



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

REPORT

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2006
WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2006
THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2006
FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2006

The Estimates Committee examined the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill (No 2) 2006/2007, in particular on the estimates relating to the portfolios of the:

Speaker
Chief Minister
Minister for Tourism
Minister for Asian Relations and Trade
Minister for the AustralAsia Railway
Minister for Indigenous Affairs
Treasurer
Minister for Employment, Education and Training
Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General
Minister for Health
Minister for Central Australia
Minister for Business and Economic Development
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for Defence Support
Minister for Essential Services
Minister for Planning and Lands
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
Minister for Mines and Energy
Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Housing
Minister for Family and Community Services
Minister for Sport and Recreation

The Committee notes the Outputs contained in the estimates of the proposed expenditure for the above portfolios and reports that there was concern expressed by some Members of the Committee in respect of:

PORTFOLIO	AREA OF CONCERN
Legislative Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabling of the Building • Chiller and Energy Savings • Colour Photocopier – Trial • Repairs and Maintenance • Staffing
Treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfunded Superannuation • Asset Maintenance • Increase in Net Debt • Budget – Costs of Production and Advertising • Asset valuation • Taxation – First Home Owners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GST, Stamp Duty • Licensed Liquor Outlets • Raffles • Poker Machines
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Schools • Apprenticeship numbers • Treasury • Transport of Indigenous Pupils • Treasurer Assets • Translation of articles/Languages • Partnership Agreements, Indigenous Communities
Chief Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audits • Electoral Commission • Ministerial Offices • Media Liaison – Chief Minister <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agencies • Indigenous Policy • Marketing and Promotion
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOMS • Security of Payments • Community Work Groups • Staffing Communication Unit • Legal Costs
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective Surgery Categories • Alice Springs Hospital Chapel • Radiation/Oncology Unit • P.A.T.S • Staffing numbers • St Johns

<p>Family and Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Services • Domestic Violence • Supported Accommodation • Child Protection • Task force (Police/Fire) • Family Violence • Current Inquiries • Children in Care • Territory Infrastructure and Mobility Scheme (TIMES) • Allied Health Professionals • NT Taxi Subsidy • Respite Care • Pensioner Concession Scheme • Self Funded Retirement Village • Metal Health • Smoke Free Work Environment • Indigenous and Youth uptake of smoking • Rehabilitation Facilities • Sobering up Shelters
<p>Business and Industry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Unit • Regional Development/Local Government • Business Park • Defence Hub Network
<p>Police, Fire and Emergency Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radar/Speed Guns • A.C.P.O.S • Road Safety • Public Relations Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer Satisfaction • Police Staffing Numbers
<p>Planning and Infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Water Supplies • New Zoning Principles • Costs of Waterfront • Transport Safety • Bus Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ticketing - School kids travel behaviour - Security • Victoria Highway
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>Primary Industry & Fisheries</p> <p>Multicultural Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uranium Mines • McArthur River Mine • Mount Todd • Mineral Road Shows • Mine Safety • Cotton • Indigenous Participation in Market Gardens • Horticulture • Mango Production • Live Cattle Export • Indigenous Cattle Stations • Gamba Grass Management • Harvesting wild Kangaroos/Camels • Potential Pollution of the Darwin Harbour • Buy Back of Commercial Fishing Licenses • Minimum mud crab size • Incursion of illegal Fishermen • CSIRO staffing within the NT • Expenditure on Multicultural Advancement
<p>Natural Resources, the Environment and the Arts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of Indigenous Park Rangers • Buffalo Creek Boat Ramp/Carpark/Kiosk • Tree Point/Joint Reserve • Howard Springs Reserve • Berry Springs Reserve • Visitor numbers to all Parks • Tour Operator Permit System (T.O.P.S) • Biological Parks • Staffing • Daly River Protection Plan • Daly River Advisory Council • Wild Care • Wild Life • Frog Watch • McArthur River • Flood Forecasting • Environment Protection Agency (EPA)

<p>Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Government Councils • Swimming Pool Fences • Staffing numbers • Community Camp Dogs - Healthy Dogs Program • Alice Springs RSPCS – Funding • Community Harmony Projects • Return to Country Funding • Town Camps • Acceptable behaviour agreement • Indigenous Housing • Indigenous Housing Construction Programs • Living Schools Program • Remote Community Libraries • Public Housing • Public Housing Authority, Alice Springs • Parliament House Library Internet usage by Tourists • Community Harmony programs • Anti-Social behaviour, satisfaction levels
<p>Power Water Corporation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •