



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 3

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Staffing

1. Would you please advise how many staff have been engaged in each Ministerial Office as at 24 October 2024, detailed by:
 - a. total staffing by full time equivalent
 - b. permanent part time
 - c. temporary/casual contract
 - d. classification level.

As of 24 October 2024, the Office of the Chief Minister (OCM) employed 46 staff (Headcount) across the nine Ministerial Offices and one shared service team. Recruitment to vacant positions remains ongoing. This compares to the response provided to Written Question no. 358 in the 14th Assembly which indicated at the time a headcount of 71.

Generally, a Minister's Office team will consist of a Senior Ministerial Advisor, Policy Advisors, a Press Secretary and an Executive Assistant. Remuneration bands range from Administrative Officer, Senior Administrative Officer and Executive Contract Officer.

The Office of the Leader of the Opposition is a 'Ministerial Office' within OCM's overall budgetary and staffing allocation and as of 24 October 2024 there were 7 staff (Headcount) employed by the Leader of the Opposition.

OCM employee expenses, including those attached to the Office of the Leader of the Opposition, are detailed in the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's Annual Report.