

# 2014 Estimates Committee

## Response to Written Questions

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<b>Question Reference</b>	<b>WQ 261</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>Mr Vowles</b>

**Question:**

Questions for all agencies and government authorities you are responsible for. Please provide:

1. details of progress of all CLP election commitments, including all commitments and policy announcements made to Territorians in CLP election policy documents, summary snapshots, media releases and announcements, costings and savings documents, media advertisements and other printed material .
2. explanations of all variations and discrepancies between CLP election commitments and the decisions and policies of government since 1 July 2013
3. progress details on all commitments and policy announcements made within government press releases and media statements made since 1 July 2013
4. explanations for all variations and discrepancies between commitment and policy announcements made within government press releases and the actual implementation of government policy and funding decisions
5. progress details on the implementation of all signed written contracts with Territory communities
6. details of staff movements and all costs resulting from all Administrative Arrangements changes since 1 July 2013
7. details of staff movements and payouts and all costs, including ministerial office relocation costs resulting from portfolio reshuffles, since 1 July 2013
8. details and costs of all government advertising and communications since 1 July 2013
9. full details of all government advertising in breach of the *Public Information Act* as identified by the Auditor-General since 1 July 2013
10. a full breakdown of all ministerial office expenditure since 1 July 2013
11. a full list of all forced redundancies across all agencies, including an explanation for each redundancy, and why it was necessary to breach the CLP's election commitment that no public servant would be sacked

12. a full list of all personnel who have left the Northern Territory public sector and then returned since 1 July 2013, including payout and settlement details
13. details of all government tenders, contracts and grants awarded or granted since 1 July 2013, including whether the recipient is a member of the Country Liberal Party. This includes full location details for companies and organisations
14. details of procurement processes undertaken, and the employment contracts within the Northern Territory public sector since 1 July 2013 of all former CLP and Liberal Party candidates and members of parliament at Territory or federal level
15. full details and costs of all ministerial travel including accommodation, hospitality and flight details, including flight travel class, since 1 July 2013
16. full details, costs and invitation lists for all ministerial hospitality since 1 July 2013
17. full details, costs and invitation lists for all public service hospitality provided since 1 July 2013
18. full details and costs of all interstate or international public service travel, including accommodation, hospitality and flight details, including flight travel class, since 1 July 2013
19. a breakdown of all water and other natural asset allocations granted by the Northern Territory government since 26 August 2012 broken down by those granted to CLP members and others
20. details of all policy items, strategies, actual, estimates, budgets, forecasts, agency outputs and funding decisions contained within the May 2014 budget
21. details of all financial and economic data contained within operating statements, balance sheets and cash flow statements in the May 2014 budget
22. full details, including impact statements and implementation plans on all agency savings the May 2014 budget
23. details of all information and data contained within the fiscal strategy, updated fiscal outlook, risks to the updated financial projections, expenses and capital investment, intergovernmental revenue and territory taxes and royalties
24. full details of all information and data contained within the capital works program and estimated capital expenditure across all government agencies and corporations
25. full details of all revenue measures including new taxes and tax increases including levies and charges in budget 2014. Details to include risk impact statements, community and industry consultation plans, economic modelling and revenue projections
26. full details of the operational impacts across all government entities as a result of all government decisions and policies
27. full details of the operational impacts across all government entities as a result of the government's savings measures
28. details of the operational impacts across non-government agencies as a result of all government funding, decisions and policies
29. full details of the impacts across all government entities as a result of all increases in government and government corporation charges, prices and tariffs since August 26 2012

30. full details of all information and data contained within the two most recent reports on government services
31. full details of all information and data contained within all annual reports produced by all government entities across the last two financial years
32. full details of all information and data contained within any report produced by a statutory authority of the Northern Territory government within the last five years, and full details on any and all actions of all government entities in response to the report or related to the report
33. full details of all information and data contained within any report commissioned by the Northern Territory government and produced within the last five years, and full details on any and all actions of all government entities in response to the report or related to the report
34. full details of all information, data and forecasts contained within reports produced in the last two years in relation to the Northern Territory from Deloitte Access Economics, CommSec, Sensis, Australian Property Monitors, Housing Industry Association, Property Council, Master Builders Association and ANZ, including the response from government entities to these reports
35. full details and all information and data produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in relation to the Northern Territory in the last two years, including the response of government entities to these reports
36. details of all reports and data published on Northern Territory government websites.
37. What is the total annual power bill of each government building owned/leased/used by each department?
38. What is the detailed breakdown of corporate and governance output of each department?
39. What is the total itemised cost to date for each minister on overseas travel in 2013-14 and what was the itinerary for each overseas trip undertaken by ministers in 2013-14?
40. For each overseas trip:
  - a) what was the purpose of the travel
  - b) how many advisors accompanied the minister
  - c) how many members of the Legislative Assembly accompanied the minister
  - d) how many public sector employees or statutory officers accompanied the minister
  - e) how many independent media representatives accompanied the minister
  - f) how many private citizens accompanied the minister?
41. What is the total itemised cost to date for each government agency or authority on overseas travel in 2013-14?
42. For each overseas trip:
  - a) what was the purpose of the travel
  - b) how many public sector employees or statutory officers travelled overseas
  - c) how many members of the Legislative Assembly travelled with the agency/authority
  - d) what was the itinerary for the travel?

43. Were any external consultants or advisors contracted by ministers in 2013-14? If so, for each minister:
- how many external advisors or consultants were contracted
  - which consultants were contracted
  - what was the cost of each consultancy
  - what was the purpose of each consultancy
  - were tenders or expressions of interest invited
  - if not, why not?
44. Were any external consultants or advisors contracted by government agencies or authorities in 2013-14? If so:
- how many external advisors or consultants were contracted
  - which consultants were contracted
  - what was the cost of each consultancy
  - what was the purpose of each consultancy
  - were tenders or expressions of interest invited
  - if not, why not?
45. What is the total itemised cost to date for each minister on official hospitality in 2013-14?
46. In relation to each occasion on which official hospitality was undertaken:
- what was the purpose of the hospitality
  - how many guests attended
  - how many ministers attended
  - what was the total cost incurred?
46. What is the total itemised cost to date for each government agency or authority on official hospitality in 2013-14?
47. In relation to each occasion on which official hospitality was undertaken:
- what was the purpose of the hospitality
  - how many guests attended
  - how many ministers attended
  - how many public sector employees attended
  - what was the total cost incurred?
48. Were any gifts received by ministers in 2013-14? If so, for each minister:
- what gifts were received
  - what is the estimated value of each gift received?
49. What is the total itemised cost to date for each minister on advertising in 2013-14?

50. For each advertisement:
  - a) what was the purpose/description of the advertisement
  - b) who was the advertisement placed with
  - c) what was the production cost
  - d) what was the design cost
  - e) were tenders or expressions of interest called and if not, why not?
51. What is the total itemised cost to date for each government agency or authority on advertising in 2013-14?
52. For each advertisement:
  - a) what was the purpose/description of the advertisement
  - b) who was the advertisement placed with
  - c) what was the production cost
  - d) what was the design cost?
53. Has any minister or ministerial adviser engaged in formal or informal communications with L and B MacFarlane, or their representatives, concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:
  - a) which ministers and ministerial advisors have engaged in the communications
  - b) what was the substance of the communications
  - c) when did the communications take place?
54. Has any minister or ministerial adviser engaged in formal or informal communications with Peter Maley, or his representatives, concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:
  - a) which ministers and ministerial advisors have engaged in the communications
  - b) what was the substance of the communications
  - c) when did the communications take place?
55. What are the details by project of revoted capital works in all department and government authorities?
56. By classification and level, how many permanent employees are currently employed in government agencies and statutory authorities?
57. By classification and level, how many temporary employees are currently employed in government agencies and statutory authorities?
58. How many NT government statutory boards are there in the Northern Territory?
59. For each statutory board:
  - a) who are the current members and when were they appointed
  - b) what was the total remuneration paid to board members in 2013-14
  - c) what was the itemised total cost incurred by the board in 2013-14
  - d) how many times did the board meet in 2013-14?
60. What was the total expenditure on grants to non-government organisations in 2013-14?
61. What is the total estimated allocation for grants to non-government organisations in 2014-15?

62. Would you provide whole of government tables showing:
- the amount granted to each non-government organisation in 2013-14
  - the estimated grant to each non-government organisation in 2014-15?
63. Please list all reviews currently being undertaken by the agency, estimated date of release of report and costs incurred to date.
64. For each government agency and authority, how many certificates of exemption were issued in 2013-14?
65. For each certificate of exemption:
- what is the description of the goods and services contracted
  - what is the value of the goods and services contracted
  - what is the value of the goods and services contracted
  - why was the certificate of exemption required
  - who recommended the certificate of exemption
  - who approved the certificate of exemption?
66. Regarding fundraising:
- have you held any CLP fundraising events in your ministerial office suite
  - if so, how many times has your official office been used for fundraising activities in the past year
  - what dates did you hold these fundraisers
  - did you pay the parliament for the use of the offices in this way
  - did the CLP pay for the alcohol or did the taxpayer?
67. Regarding travel:
- how many trips overseas have you taken in the past 12 months
  - how many staff accompanied you
  - who accompanied you
  - how much was the travelling allowance
  - what class of air travel did you take
  - did you use your ministerial phone while overseas
  - what was the total cost of phone calls from overseas?
  - did your staff use their government issued phones
  - what was the total cost of their phone calls from overseas
  - did your spouse accompany you on any trips
  - did your children accompany you on any trips?
68. Regarding cars:
- how much did you spend on your taxpayer funded petrol card last financial year
  - how much was your lease
  - was any damage incurred to your car in the last financial year
  - if so what was the cost
  - was the accident reported to police
  - did police attend

- g) who was in the wrong
- h) were any charges laid?

69. Regarding credit cards:

- a) do you have a ministerial credit card
- b) how much has been spent on the credit card in the past 12 months
- c) what do you use it for
- d) how much has been spent on entertainment?

70. Regarding alcohol:

- a) how much has your office spent on alcohol in the past 12 months
- b) what type of alcohol is purchased
- c) are spirits purchased
- d) is the alcohol used for official functions or for personal use
- e) who is entitled to access the office alcohol?

71. For each agency, please provide an itemised breakdown for spending associated with promoting the budget for the 2012 mini-budget, the 2013 budget and the 2014 budget.

72. For each agency, please provide a breakdown of public service staffing levels by FTE, total numbers and by employment level for 2013-14 and projected for 2014-15.

**Answer:**

There is no Department of Central Australia. The answers to these questions were tabled by the Chief Minister during the Estimates Committee process.