period.

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:

Two reviews commenced during the reporting period: Review of the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal; and the Outcome Evaluation of the Specialist Approach to Domestic and Family Violence at the Local Court at Alice Springs.

Review of the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT)

a) The purpose of this Review is to evaluate the jurisdictional scope, operational effectiveness, efficiency, and accessibility of NTCAT, and to make recommendations for reforms and improvements that will enable the Tribunal to meet current and emerging demands by:

- Assessing NTCAT's current operations.
- Analysing jurisdictional expansion, complexity and appropriateness of jurisdictional allocations.
- Benchmarking against other Tribunals.
- Identifying future needs and innovations.
- Identifying options to reduce costs and increase revenue sources.
- Consulting stakeholders.

Provide a final report that includes:

- Key findings in relation to NTCAT's performance and challenges.
- Recommendations to improve the Tribunal's efficiency, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness.
- Options future reform, including short, medium and long-term priorities.

b) The reviewer is required to have:

- a considerable understanding of the principles underpinning the separation of powers and relevance to civil and administrative tribunal operations around the country;
- understanding how civil disputes have been historically managed between courts and tribunals;
- awareness of the appropriate structure, membership of tribunals as well as staffing challenges;
- an understanding of the comparative experience and practices of other jurisdictions; and
- understanding of the operations or policies of government towards tribunals.

c) The reviewer is Mr Michael Talbot (former Deputy Secretary Justice New South Wales) from SaM Productions Consulting, who:

- was procured under contract the NT Government Contract 25-0822;
- has extensive experience conducting similar reviews;
- has expertise in state and federal Tribunal functions;
- has been identified as an industry expert capable of delivering specific and targeted advice; and
- resides in NSW.

d) \$66 600.

- e) The review will:
- Assess NTCAT's current operations.
 - Analyse jurisdictional expansion, complexity and appropriateness of jurisdictional allocations.
 - Identify future needs and innovations.
 - Identify options to reduce costs and increase revenue sources; and consult with stakeholders.

The reviewer examined all necessary data via written request to NTCAT management, publicly available resources and through face-to-face discussions with NTCAT management, staff and stakeholders (April 2026).

- f) The review is for internal purposes only.
- g) The review is expected to be completed by 31 May 2026.

Outcomes Evaluation of the Specialist Approach to Domestic and Family Violence at the Local Court at Alice Springs.

- a) No terms of reference were established as the evaluation was procured via quotation. The objectives of the evaluation is to obtain a detailed evaluation report with evidence-based recommendations that may inform future iterations of the Specialist Approach or expansion of the program to other identified Courts.

- b) Tier 2 Procurement Quotation process.

- c) **Dr Catherine Holmes** – Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) and an Associate Diploma of Applied Science (Health and Building Surveying). Doctor of Philosophy (2007), Master of Science (Honours) (2004). State or territory of residence – the Northern Territory.

Dr Lyn Fasoli – Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science, Bachelor of Science, Graduate Certificate in Management Development and a Certificate IV in Workplace Training. State or territory of residence - the Northern Territory.

Emily Stephenson – Bachelor of Arts (majors in Anthropology and Spanish and Latin American Studies), a Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Honours in Anthropology) and a Master of Democracy and Government. State or territory of residence – the Northern Territory.

Jaiden McGregor – Bachelor of Arts in Global Humanities and Society and Culture. State or territory of residence – the Northern Territory.

- d) \$171 000.

- e) The Consultant will deliver the following:

- an Evaluation Work Plan, inclusive of the proposed detailed approach;
- draft Evaluation Report for review by AGD and relevant stakeholders;
- a final Evaluation Report, inclusive of an executive summary; final Program Logic and Data Matrix; Surveys / Questionnaires used in the evaluation; and
- recommendations and findings.

- f) Internal Report – will not be tabled.

- g) August 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:

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

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

- A total of 27 incidents and 18 Hazards reported that led to or could have led to a physical or psychological injury, illness or disease, or where property and/or equipment was damaged.

Category	Incidents
Mental Stress	1
Mental Stress / Aggressive behaviours	6
Being assaulted by a person or persons	2
Falls, Trips and Slips of a person	8
Vehicle incidents and other	1
Heat Electricity and other environmental factors	2
Being hit by moving objects	1
Body stressing	2
Biological factors	4
Total	27

Category	Hazards
Animal and Biological Hazards	1
Environmental	2
Human factors	4
Physical hazards	11
Total	18

- The amount of administrative effort required to provide costs for reportable safety issues is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

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

Answer:

From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 there was four stress related claim received by the Attorney-General's Department.

Note: Data sourced from Gallagher Bassett report.

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:

The table below outlines staff located by regional offices and function as at Pay 20 2025-26.

Region/Output	Function	Staffing
Barkly		3
Justice Services	Courts, registry, and mediation	3
Big Rivers		10
Director of Public Prosecutions	Witness assistance and prosecution services	2
Justice Services	Courts, registry, and mediation services	7
NT WorkSafe	Work Health and Safety (WHS) advisory services	1
Central Australia		62
Consumer Affairs	Client Services	2
Director of Public Prosecutions	Witness assistance and prosecution services	23
Justice Services	Courts, registry, and mediation services	27
NT WorkSafe	WHS advisory services	3
Public Guardian and Trustee	Adult guardianship services	5
Solicitor for the NT	Legal advice and litigation services	1
Strategic Policy Coordination	Peace Making Projects	1
Total		75

NTCAT

56. How many NTCAT applications have been brought against social housing tenants by the Department of Housing, Local Government Community Development, and Community Housing Providers, respectively, in the past 2 years?

Answer:

Questions 56-63 are inconsistent with global written questions submitted to agencies. The administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources.

57. How many NTCAT applications have been brought against the Department of Housing, Local Government Community Development, and Community Housing Providers, respectively, by social housing tenants in the past 2 years?

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

58. Could the Minister please provide a breakdown of the orders against social housing tenants sought by the Department of Housing, Local Government Community Development and Community Housing Providers, respectively, in their NTCAT applications over the last 2 years (e.g. termination for arrears, termination for antisocial behaviour, compensation, etc), and the outcome in these matters (e.g. termination ordered, matter dismissed, resolved by consent)?

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

59. Landlord and agent misconduct

- i. Can you provide a breakdown of the number of commenced investigations into landlord or agent misconduct (unacceptable conduct/breach/serious breach) and the number of enforcement actions taken, as well as the type of action taken, by the Commissioner of Tenancies (Consumer Affairs) in the past 2 years?
- ii. Has the Commissioner of Tenancies ever instigated legal action against a landlord for a break of the Residential Tenancies Act? If so, can you detail the action/s taken and the outcome reached in each instance?
- iii. What is the current timeframe for decisions of the Agent's Licensing Board?

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

60. How many children or young people (on remand or sentenced) did the Darwin Youth Court order a section 67 report to be conducted for between 30/09/2024 and 31/03/2026?

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

61. How many specialist services or professionals were unable to accept the referral to conduct the assessments for a section 67 report? Could the Attorney-General provide a list of those stakeholders? For what reason were they not accepted?

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

62. How many section 67 reports have been completed between 30/09/2024 and 31/03/2026? Could the Attorney-General provide this information disaggregated by the time taken to complete the report? (For example, within 3 months, 6 months, 12 months or longer).

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

63. What is the average length of time from when Darwin Youth Court orders a section 67 to commence and for it to be completed?

Answer:

See answer to Question No. 56.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

Answer:

This question has been duplicated, please refer to sub-question 53.

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

Answer:

This question has been duplicated, please refer to sub-question 54.

REGIONAL OFFICES

66. 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:

This question has been duplicated, please refer to sub-question 55.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

67. What policies and procedures are in place to identify, declare and manage conflicts of interest in:
a) Procurement processes
b) Grant allocation processes

Answer:

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 Territory Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest)
https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf.

68. How many conflicts of interest were declared in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 in:
- a) Procurement.
 - b) Grants programs.

Answer:

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 Territory Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest) https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf.

69. For each declared conflict of interest:
- a) What mitigation measures were implemented?
 - b) Was the individual excluded from decision-making?

Answer:

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 Territory Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest) https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf.

70. Were any breaches of conflict-of-interest policies identified? If so:
- a) Provide details.
 - b) What actions were taken?

Answer:

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 Territory Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest) https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf.

71. 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

72. 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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

73. Please identify any reductions in:

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

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

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 0.12% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

COST PRESSURES

81. 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:

NT WorkSafe

Measure	Target Cohort	Budget Allocation	Outcomes / KPIs
Approvals Fast Track Taskforce – NT WorkSafe			
6D – Undertake a review of the <i>Electrical Safety Act 2022</i> to identify new low risk electrical works that could be made exempt from needing a Certificate of Compliance (CoC).	Individual households / Business.	Part of core business.	Completed – Reducing paperwork for Electrical workers and contractors not having to complete and lodge a CoC like-for-like replacement of fittings and appliances which has flow on savings to the industry and its customers.

Consumer Affairs

Measure	Target Cohort	Budget Allocation	Outcomes/KPIs
MyFuel NT price reporting scheme.	NT consumers and Visitors to the NT.	\$200 000 recurrent funding (personnel – 1 x AO5 and operational).	Web-based app available. Consumers have real-time price data on all fuel retailers in the NT to make informed choices of where to buy fuel.
CONCILIATION SERVICES Conciliate disputes between consumers and businesses regarding the purchase of goods or services.	NT Consumers and Businesses.	Part of core business.	Success rate of conciliations completed – 58% (62 out of 106 conciliations accepted – consumer received either full or partial redress).
EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE Fake website disruption and scams awareness education.	NT and online consumers.	Part of core business.	Savings for consumers – \$145 000 in 01/07/2025 to 31/03/2026 (\$4.7 million since 2010/19).
EDUCATION / OUTREACH Daily social media and regular outreach activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supermarket Unit Pricing Rights when shopping. • Buying new / used cars. • Christmas / Black Friday shopping. • Shopping and Key Consumer Rights. 	NT Consumers.	Part of core business.	Interactions – 3534. Followers – 5049. Views – 331893. *For the period 01/07/2025 to 31/03/2026.
EDUCATION Educational visits to businesses to provide information about obligations under the Australian Consumer Law.	NT Businesses.	Part of core business.	Reduces disputes with consumers. # of educational visits to businesses – 670.

Measure	Target Cohort	Budget Allocation	Outcomes/KPIs
EDUCATION Developed a 'Buying a Used Car pocket guide' for consumers – audio in 5 Aboriginal languages.	NT and Aboriginal consumers.	Actual spend: \$2000 in 2024/25 and \$8000 from 01/07/2025 to 31/03/26.	YouTube views of Aboriginal language audio files – 55 Distributed in all Outreach activities since publication. Shared with Aboriginal organisations, land councils etc. – not quantifiable.
EDUCATION Media – monthly radio on ABC Darwin, CAAMA and TEABBA. Topics include: Unit pricing Buying used cars Christmas Shopping When you can't afford car repairs.	NT and Aboriginal consumers.	Part of core business.	Public awareness Potential reach: CAAMA – 60 000 in NT TEABBA – 29 remote Top End communities ABC Darwin – unknown.

82. Has the Agency undertaken any modelling or analysis of cost-of-living pressures relevant to its portfolio? If so:
- Please provide copies
 - What policy changes have resulted?
 - Cost of modelling

Answer:

Nil for the reporting period.

83. Please identify any fees, charges or cost-recovery mechanisms administered by the Agency that have increased since 1 July 2025, including:
- Amount of increase
 - Rationale
 - Estimated impact on households/businesses

Answer:

Two fees, charges or cost-recovery mechanisms administered by the Agency have increases since 1 July 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Insurance Contributions:

- (a) Since 1 July 2025, the NT contributions under the *Return to Work Act 1986* increased by \$579,146.28.

As part of an approved insurer and self-insurer conditions, they must pay to the Territory any amount determined by the Authority as the contribution towards:

- the administration costs of the Court associated with proceedings under this Act; and
 - the administration costs of the Supreme Court associated with proceedings under this Act; and
 - the costs incurred by the Authority in providing a mediation service; and
 - the costs incurred by the Territory in relation to the Authority's performance of functions conferred on it under the *Work Health Administration Act 2011* including the *Return to Work Act 1986* and the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*.
- (b) The contribution towards the Territory is assessed each year based on a percentage of:
- the administration costs of the Court associated with proceedings under this Act; and
 - the administration costs of the Supreme Court associated with proceedings under this Act; and
 - the costs incurred by the Authority in providing a mediation service; and
 - the costs incurred by the Territory in relation to the Authority's performance of functions conferred on it under the *Work Health Administration Act 2011* including the *Return to Work Act 1986* and the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*; and
 - is apportioned amongst insurers and self-insurers on a market share calculation for each reporting year. The funding supports the operations of NT WorkSafe.
- (c) There is no direct impact on households/businesses as this is a contribution required of approved insurers and self-insurers only.

Victims of Crime Assistance Levy

- (a) From 1 July 2025 the actual dollar amount changes were:
- 63(3)(a)(i): 200 revenue units, equal to \$290, and increase from \$200.
 - 63(3)(a)(ii): 150 revenue units, equal to \$217.50, an increase from \$150.
 - 63(3)(b): 50 revenue units, equal to \$72.50, an increase from \$50.

- 63(3)(c): 1000 revenue units, equal to \$1450, an increase from \$1000.
 - 61(6)(a): 40 revenue units, equal to \$58, an increase from \$40.
- (b) The *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006* was amended to update the calculation method of the victims levy a person must pay when they are found guilty of an offence but not sentenced to a term of imprisonment. As a result, the victims of crime levy increased which means more money available to be used for victims' services. The levy had not been increased since 2013.

Subject to limited exceptions prescribed by the Victims of Crime Assistance

Regulations 2007, a levy is imposed on a person:

- a. who is found guilty of an offence but not imprisoned for the offence; or
 - b. who expiates an offence by paying an amount specified in an infringement notice issued to the person; or
 - c. against whom an enforcement order is made.
- (c) The impact is on offenders.

84. 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:

The Attorney-General's Department provides a range of services that are accessible, affordable and available in remote areas, including:

- Community Courts and Law and Justice Groups.
- Remote Circuit Court of the Local Court.
- Financial assistance for Territorians who have been the victim of a violent crime.
- Funding of legal assistance that primarily provides a free service.
- Remote circuits to issue free birth certificates in communities.
- Consumer Affairs provide advice, outreach, education and consumer/business conciliation services, all free of charge.
- Consumer Affairs publish information in language for Indigenous consumers – e.g. Buying a Used Car pocket guide now available in five languages, scam posters targeting Indigenous audience.
- Monthly radio program providing consumer information and advice, includes Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting 29 Top End remote communities and Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association.

- The introduction of electronic conveyancing (eConveyancing) enhances accessibility to property transactions and delivered greater efficiency for buyers, sellers and conveyancers across the Territory.

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

Answer:

Consumer Affairs considered provision of a free conciliation framework for residential tenancy disputes. This would provide tenants/landlords a cheaper and quicker alternative to legal pathways (Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal/court).

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

Answer:

The Office of the Registrar-General undertakes a remote circuit to provide free birth certificates to vulnerable people in communities.

During the emergency evacuations following flooding events and Cyclone Fina, employees of the Registrar-General's office attended evacuation centres to provide free birth certificate services.

A total of 948 birth certificates were issued for a total savings of \$53 088.00.

87. 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:

The information requested is not discernible within the current Estimates reporting period and could only be compiled with substantial administrative effort. Providing a response would result in an undue diversion of the Attorney-General's Department resources from service delivery functions.

88. 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:

During the reporting period from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, there was no discernable impact to airfare costs other than usual price fluctuations.

There was no impact on service delivery during the reporting period.

COMPLAINTS

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

Answer:

Complaint category	Complainant (internal or external)	Outcome
Complaint about timetabling of NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT) Hearings	External	Resolved.
Delay in Freedom of Information (FOI) Request	External	Referred to DCDD FOI team.
Complaint about evidence filed with NTCAT that was not included in a hearing book	External	Resolved.
Complaint about member not acting impartially (NTCAT)	External	Resolved.
Complaint about Doctor's evidence during Mental Health Tribunal Hearing	External	Resolved.
Timeliness of response and ineligibility for financial assistance under the <i>Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006</i> as the primary victim was deceased	External	Resolved.
Eligibility for financial assistance under the <i>Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006</i> in relation to deceased son	External	Resolved.
Seeking explanation re Solicitor for the NT's conduct in domestic violence (DV) proceeding	External	In progress.
Ombudsman re DV proceeding	External	Resolved.
Requests for internal review of decision not to accept application – 3	External	Resolved.
Systemic failure of NT building regulation – current	External	Resolved

Complaint category	Complainant (internal or external)	Outcome
regulatory and consumer protection frameworks are inadequately protecting homeowners – 1		
Lack of action regarding claims of fuel price gouging and market failure – 1 consumer (regular complaints)	External	Resolved.
Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) – Communication	External	Resolved.
PGT – Service Quality Concerns were generalised and not linked to any specific person or incident	External	Partially resolved, referred to NDIS.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Resolved.
PGT – Service Quality Matter was complex and relating to decisions that has been made by the Public Trustee (PT) in finalising a matter.	External	Finalised, complainant remains dissatisfied.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Resolved.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Resolved.
PGT – Communication	External	Complaint closed, monitoring of communications is still in progress.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Resolved.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Complaint closed, monitoring of service quality is still in progress.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Complaint closed, monitoring of communications is still in progress.
PGT – Service Quality	External	In progress.
PGT – Service Quality	External	Resolved.
PGT – Communication	External	In progress.
DPP Feedback and Complaint from stakeholder (from website)	External	Resolved.
Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Feedback and Complaint from stakeholder (from website)	External	Resolved.
DPP Feedback and Complaint from stakeholder (from website)	External	Resolved.
DPP Feedback and Complaint from stakeholder (from website)	External	In progress.
DPP Feedback and	External	In progress.

Complaint category	Complainant (internal or external)	Outcome
Complaint from witness (from website)		
DPP Feedback and Complaint regarding employee (from website)	External	In progress.
Complaint to Executive Office directly alleging staff had accessed the complainant's information in the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) without authorisation.	External	Resolved.
ADC Service Delays	External	Resolved.
Complaint to Ombudsman about NT WorkSafe (NTWS) failing to respond to written enquiry on 2 August 2025 that an electrical contractor had operated without a valid certificate of compliance and had falsified a certificate of compliance	External	Resolved.
Complaint to Ombudsman regarding lack of response and action from Births, Deaths and Marriages in relation to an application for a death certificate made in January 2025	External	Resolved.
Received 14 October 2025 -- Selling Fireworks at Supermarket (Karama)	External	Resolved.
Received 19 August 2025 -- NTWS Complaints	External	Resolved.
Received 27 January 2026 -- Austral Issues with Vessel Lifting	External	Resolved.
Received 3 March 2026 -- Complaint sent via NTWS online complaint form and then a request from the Minister's office was received on 31 March 2026.	External	In progress.
Received 18 March 2026 -- Complaint regarding NTWS staff member driving and cutting off motorist	External	Resolved.
Community Justice Centre single complaint with multiple issues, 2 of which were related to Agency Services:	External	Resolved.

Complaint category	Complainant (internal or external)	Outcome
Complaint regarding out of date contact information sheets on the NTG website and Staff email correspondence		

OTHER EXPENDITURE

90. 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) and (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 NTG Central – Artificial intelligence policy.

(c) to (e)

A whole-of-government response to sub-question 79 c) to e) 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 to sub-question 79 g) will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

(h)

A whole-of-government response to Question 79 h) will be provided by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

91. 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 to sub-questions 90 to 93 is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

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

Answer:

The administrative effort required to respond to sub-questions 90 to 93 is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

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

Answer:

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