



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 309

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Child Protection, Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA:

Child Protection Officers

1. For each month from August 2024 to the most recent month for which data is available can the Minister provide:
 - a. the number of FTE Child Protection Officer positions established within the Department;
 - b. the number of FTE Child Protection Officer positions filled
 - c. the number of FTE Child Protection Officer positions vacant

Please see **Attachment A** for this data.

2. For each month over the same period, can the Minister provide:

- a. the number of Child Protection Officer positions vacant for more than three months and more than six months?

The below table provides:

- total number of positions, per month, vacant for 3+ months since August 2024
- total number of positions, per month, vacant for 6+ months since August 2024.

Month	Year	Total positions vacant 3+ months	Total positions vacant 6+ months
Aug	2024	0*	0*
Sep	2024	0*	0*
Oct	2024	61	0*
Nov	2024	60	0*
Dec	2024	63	0*
Jan	2025	53	37
Feb	2025	51	35
Mar	2025	56	31
Apr	2025	58	34

Month	Year	Total positions vacant 3+ months	Total positions vacant 6+ months
May	2025	51	27
Jun	2025	41	24
Jul	2025	37	21
Aug	2025	38	23
Sep	2025	41	23
Oct	2025	40	23
Nov	2025	47	27
Dec	2025	48	28
Jan	2026	39	21
Feb	2026	41	22
Mar	2026	38	22
Apr	2026	41	24
May	2026	38	24
Jun	2026	34	22
Jul	2026	37	18
Aug	2026	33	14

*Department of Children and Families (post machinery of government) was established in August 2024.

3. **For each month from August 2024, can the Minister provide the number of Child Protection Officers who commenced employment and the number who ceased employment during that month?**

Please see **Attachment B** for this data.

4. **Can the Minister provide the above data by region, identifying separately:**

- Darwin**
- Palmerston**
- Katherine**
- Nhulunbuy**
- Tennant Creek**
- Alice Springs?**

Please see **Attachment B** for this data. Note that the data has been provided to the branch level of the Regional Services Division as follows:

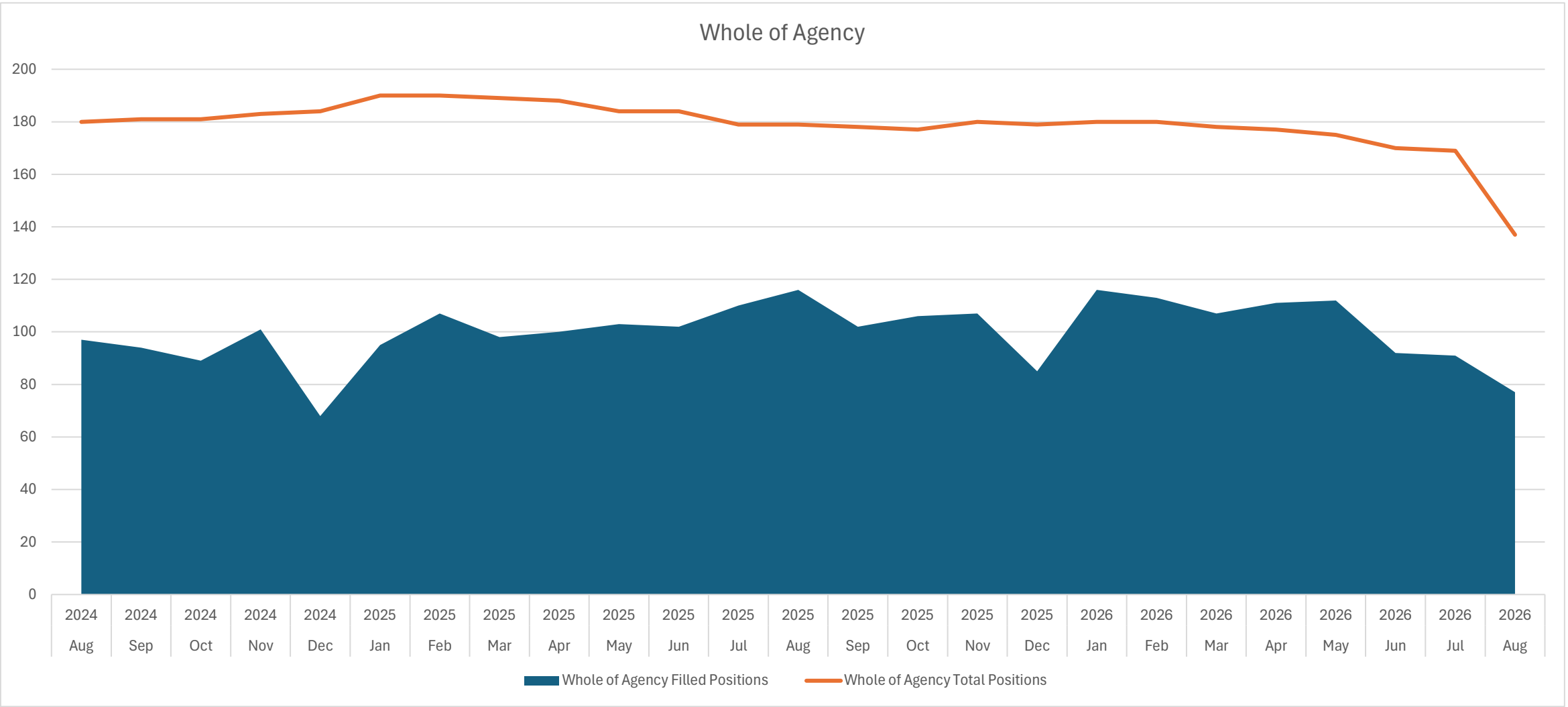
- Greater Darwin Region
- Big Rivers Regions
- Arnhem Region
- Top End Region

- e. Barkly Region
- f. Central Australia Region
- g. NT Wide Services

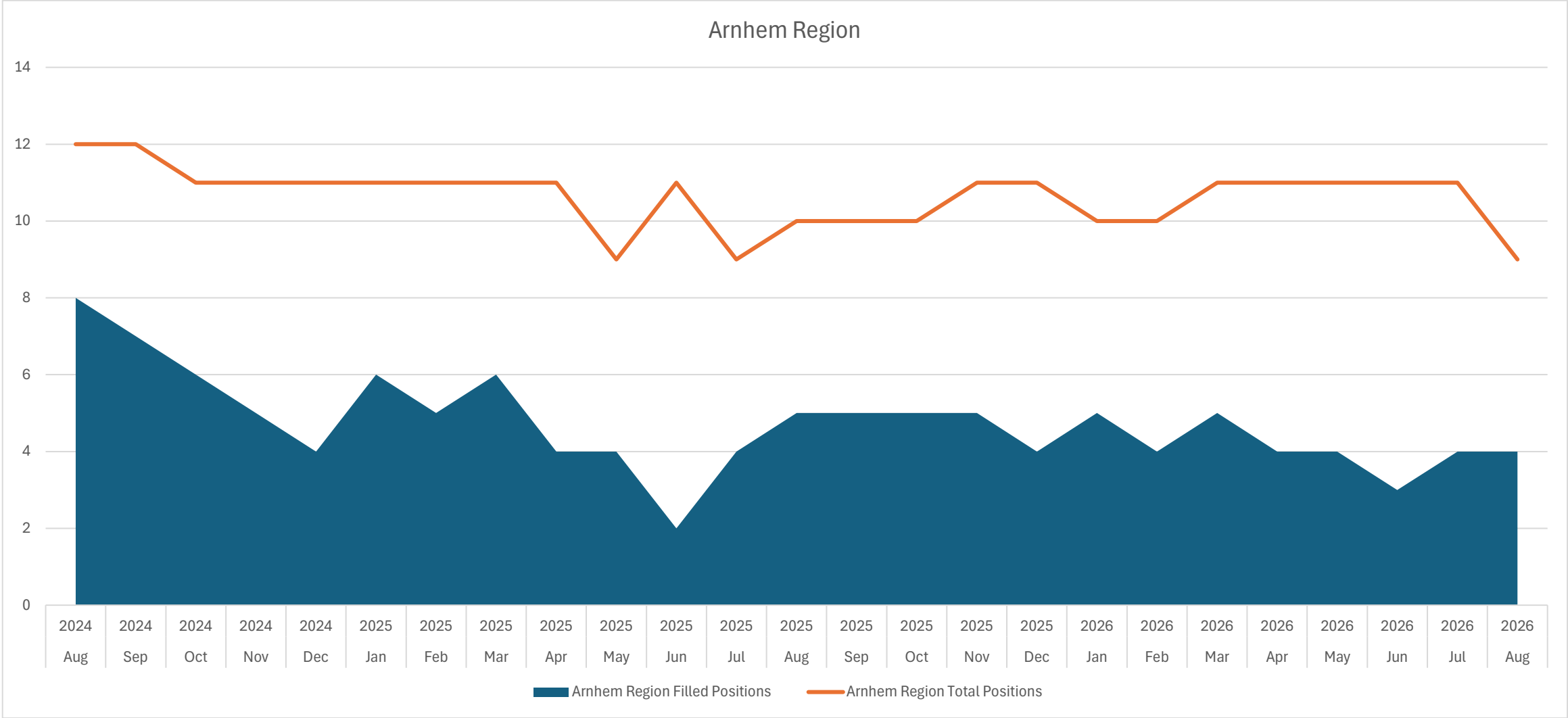
5. Can this data be shared monthly going forward, until March 2027?

The amount of administrative effort required to undertake this activity on an ongoing basis would be excessive and result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

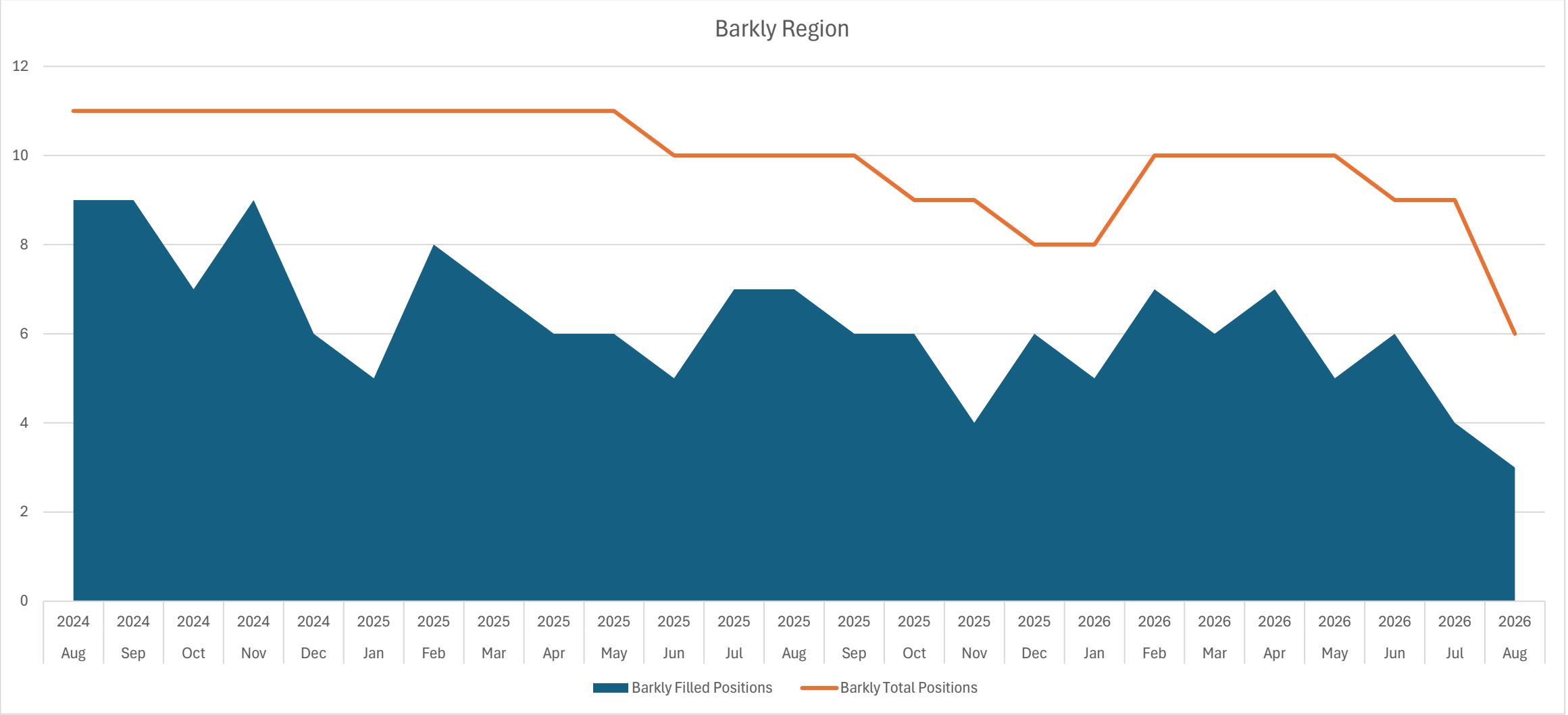
Whole of Agency				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	83	97	180
Sep	2024	87	94	181
Oct	2024	92	89	181
Nov	2024	82	101	183
Dec	2024	116	68	184
Jan	2025	95	95	190
Feb	2025	83	107	190
Mar	2025	91	98	189
Apr	2025	88	100	188
May	2025	81	103	184
Jun	2025	82	102	184
Jul	2025	69	110	179
Aug	2025	63	116	179
Sep	2025	76	102	178
Oct	2025	71	106	177
Nov	2025	73	107	180
Dec	2025	94	85	179
Jan	2026	64	116	180
Feb	2026	67	113	180
Mar	2026	71	107	178
Apr	2026	66	111	177
May	2026	63	112	175
Jun	2026	78	92	170
Jul	2026	78	91	169
Aug	2026	60	77	137



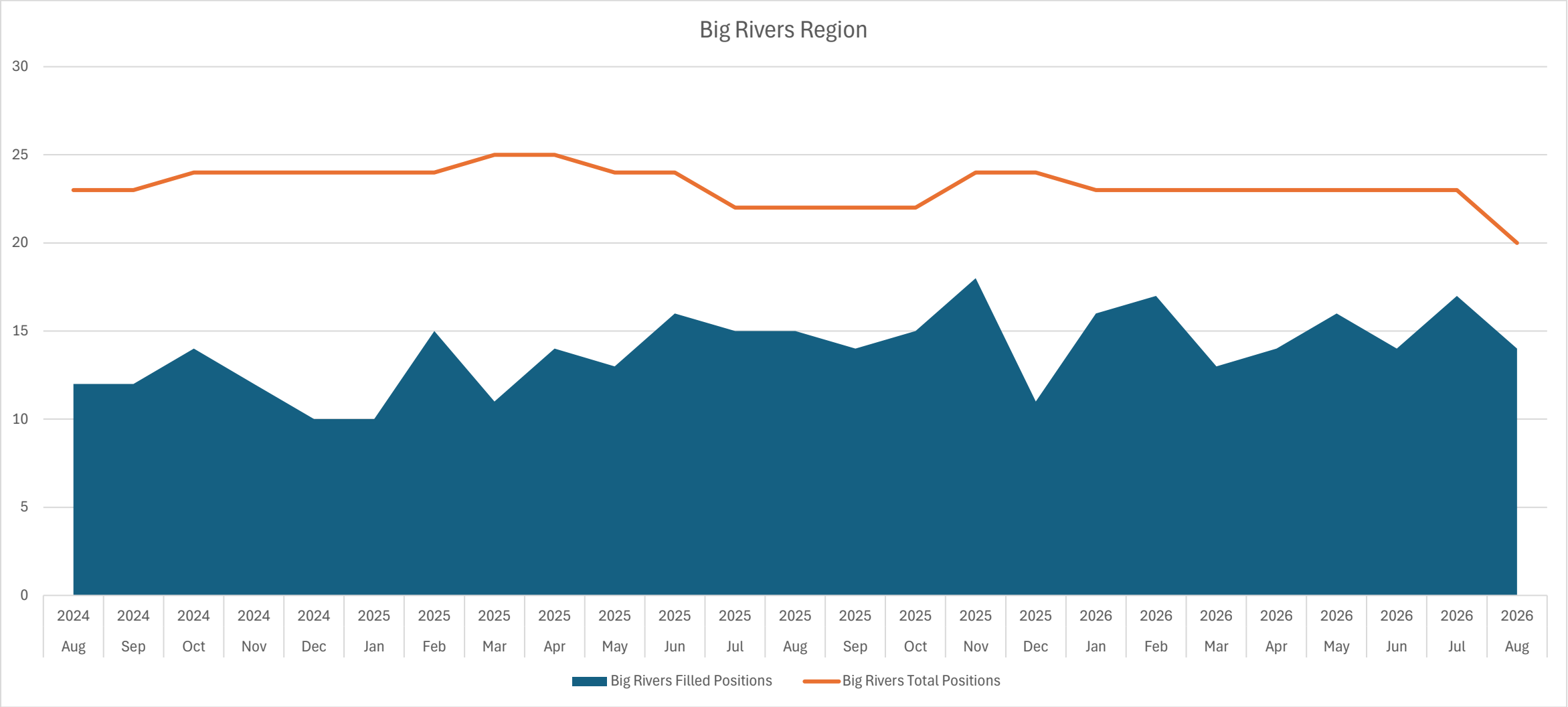
Arnhem Region				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	4	8	12
Sep	2024	5	7	12
Oct	2024	5	6	11
Nov	2024	6	5	11
Dec	2024	7	4	11
Jan	2025	5	6	11
Feb	2025	6	5	11
Mar	2025	5	6	11
Apr	2025	7	4	11
May	2025	5	4	9
Jun	2025	9	2	11
Jul	2025	5	4	9
Aug	2025	5	5	10
Sep	2025	5	5	10
Oct	2025	5	5	10
Nov	2025	6	5	11
Dec	2025	7	4	11
Jan	2026	5	5	10
Feb	2026	6	4	10
Mar	2026	6	5	11
Apr	2026	7	4	11
May	2026	7	4	11
Jun	2026	8	3	11
Jul	2026	7	4	11
Aug	2026	5	4	9



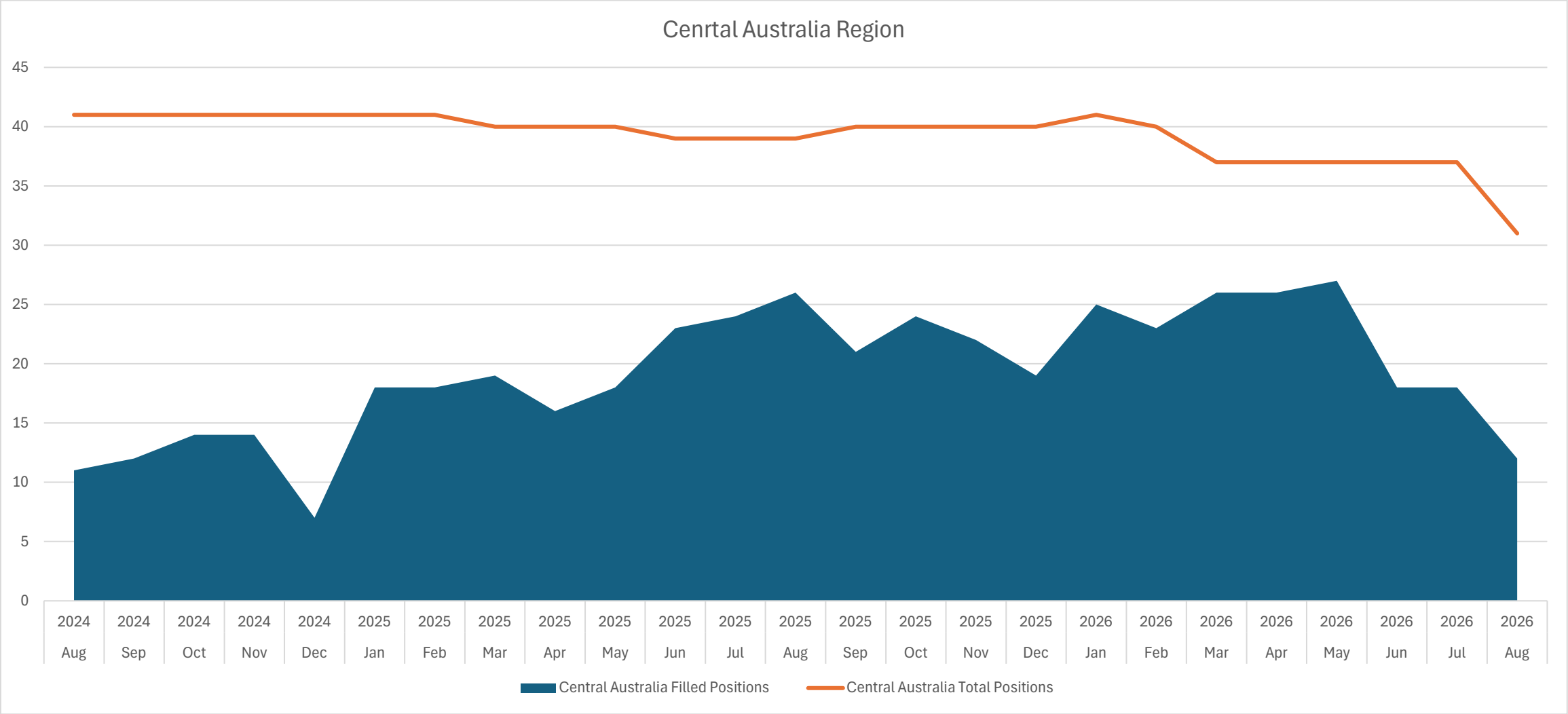
Barkly				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	2	9	11
Sep	2024	2	9	11
Oct	2024	4	7	11
Nov	2024	2	9	11
Dec	2024	5	6	11
Jan	2025	6	5	11
Feb	2025	3	8	11
Mar	2025	4	7	11
Apr	2025	5	6	11
May	2025	5	6	11
Jun	2025	5	5	10
Jul	2025	3	7	10
Aug	2025	3	7	10
Sep	2025	4	6	10
Oct	2025	3	6	9
Nov	2025	5	4	9
Dec	2025	2	6	8
Jan	2026	3	5	8
Feb	2026	3	7	10
Mar	2026	4	6	10
Apr	2026	3	7	10
May	2026	5	5	10
Jun	2026	3	6	9
Jul	2026	5	4	9
Aug	2026	3	3	6



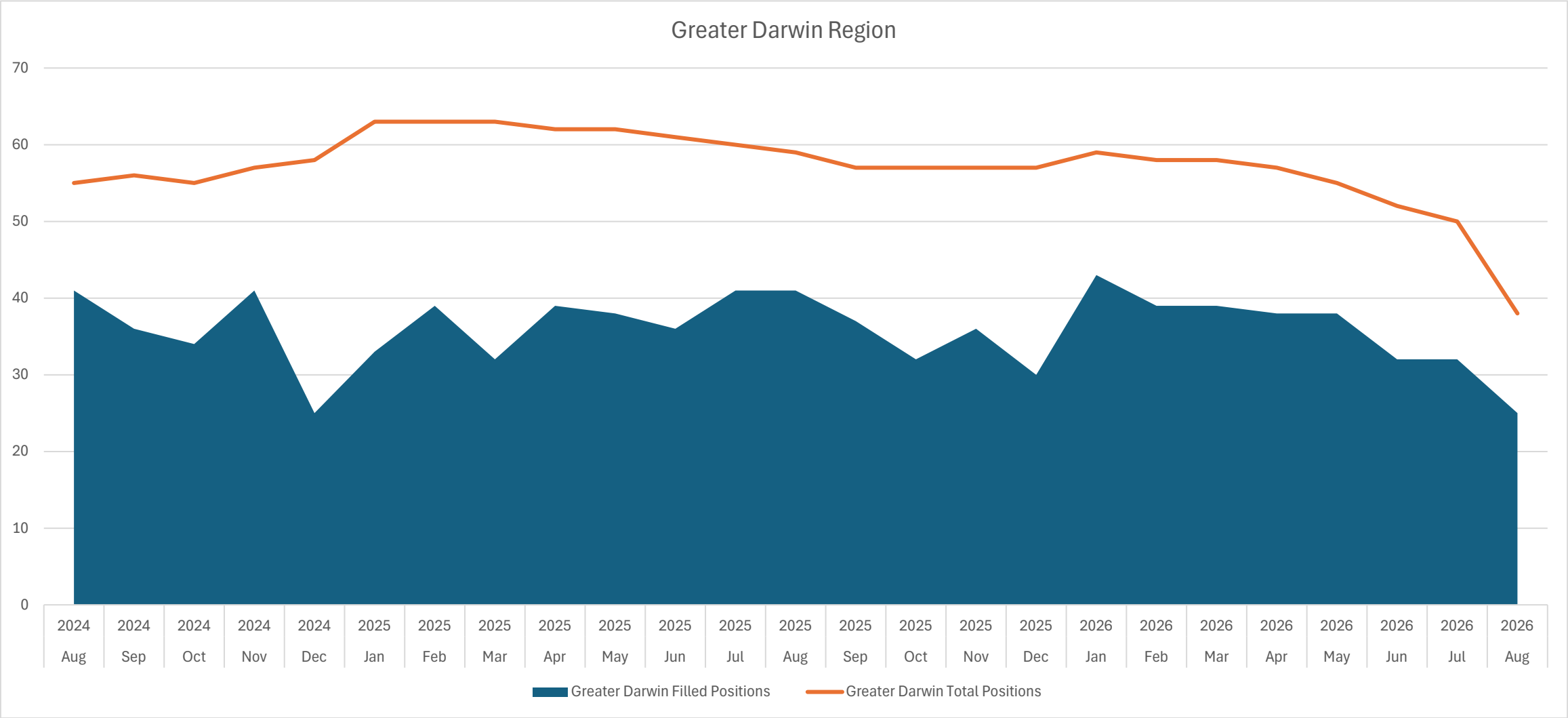
Big Rivers				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	11	12	23
Sep	2024	11	12	23
Oct	2024	10	14	24
Nov	2024	12	12	24
Dec	2024	14	10	24
Jan	2025	14	10	24
Feb	2025	9	15	24
Mar	2025	14	11	25
Apr	2025	11	14	25
May	2025	11	13	24
Jun	2025	8	16	24
Jul	2025	7	15	22
Aug	2025	7	15	22
Sep	2025	8	14	22
Oct	2025	7	15	22
Nov	2025	6	18	24
Dec	2025	13	11	24
Jan	2026	7	16	23
Feb	2026	6	17	23
Mar	2026	10	13	23
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May	2026	7	16	23
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Jul	2026	6	17	23
Aug	2026	6	14	20



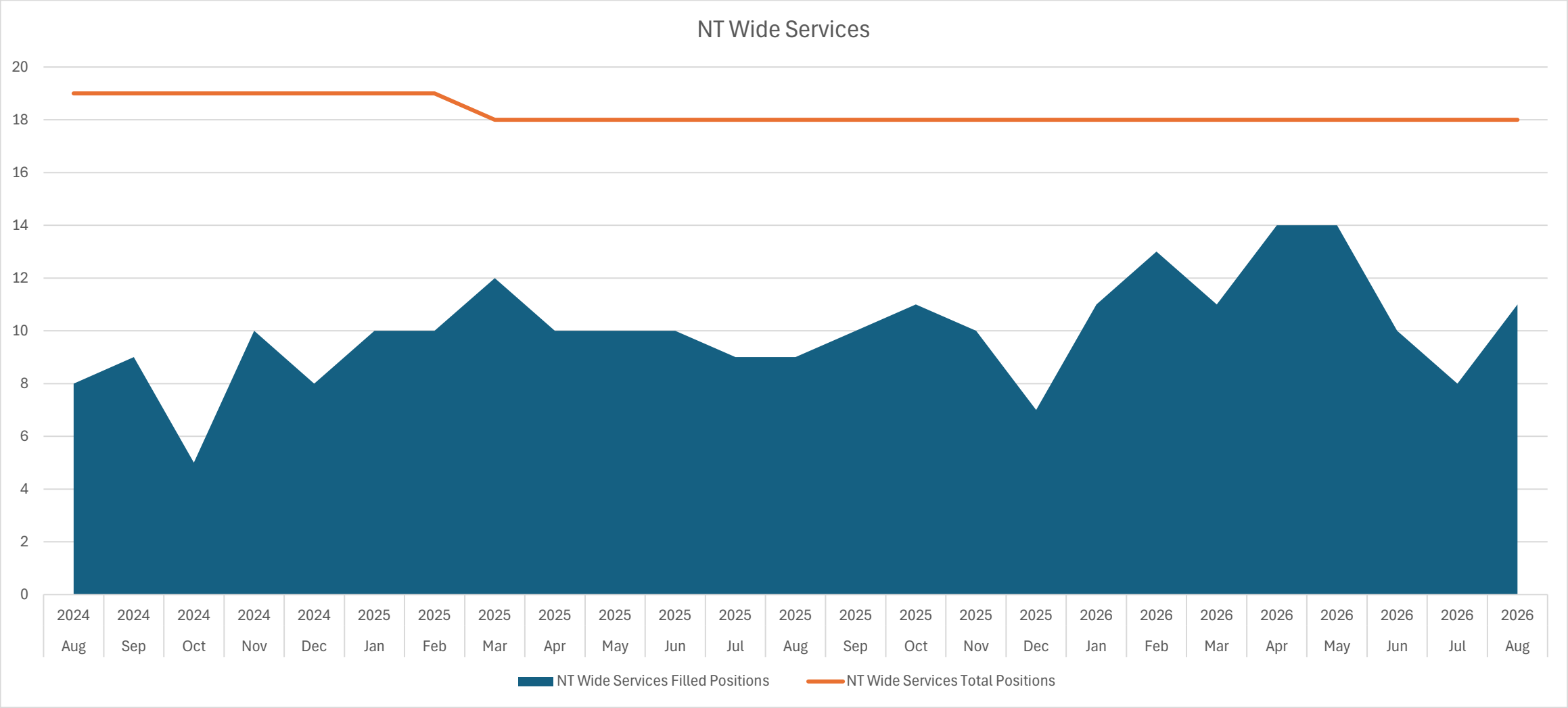
Central Australia				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
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Nov	2024	27	14	41
Dec	2024	34	7	41
Jan	2025	23	18	41
Feb	2025	23	18	41
Mar	2025	21	19	40
Apr	2025	24	16	40
May	2025	22	18	40
Jun	2025	16	23	39
Jul	2025	15	24	39
Aug	2025	13	26	39
Sep	2025	19	21	40
Oct	2025	16	24	40
Nov	2025	18	22	40
Dec	2025	21	19	40
Jan	2026	16	25	41
Feb	2026	17	23	40
Mar	2026	11	26	37
Apr	2026	11	26	37
May	2026	10	27	37
Jun	2026	19	18	37
Jul	2026	19	18	37
Aug	2026	19	12	31



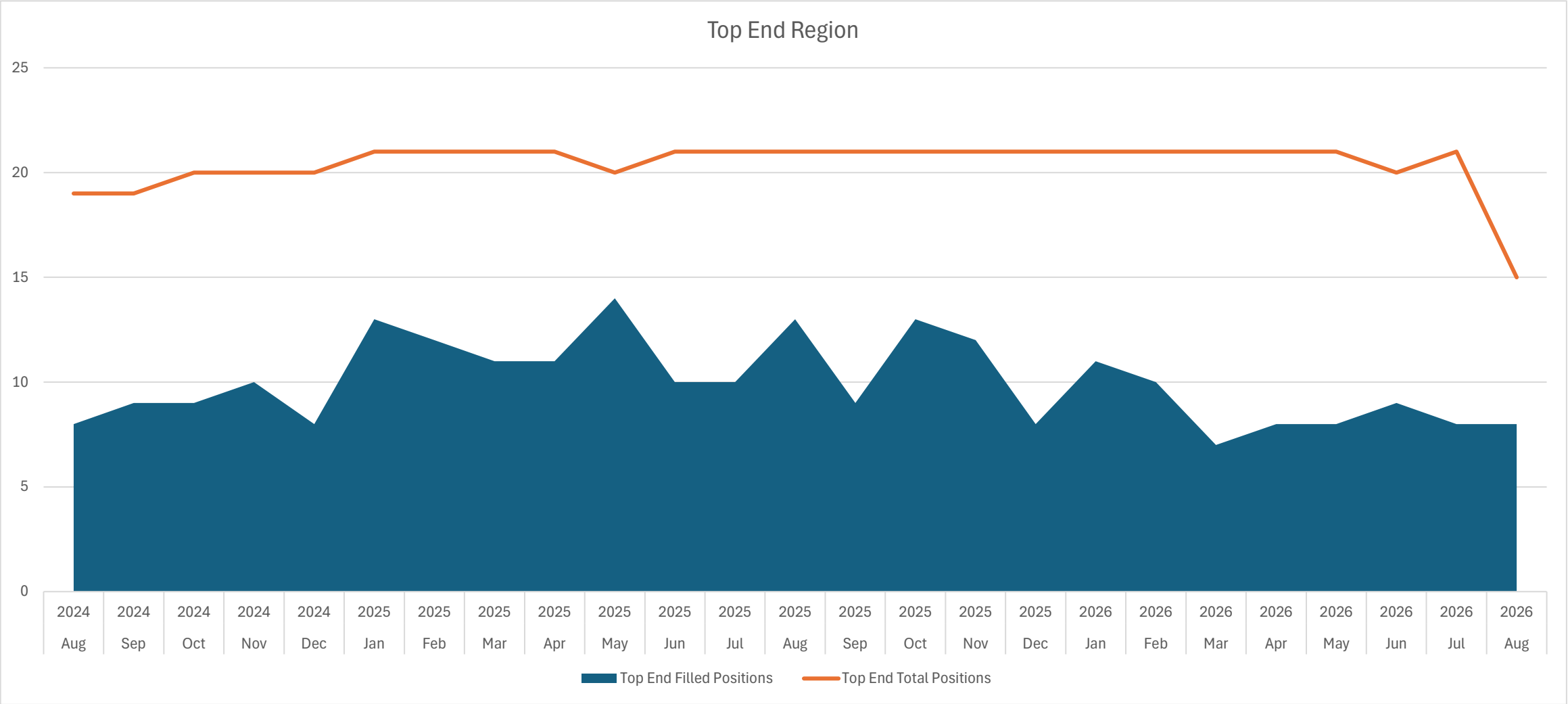
Greater Darwin				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	14	41	55
Sep	2024	20	36	56
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Nov	2024	16	41	57
Dec	2024	33	25	58
Jan	2025	30	33	63
Feb	2025	24	39	63
Mar	2025	31	32	63
Apr	2025	23	39	62
May	2025	24	38	62
Jun	2025	25	36	61
Jul	2025	19	41	60
Aug	2025	18	41	59
Sep	2025	20	37	57
Oct	2025	25	32	57
Nov	2025	21	36	57
Dec	2025	27	30	57
Jan	2026	16	43	59
Feb	2026	19	39	58
Mar	2026	19	39	58
Apr	2026	19	38	57
May	2026	17	38	55
Jun	2026	20	32	52
Jul	2026	18	32	50
Aug	2026	13	25	38



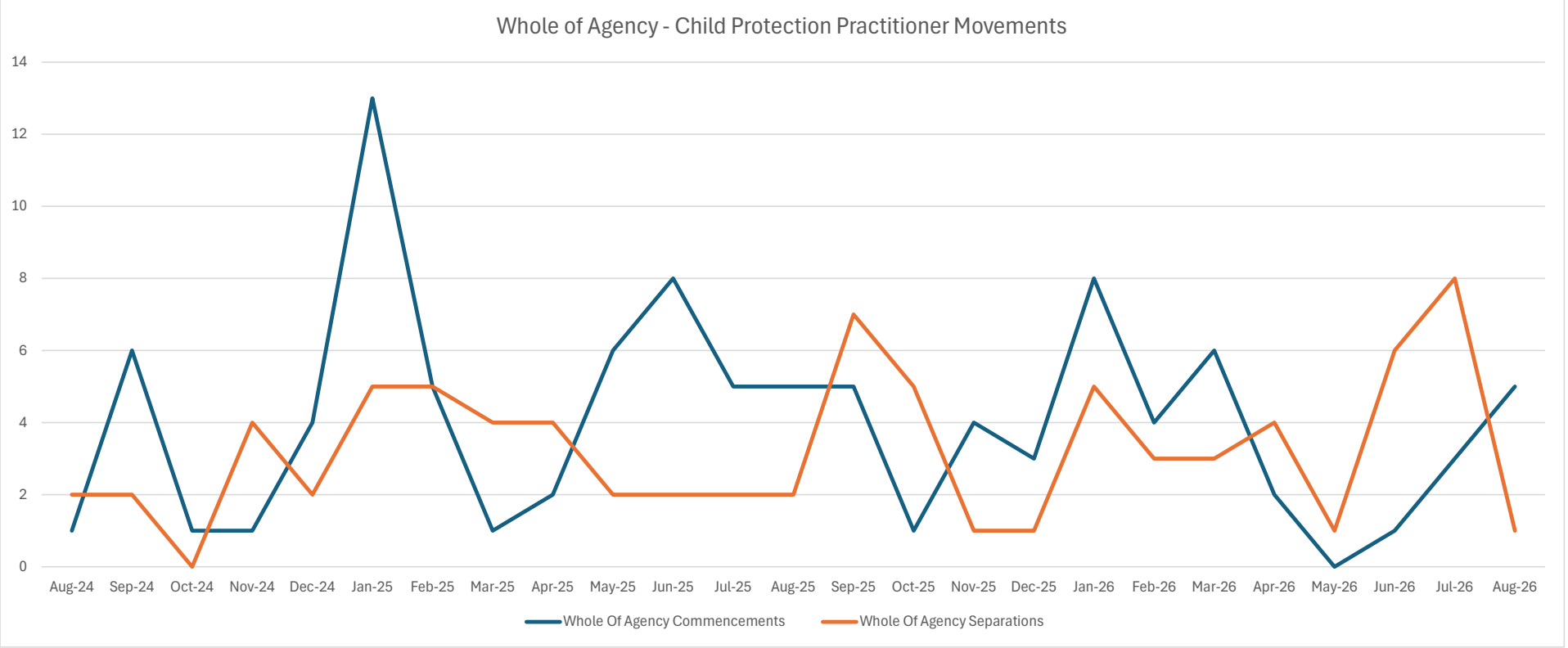
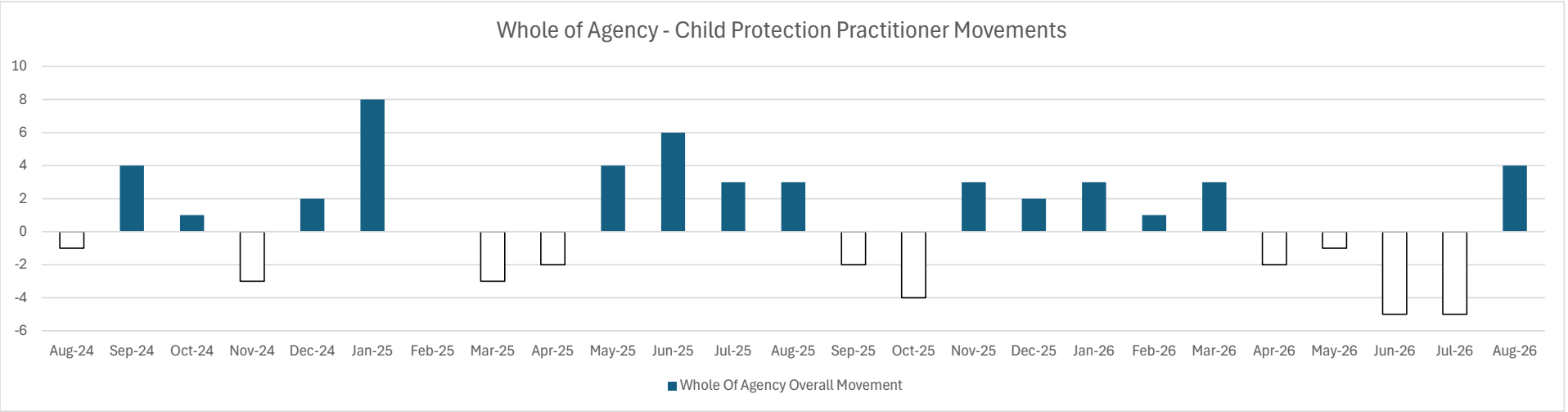
NT Wide Services				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	11	8	19
Sep	2024	10	9	19
Oct	2024	14	5	19
Nov	2024	9	10	19
Dec	2024	11	8	19
Jan	2025	9	10	19
Feb	2025	9	10	19
Mar	2025	6	12	18
Apr	2025	8	10	18
May	2025	8	10	18
Jun	2025	8	10	18
Jul	2025	9	9	18
Aug	2025	9	9	18
Sep	2025	8	10	18
Oct	2025	7	11	18
Nov	2025	8	10	18
Dec	2025	11	7	18
Jan	2026	7	11	18
Feb	2026	5	13	18
Mar	2026	7	11	18
Apr	2026	4	14	18
May	2026	4	14	18
Jun	2026	8	10	18
Jul	2026	10	8	18
Aug	2026	7	11	18



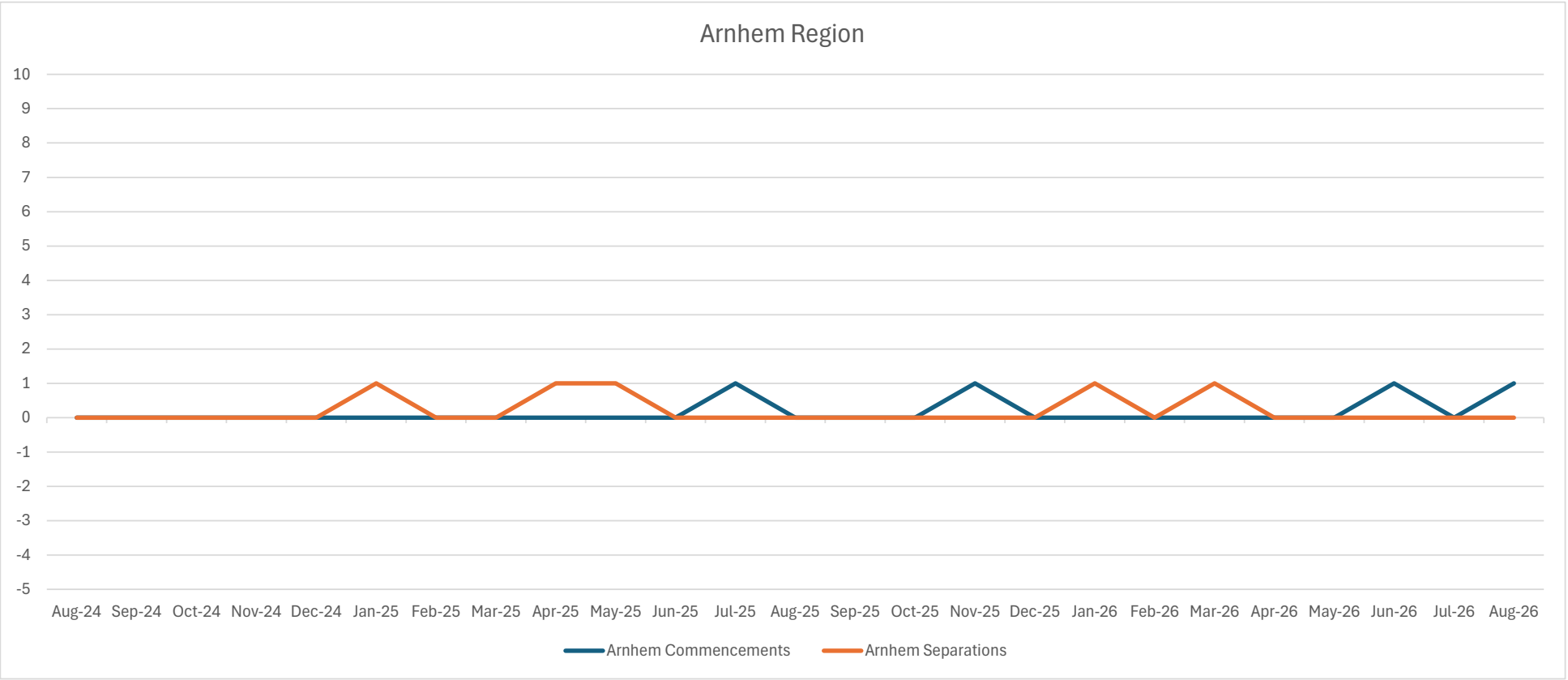
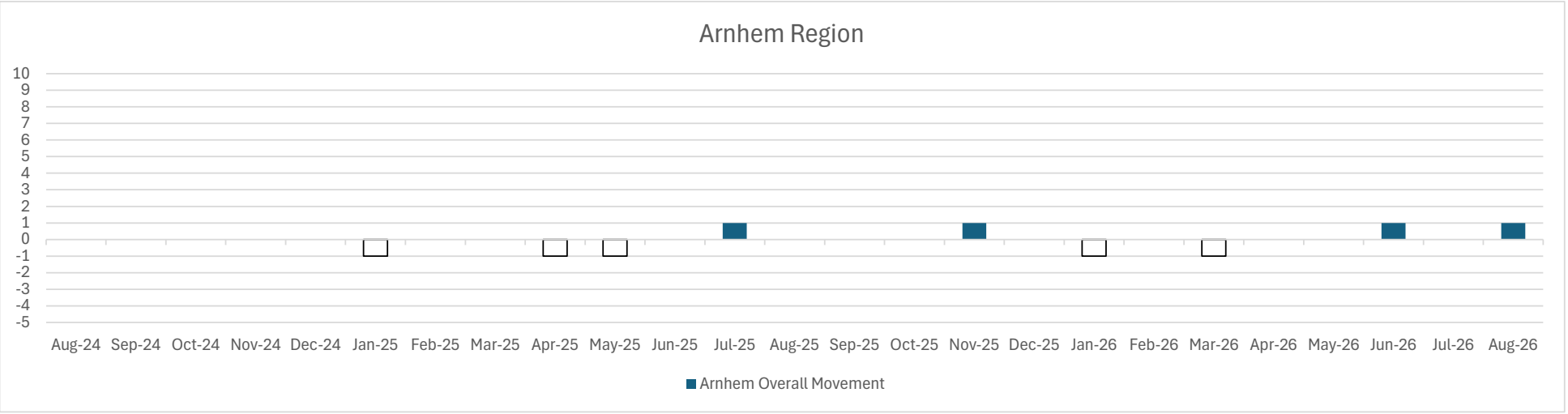
Top End				
Month	Year	Actually Vacant Positions	Filled Positions	Total Positions
Aug	2024	11	8	19
Sep	2024	10	9	19
Oct	2024	11	9	20
Nov	2024	10	10	20
Dec	2024	12	8	20
Jan	2025	8	13	21
Feb	2025	9	12	21
Mar	2025	10	11	21
Apr	2025	10	11	21
May	2025	6	14	20
Jun	2025	11	10	21
Jul	2025	11	10	21
Aug	2025	8	13	21
Sep	2025	12	9	21
Oct	2025	8	13	21
Nov	2025	9	12	21
Dec	2025	13	8	21
Jan	2026	10	11	21
Feb	2026	11	10	21
Mar	2026	14	7	21
Apr	2026	13	8	21
May	2026	13	8	21
Jun	2026	11	9	20
Jul	2026	13	8	21
Aug	2026	7	8	15



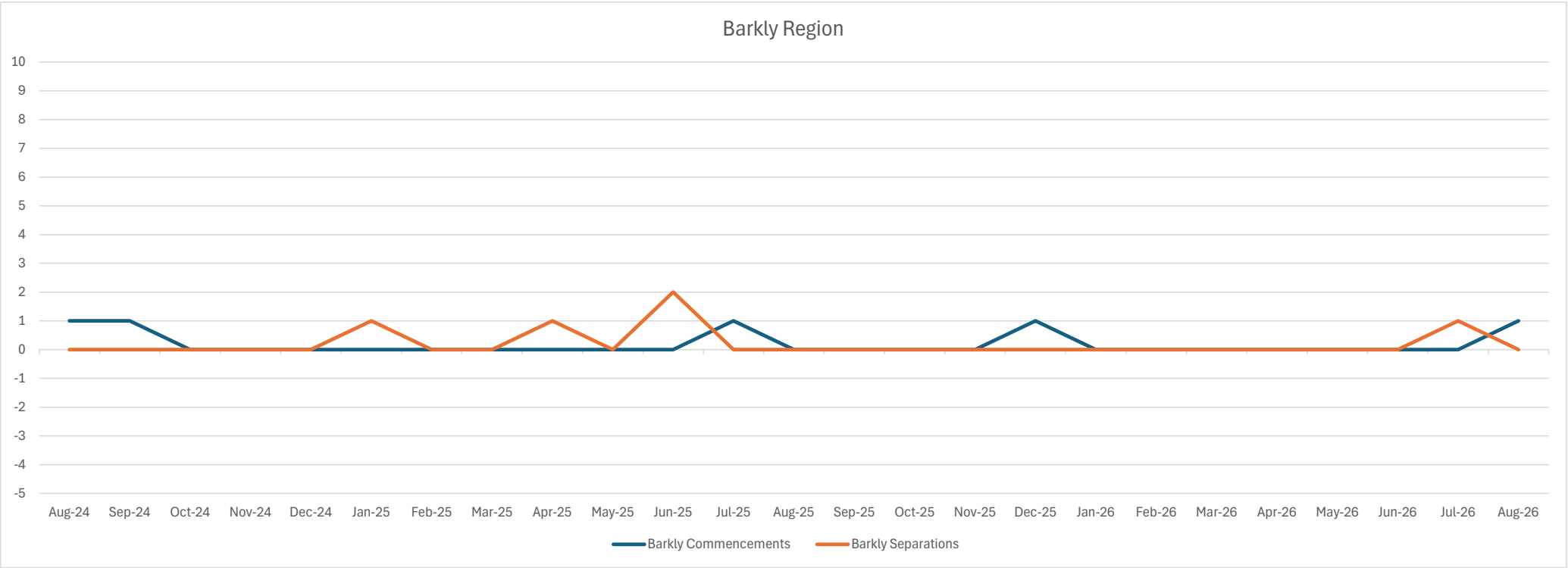
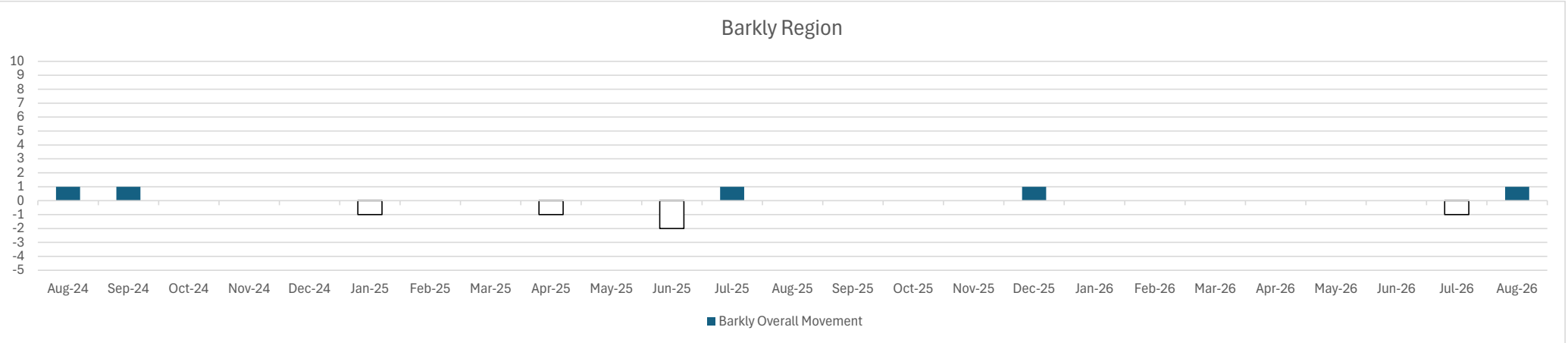
	Whole Of Agency		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	1	2	-1
Sep-24	6	2	4
Oct-24	1	0	1
Nov-24	1	4	-3
Dec-24	4	2	2
Jan-25	13	5	8
Feb-25	5	5	0
Mar-25	1	4	-3
Apr-25	2	4	-2
May-25	6	2	4
Jun-25	8	2	6
Jul-25	5	2	3
Aug-25	5	2	3
Sep-25	5	7	-2
Oct-25	1	5	-4
Nov-25	4	1	3
Dec-25	3	1	2
Jan-26	8	5	3
Feb-26	4	3	1
Mar-26	6	3	3
Apr-26	2	4	-2
May-26	0	1	-1
Jun-26	1	6	-5
Jul-26	3	8	-5
Aug-26	5	1	4
Total Movement	104	84	20



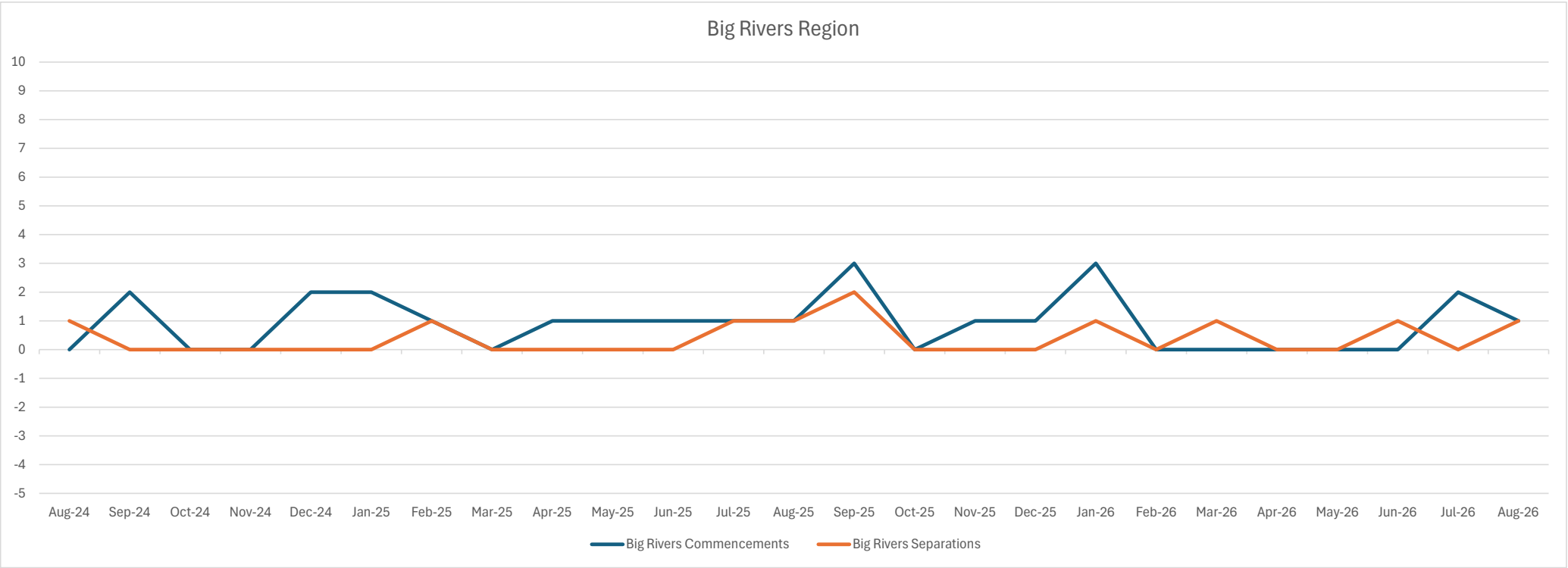
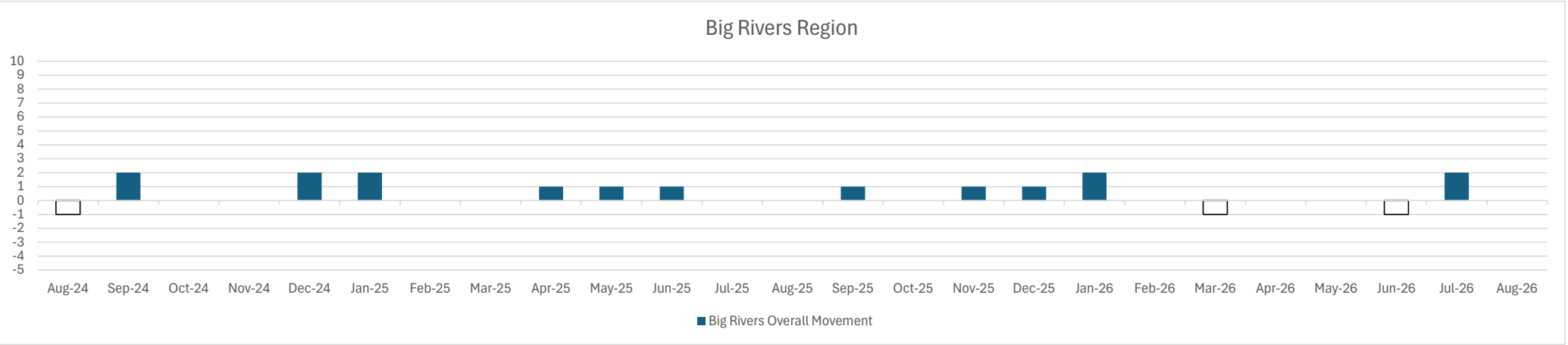
	Arnhem		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	0	0	0
Sep-24	0	0	0
Oct-24	0	0	0
Nov-24	0	0	0
Dec-24	0	0	0
Jan-25	0	1	-1
Feb-25	0	0	0
Mar-25	0	0	0
Apr-25	0	1	-1
May-25	0	1	-1
Jun-25	0	0	0
Jul-25	1	0	1
Aug-25	0	0	0
Sep-25	0	0	0
Oct-25	0	0	0
Nov-25	1	0	1
Dec-25	0	0	0
Jan-26	0	1	-1
Feb-26	0	0	0
Mar-26	0	1	-1
Apr-26	0	0	0
May-26	0	0	0
Jun-26	1	0	1
Jul-26	0	0	0
Aug-26	1	0	1
Total Movement	4	5	-1



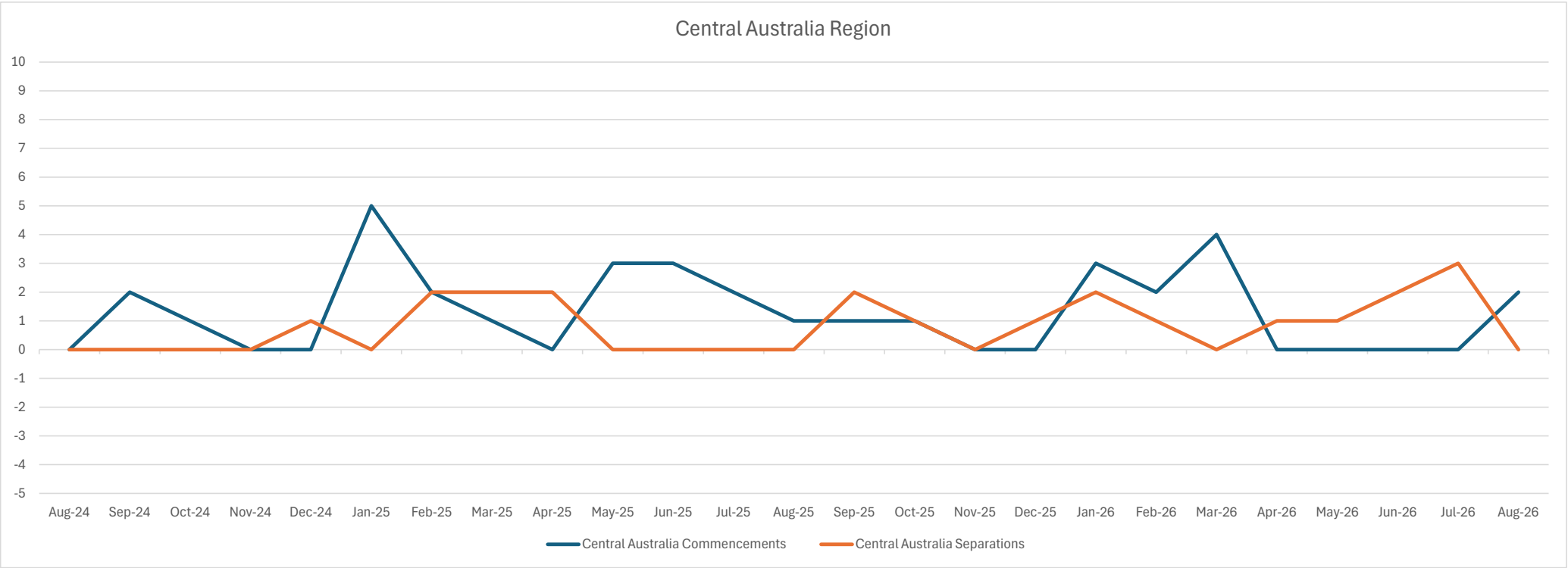
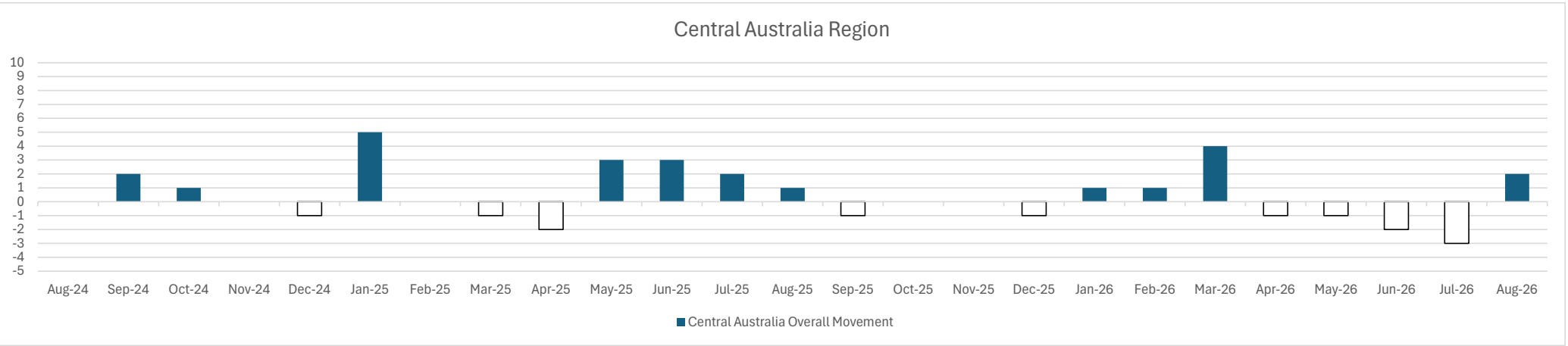
	Barkly		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	1	0	1
Sep-24	1	0	1
Oct-24	0	0	0
Nov-24	0	0	0
Dec-24	0	0	0
Jan-25	0	1	-1
Feb-25	0	0	0
Mar-25	0	0	0
Apr-25	0	1	-1
May-25	0	0	0
Jun-25	0	2	-2
Jul-25	1	0	1
Aug-25	0	0	0
Sep-25	0	0	0
Oct-25	0	0	0
Nov-25	0	0	0
Dec-25	1	0	1
Jan-26	0	0	0
Feb-26	0	0	0
Mar-26	0	0	0
Apr-26	0	0	0
May-26	0	0	0
Jun-26	0	0	0
Jul-26	0	1	-1
Aug-26	1	0	1
Total Movement	5	5	0



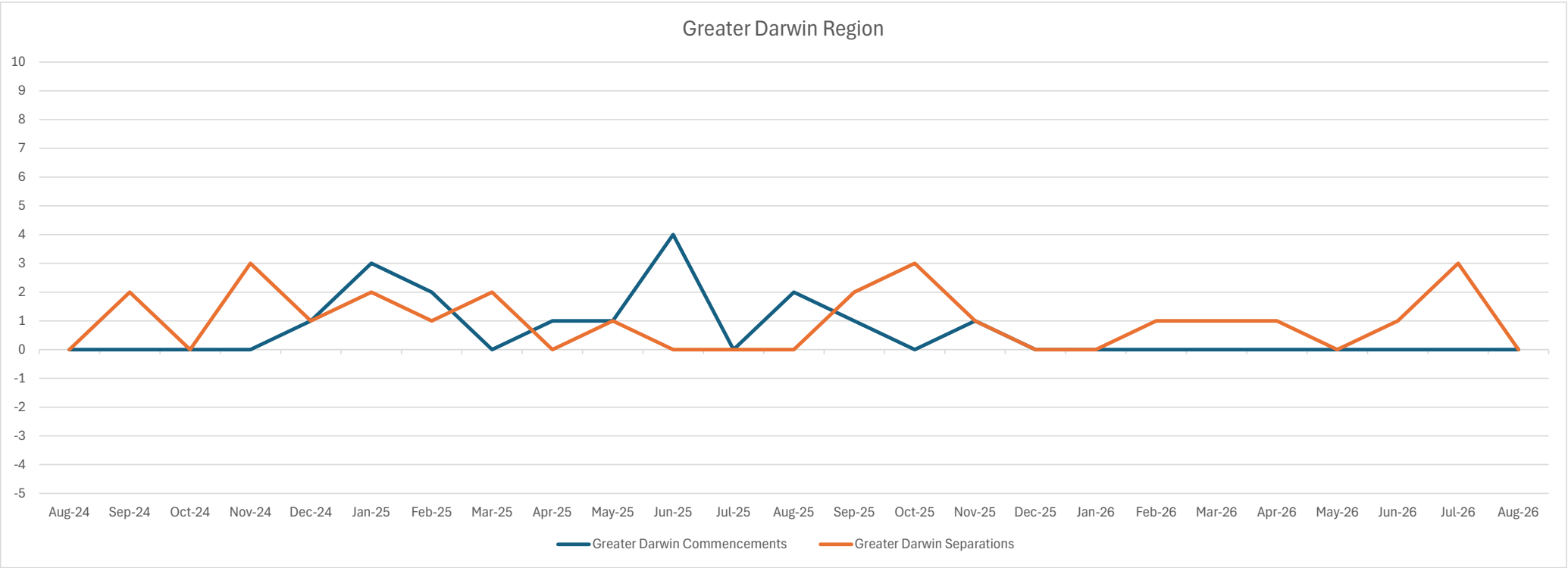
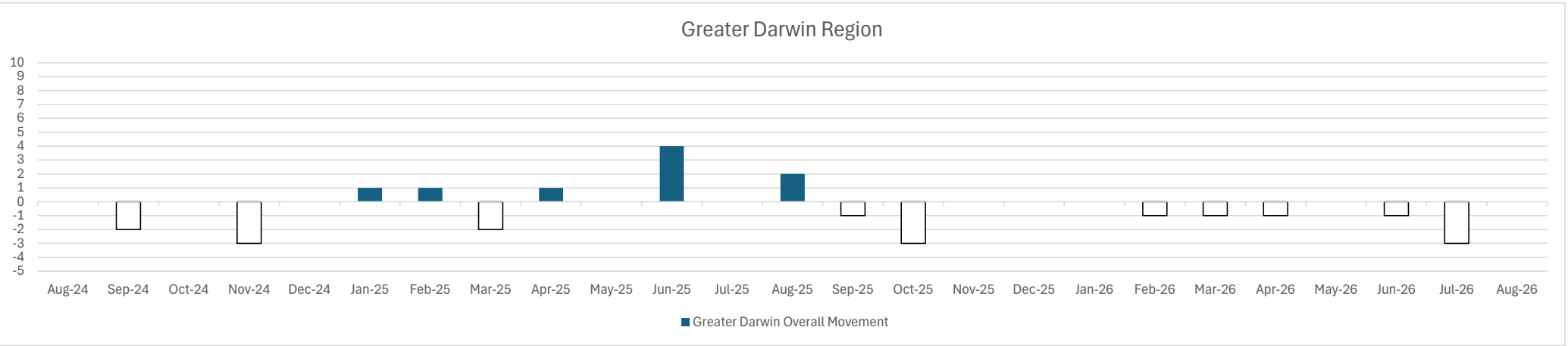
	Big Rivers		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	0	1	-1
Sep-24	2	0	2
Oct-24	0	0	0
Nov-24	0	0	0
Dec-24	2	0	2
Jan-25	2	0	2
Feb-25	1	1	0
Mar-25	0	0	0
Apr-25	1	0	1
May-25	1	0	1
Jun-25	1	0	1
Jul-25	1	1	0
Aug-25	1	1	0
Sep-25	3	2	1
Oct-25	0	0	0
Nov-25	1	0	1
Dec-25	1	0	1
Jan-26	3	1	2
Feb-26	0	0	0
Mar-26	0	1	-1
Apr-26	0	0	0
May-26	0	0	0
Jun-26	0	1	-1
Jul-26	2	0	2
Aug-26	1	1	0
Total Movement	23	10	13



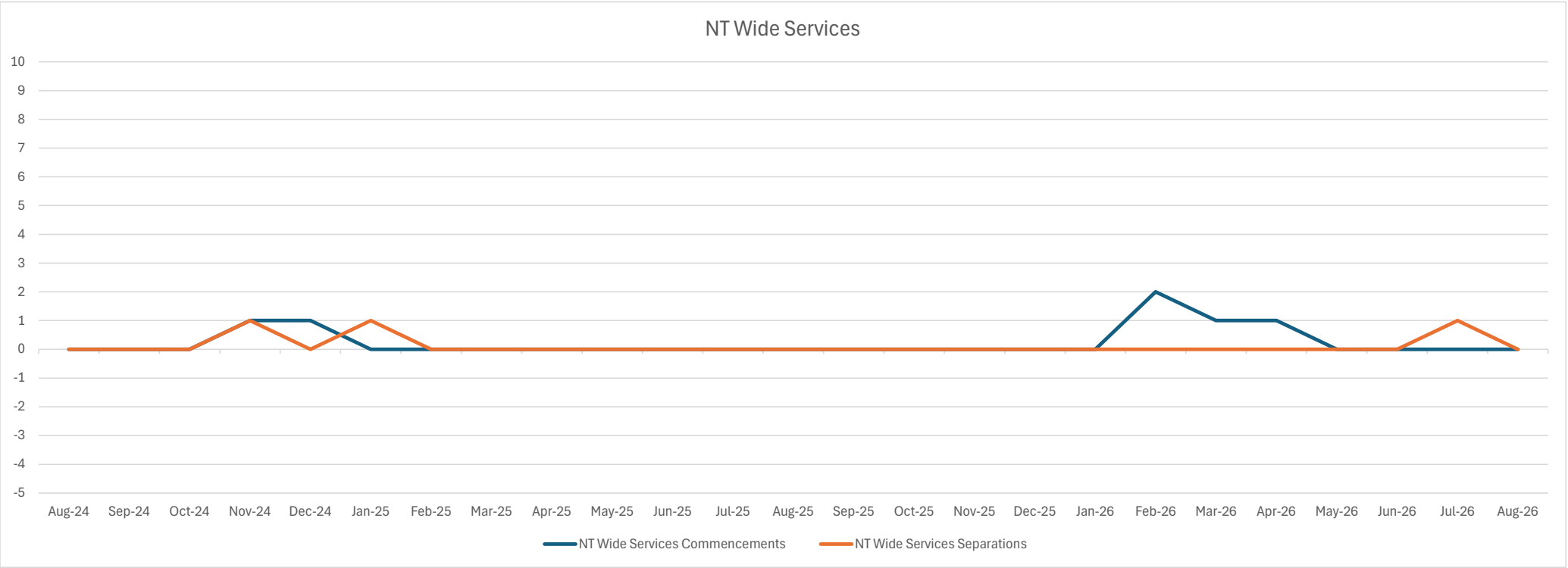
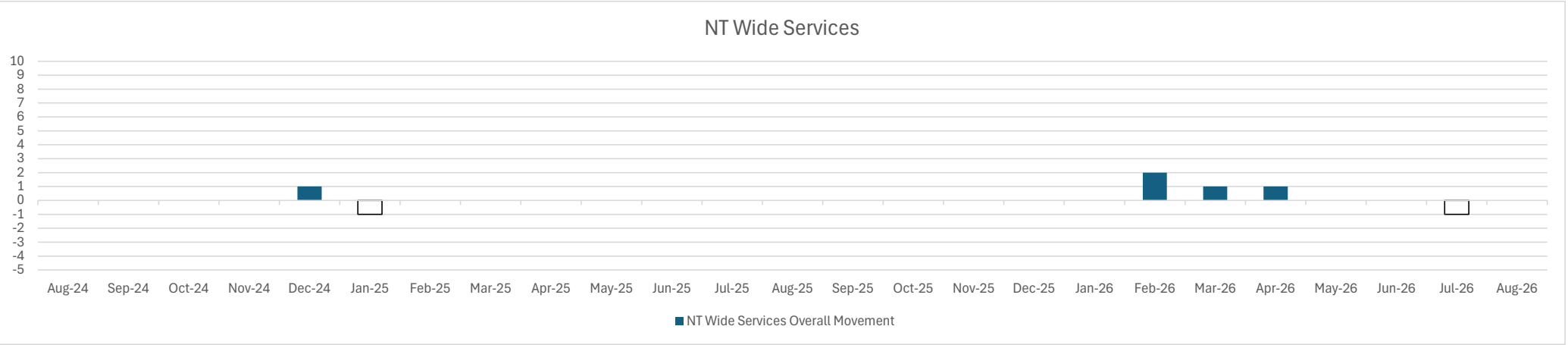
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	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	0	0	0
Sep-24	2	0	2
Oct-24	1	0	1
Nov-24	0	0	0
Dec-24	0	1	-1
Jan-25	5	0	5
Feb-25	2	2	0
Mar-25	1	2	-1
Apr-25	0	2	-2
May-25	3	0	3
Jun-25	3	0	3
Jul-25	2	0	2
Aug-25	1	0	1
Sep-25	1	2	-1
Oct-25	1	1	0
Nov-25	0	0	0
Dec-25	0	1	-1
Jan-26	3	2	1
Feb-26	2	1	1
Mar-26	4	0	4
Apr-26	0	1	-1
May-26	0	1	-1
Jun-26	0	2	-2
Jul-26	0	3	-3
Aug-26	2	0	2
Total Movement	33	21	12



	Greater Darwin		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	0	0	0
Sep-24	0	2	-2
Oct-24	0	0	0
Nov-24	0	3	-3
Dec-24	1	1	0
Jan-25	3	2	1
Feb-25	2	1	1
Mar-25	0	2	-2
Apr-25	1	0	1
May-25	1	1	0
Jun-25	4	0	4
Jul-25	0	0	0
Aug-25	2	0	2
Sep-25	1	2	-1
Oct-25	0	3	-3
Nov-25	1	1	0
Dec-25	0	0	0
Jan-26	0	0	0
Feb-26	0	1	-1
Mar-26	0	1	-1
Apr-26	0	1	-1
May-26	0	0	0
Jun-26	0	1	-1
Jul-26	0	3	-3
Aug-26	0	0	0
Total Movement	16	25	-9



	NT Wide Services		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	0	0	0
Sep-24	0	0	0
Oct-24	0	0	0
Nov-24	1	1	0
Dec-24	1	0	1
Jan-25	0	1	-1
Feb-25	0	0	0
Mar-25	0	0	0
Apr-25	0	0	0
May-25	0	0	0
Jun-25	0	0	0
Jul-25	0	0	0
Aug-25	0	0	0
Sep-25	0	0	0
Oct-25	0	0	0
Nov-25	0	0	0
Dec-25	0	0	0
Jan-26	0	0	0
Feb-26	2	0	2
Mar-26	1	0	1
Apr-26	1	0	1
May-26	0	0	0
Jun-26	0	0	0
Jul-26	0	1	-1
Aug-26	0	0	0
Total Movement	6	3	3



	Top End		
	Commencements	Separations	Overall Movement
Aug-24	0	1	-1
Sep-24	1	0	1
Oct-24	0	0	0
Nov-24	0	0	0
Dec-24	0	0	0
Jan-25	3	0	3
Feb-25	0	1	-1
Mar-25	0	0	0
Apr-25	0	0	0
May-25	1	0	1
Jun-25	0	0	0
Jul-25	0	1	-1
Aug-25	1	1	0
Sep-25	0	1	-1
Oct-25	0	1	-1
Nov-25	1	0	1
Dec-25	1	0	1
Jan-26	2	1	1
Feb-26	0	1	-1
Mar-26	1	0	1
Apr-26	1	2	-1
May-26	0	0	0
Jun-26	0	2	-2
Jul-26	1	0	1
Aug-26	0	0	0
Total Movement	13	12	1

