

2014 Estimates Committee

Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ1
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on progress of all CLP 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.

Answer

- Nil from OCPE.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ2
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Explanation on all variations and discrepancies between CLP election commitments and the decisions and policies of Government since 1 July 2013

Answer

Nil

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ3
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Progress on all commitments and policy announcements made within Government press releases and media statements since 1 July 2013

Answer

Not applicable for OCPE

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ4
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Explanation on all variations and discrepancies between commitments and policy announcements made within Government press releases and the actual implementation of Government policy and funding decisions.

Answer

Not applicable for OCPE

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ5
From	Opposition Leader

Question Progress on the implementation of all signed written contracts with Territory Communities
Answer Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ6
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on staff movements and all costs resulting from all Administrative Arrangements changes since 1 July 2013.

Answer

- Nil staff movements reported by Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, Tourism NT, Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Northern Territory Electoral Commission, Department of Children and Families, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, Darwin Port Corporation, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory, Department of Arts and Museums, Department of Land Resource Management, Department of Correctional Services, DLPE Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment,
- One employee from the aviation policy function transferred to Department of Transport.
- One employee from Racing Services transferred to Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing.
- Department of Corporate and Information Services reported 31 staff transferred in as a result of Administrative Arrangements changes.
- Please refer to attached information provided by other agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS

Date of effect	Function	From	To	Number of positions
1/7/13	Asian Relations, Trade and Investment	DOB	DCM	17 (includes corporate)
1/7/13	Indigenous Business Development	DCS	DOB	11
20/9/13	Alcohol Policy	DoH	DOB	15 (*)
1/7/13	Aviation	DOB	DOT	1

(*) this number included a number of vacancies

TOURISM NT

The following changes were a result of Administrative Arrangements Order 10 September 2013. No costs were associated with these transfers. There were some very minor costs incurred in personnel time for things like changing website content and internal contact lists etc.

Date of effect	Function	From	To	Number
10/9/13	NT Major Events Company	Tourism NT	DCM	9 people
10/9/13	Masters Games	Tourism NT	Sport and Rec	2 people

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Department of Community Services -Transfer the Regional Development and Indigenous Policy functions to the Department of the Chief Minister

Number of Staff: 17

Number of Positions: 18

Department of Community Services – Transfer the Indigenous Economic Development and Indigenous Tourism functions to the Department of Business

Number of Staff: 11

Number of Positions: 11

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Transfer of Corporate overhead to the Department of the Chief Minister resulting from and as a consequence of DoCS transferring Regional Development and Indigenous Policy functions to the Department of the Chief Minister. It is important to note that this was achieved by an agreement to transfer 2 positions to DCM from Housing as Housing provides a shared service model for corporate services to the Department of Community Services.

Number of Staff: 2

Number of Positions: 2

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONS

Department of Local Government and Regions – Transfer the Animal Welfare branch to the Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries.

Number of Staff: 7

plus Board Members 5

Number of Positions: 8

The Department of Housing, the Department of Local Government and Regions and the Department of Community Services did not incur any costs for the associated transfers of staff and assets under the changes to the Administrative Arrangement Orders of 10 September 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONS

Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries (DPIF), The Animal Welfare function of 8 positions transferred from the Department of Local Government and Regions as per Administrative Arrangement Orders 10.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS	FTE
Transfer between agencies - Procurement - DCIS - Operating Statement	1
Transfer between agencies - DoB - Alcohol Policy - Operating Statement	-11
Transfer between agencies – DoJ – Alcohol Tribunal – Operating Statement	-2 NB Funding transferred but FTE still remain within DoH
TOTAL	-12

*The above do not include transfers between Agencies within the Health Portfolio

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Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ7
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on staff movements and all costs including ministerial office relocation resulting from portfolio reshuffles since 1 July 2013.

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	Minister Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ8
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details and costs on all Government advertising and communications since 1 July 2013.

Answer

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment marketing and communications expenditure from 1 July 2013 – 31 March 2014.

Advertising

Magazines/Journals	NIL
Newspapers	NIL
Online	\$2,434
Outdoors (banners)	NIL
Radio	NIL
Television	NIL
Total	\$2,434

Marketing

Brand development	NIL
Displays	NIL
Events & Exhibitions	NIL
Newsletters	NIL
Consultation & Planning	NIL
Editorials	NIL
Marketing Research	NIL
Marketing Websites	NIL
Photography	\$518
Brochures/Leaflets	\$369
Multimedia (CDs,DVDs)	NIL
Promotional Merchandise	NIL
Media Monitoring	
Total	\$887

- Online advertising expenditure was for the design of infographics to promote voting in

the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement ballot. These were distributed via email.

- The Office of Commissioner of Public Employment spent much less this year in terms of marketing compared to the previous year.

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Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ9
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on all Government advertising in breach of the Public Information Act identified by the Auditor General since 1 July 2013

Answer

Response to be provided by Auditor General

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ10
From	Opposition Leader

Question Full breakdown of all Ministerial office expenditure since 1 July 2013
Answer Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ11
From	Opposition Leader

Question

A full list of all forced redundancies across all agencies.

An explanation for each redundancy on why it was necessary to breach the CLP's election commitment that no public servant would be sacked.

Answer

There have been no forced redundancies.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ12
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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.

Answer

There are many circumstances that incorrectly appear to show an employee leaving and re-joining within a day or two. These often relate to changes to the employment status (ie moving from casual to permanent employment), Timing (late arrival of temporary employment contracts) or processing procedures.

This report is based on a count of employees who have left and rejoined the NTG, where there is a break in service:

ie employees have recommenced on a different AGS and have a had a break of 5 days or greater; and

- Are NTG Employees (BIITE, NTLAC and DCM Execs excluded)
- Did not recommence as a PEN (Pensioner) or COMPO (ex-employee receiving workers compensation).

Also where an employee has had multiple exits and entries, records have been condensed into a single record to avoid duplication.

It is not appropriate to provide termination payment costs where the employment count is one, as this would breach privacy provisions. There was only one payment made.

There is a significant increase in numbers from what was reported last year. The relatively low numbers last year may be due at least in part to the recruitment freeze implemented after the previous election.

NTPS Personnel who left since 1 July 2013 and returned on or before 31 March 2014

Level	No. of Employees
1ACS	1
AH4	1
AO1	1
AO2	53
AO3	36
AO4	31
AO5	25
AO6	8
AO7	6
AQ4SA	1
AT	2
ATP23	1
CT	81
EO1C	3
EO4C	1
EO6C	1
HMO	1
N2	33
N3	8
N4	16
P1	2
P2	8
P3	4
PAUX	2
PH2	21
PH3	6
PH4	3
PH5	1
POITR	2
REG	3
RMO	1
RMP	1
RSGT	1
SAO1	3
SAO2	2
SBA	1
SCONT	1
SREG	1
SRMP	2
ST1	3
T1	8
T2	4
THSMO	6
TP1	2
TRADE	1
Total	399

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	Minister Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ 13
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on 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 includes full location details for companies and organisations.

Answer

- The “Purpose”, “Organisation” and “Amount” details on all Government tenders and contracts awarded or granted since 1 July 2013 are outlined below.
- Membership of Country Liberal Party excluded: Public Interest Disclosure, Public Information and Information Acts, Information not held.
- Location details excluded: Public Interest Disclosure, Public Information and Information Acts.

Tenders – nil

Contracts

Purpose	Organisation	Amount
Consultancy - Delivery of the PSMP to the NTPS	BDO Organisation	\$20,078.00
Consultancy - Delivery of the PSMP to the NTPS	The HR Department	\$8,368.00
Consultancy - Delivery of the PSMP to the NTPS	Dr Ian Thynne	\$26,999.00
Consultancy - Delivery of Indigenous Leadership Development Programs	Charles Darwin University	\$12,000.00
Consultancy - Delivery of Discovery Women as Leaders Program	Executive Development-T/A Upton Martin	\$31,184.00
Consultancy - Facilitator Service for PSMP Residential Programs	Mitchell Consultancy Services	\$20,851.00

Grants

Purpose	Organisation	Amount
National Conference Scholarships (2 winners)	IPAA	\$5000.00

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ14
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on the procurement processes undertaken and the employment contracts for the employment within the Northern Territory public sector since 1 July 2013 of all former CLP and Liberal Party candidates and members of the Parliament at Territory or Federal level.

Answer

Details will not be provided however government procurement and PSEMA employment processes have been followed.

A response has already been provided about procurement contracts in written question 13.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ15
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details and costs of all ministerial travel including accommodation, hospitality and flight details including travel flight class since 1 July 2013.

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ16
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details and costs and invitation lists for all ministerial hospitality provided since July 1 2013.

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ17
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details, costs and invitation lists for all public service hospitality provided since 1 July 2013.

Answer

Hospitality provided was nil.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ18
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details and costs of all interstate or international public service travel, accommodation, hospitality and flight details including flight travel class since 1 July 2013.

Answer

- Total travel including accommodation and hospitality from 1 July – 31 March 2014: **\$30,414.00**
- Accommodation \$5,534.00
- Airfares \$18,991.00
- Travel Allowance \$4,3556.00
- Hospitality \$ Nil

- No of Business Class Airfares 4
- No of Economy Class Airfares 12
- No of Members of the Legislative Assembly travelled with the Agency Nil
- Full travel details and cost including travel class included in Attachment A

Name	From Date	To Date	Class of Travel	Itinerary	Purpose for Travel	Travel Allow	Accomm	Fares	Other	Totals
Jennifer (Jenny) Stephensen	21/11/2013	28/11/2013	Economy	Darwin; Sydney; Wellington; Darwin; Sydney	ANZSOG Training - Wellington	\$646.05	\$816.35	\$212.64		\$1,675.04
Peter Allen Lyle Boyce	23/03/2014	29/03/2014	Economy	Darwin; Timor - Leste; Darwin	Delivery of Module 2 of the Timor-Leste Capacity development training	\$870.00		\$777.94		\$1,647.94
Craig Allen	03/04/2014	05/04/2014	Business	Darwin; Wellington; Darwin; Brisbane; Brisbane	Public Service Commissioners Conference in Wellington New Zealand	\$61.60	\$195.00	\$2,614.85		\$2,871.45
Ian Thynne * Non Staff	04/01/2014	11/01/2014	Economy	Canberra; Melbourne; Dili; Brisbane; Darwin	Delivery of Module 1 of the Timor-Leste Capacity development training		\$876.36	\$2,535.58	\$928.00	\$4,339.94
Jennifer (Jenny) Stephensen	06/07/2013	13/07/2013	Economy	Darwin; Cairns; Brisbane; Darwin; Cairns	ANZSOG training program Brisbane	\$532.90	\$799.09	\$786.79	\$124.95	\$2,243.73
Jennifer (Jenny) Stephensen	29/07/2013	30/07/2013	Economy	Darwin; Sydney; Melbourne; Canberra; Darwin	PSMP Board Meeting	\$108.00	\$1,007.28		\$130.36	\$1,245.64
Brian Mappas	14/08/2013	20/08/2013	Economy	Darwin; Darwin; Brisbane	National Public Sector Industrial Relations Directors	\$162.50	\$336.36	\$912.71	\$12.23	\$1,423.80
Megan Townsend	16/09/2013	17/09/2013	Economy	Darwin; Sydney; Darwin	Mercer conference. Mercer to pay for all flights and accommodation.	\$92.20			\$129.32	\$221.52
Patricia Leary * Non Staff	03/11/2013	05/11/2013	Business	Hobart; Darwin; Hobart; Brisbane; Melbourne; Brisbane	Attending Police Arbitral Tribunal Conference.		\$274.55	\$2,955.22	\$131.40	\$3,361.17
Helen McAuliffe	20/11/2013	30/11/2013	Economy	Brisbane; Darwin; Brisbane	Assist with Modern Enterprise Award application and EBA negotiations.	\$550.00		\$585.45		\$1,135.45
Amelia Vellar	25/11/2013	27/11/2013	Economy	Darwin; Melbourne; Darwin	GSA annual meeting representing NT. All travel booked and paid for by GSA.	\$171.55				\$171.55
Paula Spencer * Non Staff	02/02/2014	04/02/2014	Business	Brisbane; Darwin; Brisbane	Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal hearing			\$1,888.18		\$1,888.18
Amelia Vellar	02/02/2014	04/02/2014	Economy	Darwin; Hobart; Darwin	WACA Management Committee meeting 2014	\$241.32	\$476.36	\$815.16	\$10.11	\$1,542.95
Cheryl Winstanley	12/03/2014	14/03/2014	Economy	Darwin; Canberra; Darwin; Brisbane; Adelaide	National Industrial Relations Directors meeting	\$156.59	\$361.82	\$1,254.48	\$67.24	\$1,840.13
Helen McAuliffe	28/07/2013	10/08/2013	Economy	Brisbane; Darwin; Brisbane	To attend meetings in relation to EBA negotiations in ER	\$650.00		\$488.64		\$1,138.64
Kenneth Simpson	07/11/2013	09/11/2013	Business	Darwin; Darwin; Adelaide	Public Service Commissioners Conference	\$112.45	\$390.91	\$3,163.64		\$3,667.00
						\$4,355.16	\$5,534.08	\$18,991.28	\$1,533.61	\$30,414.13

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ19
From	Opposition Leader

Question

A breakdown of all water and other natural asset allocation granted by the Northern Territory Government since 26 August 2012 broken down by those granted to CLP members.

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Land Resource Management

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ20
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on all policy items, strategies, actual, estimates, budgets, forecasts, agencies outputs and funding decisions contained within the May 2014 budget..

Answer

Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No.3. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ21
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on all financial and economic data contained within Operating Statements, Balance sheets, cash flow statements in the May 2014 budget

Answer

Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No.3. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

2014 Estimates Committee

Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ22
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details including impact statements and implementation plans on all agency savings (sic) the May 2014 Budget.

Answer

OCPE is in the process of considering strategies to achieve the targeted savings. These processes are yet to be finalised and will not impact on existing employees.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ23
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on 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.

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Treasury and Finance.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ24
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on all information and data contained within the capital works program and estimated capital expenditure across all Government agencies and corporations

Answer

Not applicable to OCPE

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ25
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on all revenue measures including new taxes and tax increases including levies and charges in Budget 2014. Details include risk impact statements, community and industry consultation plans, economic modelling and revenue projections.

Answer

Not applicable to OCPE

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ26
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on the operational impacts across Government entities as a result of all Government decisions and policies.

Answer

Refer to answers to questions 1 and 3. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

2014 Estimates Committee

Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ27
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on the operational impacts across all Government entities as a result of all Government's savings measures.

Answer

Refer to answers to questions 1 and 3. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

2014 Estimates Committee

Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ28
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on the operational impacts across Non-Government agencies as a result of all Government funding, decisions and policies.

Answer

NGO's are external to the Budget. This question should be posed to the relevant NGO's.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ29
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on 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

Answer

Increases in charges have been managed within existing OCPE budget.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ30
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on all information and data contained within the two most recent Report on Government Services

Answer

Reports are publicly available. Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ31
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on all information and data contained within all Annual Reports produced by all Government entities across the last two financial years.

Answer

Reports are publicly available. Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ32
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on 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.

Answer

Data requested too broad in scope and too expensive to collate.

Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ33
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on 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.

Answer

Data requested too broad in scope and too expensive to collate.

Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ34
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on all information, data contained and forecasts contained with 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.

Answer

Data requested too broad in scope and too expensive to collate.

Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ35
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Full details on 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.

Answer

Data requested too broad in scope and too expensive to collate.

Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ36
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Details on all reports and data published on Northern Territory websites.

Answer

Data requested too broad in scope and too expensive to collate.

Specific questions will be answered through the Estimates hearing process.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ37
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What is the detailed annual power bill of each government building owned/leased/ used by each Department.

Answer

Refer to response provided by Department of Corporate and Information Services.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ38
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What is the detailed breakdown of Corporate and Governance output of each Department.

Answer

Refer to 2014-15 Budget Paper No.3.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ39
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Minister on overseas travel in 2013/14?
What was the itinerary for each overseas trip undertaken by Ministers in 2013/14?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ40
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ41
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Government Agency or Authority on overseas travel in 2013/14?

Answer

Refer to Question 18.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ42
From	Opposition Leader

Question

For each overseas trip:

- What was the purpose of the travel?
- How many public sector employees or statutory officers travelled overseas?
- How many Members of the Legislative Assembly travelled with the Agency/Authority?
- What was the itinerary of the travel?

Answer

Refer to Question 18.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ43
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Were any external consultants or advisers contracted by Ministers in 2013/14? If so, for each Minister

- How many external advisers 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?

Answer

Refer to response provided to question 13.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ44
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Were any external consultants or advisers contracted by Government Agencies or Authorities in 2013/14? If so:

- a. How many external advisers or consultants were contracted?
- b. Which consultants were contracted?
- c. What was the cost of each consultancy?
- d. What was the purpose of each consultancy?
- e. Were tenders or expressions of interest invited?
- f. If not, why not?

Answer

Refer to response provided to question 13.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ45
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What was the total itemised cost to date for each Minister on official hospitality in 2013/14?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ46(a)
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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 of the cost incurred?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ46(b)
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What was the total itemised cost to date for each Government Agency or Authority on official hospitality in 2013/14.

Answer

Refer to Question 17.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ47
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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?

Answer

Refer to Question 17.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ48
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Were any gifts received by Ministers in 2013/14? If so, for each Minister:

- a. What gifts were received?
- b. What is the estimated value of each gift?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ49
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Minister on advertising in 2013/14?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ50
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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? If not, why not?

Answer

Response to be provided by Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ51
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Government Agency or Authority on advertising in 2013/14?

Answer

Refer to Question 8.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ52
From	Opposition Leader

Question

For each advertisement:

- What was the purpose / description of the advertisement?
- Who was the advertisement placed with?
- What was the production cost?
- What was the design cost?

Answer

Refer to Question 8.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ53
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Has any Minister or Ministerial Advisor engaged in formal or informal communications with L and B McFarlane (or their representatives) concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:

- Which Ministers and Ministerial Advisors have engaged in the communications?
- What was the substance of the communications?
- When did the communications take place?

Answer

This question should be referred to the Office of Chief Minister and Minister for Land Resource Management.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ54
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Has any Minister or Ministerial Advisor engaged in formal or informal communications with Peter Marley (or their representatives) concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:

- Which Ministers and Ministerial Advisors have engaged in the communications?
- What was the substance of the communications?
- When did the communications take place?

Answer

This question should be referred to the Office of Chief Minister and Minister for Land Resource Management.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ55
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What are the details by project of revoted capital works in all Departments and Government Authorities.

Answer

Refer to response in Question 24.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ 56
From	Opposition Leader

Question

By classification and level, how many permanent employees are currently employed in Government Agencies and Authorities?

Answer

The tables below gives both Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and Head Count numbers for permanent, temporary and total employees in the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Pay 2013/20, 27 March 2014

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)			
Actual Classification	Status		Total
	Permanent	Temporary	
Admin Off 3	1.0	0.0	1.0
Admin Off 4	2.0	0.4	2.4
Admin Off 5	2.0	0.0	2.0
Admin Off 6	1.0	0.0	1.0
Admin Off 7	8.2	1.0	9.2
Exec Officer 1C	0.0	1.8	1.8
Exec Officer 2	1.0	0.0	1.0
Exec Officer 2C	0.0	1.5	1.5
Exec Officer 6C	0.0	1.0	1.0
Senior Admin 1	5.0	0.0	5.0
Senior Admin 2	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total	21.2	5.7	26.9

Head Count			
Actual Classification	Status		Total
	Permanent	Temporary	
Admin Off 3	1	0	1
Admin Off 4	2	1	3
Admin Off 5	2	0	2
Admin Off 6	1	0	1
Admin Off 7	9	1	10
Exec Officer 1C	0	2	2
Exec Officer 2	1	0	1
Exec Officer 2C	0	2	2
Exec Officer 6C	0	1	1
Senior Admin 1	5	0	5
Senior Admin 2	1	0	1
Total	22	7	29

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ 57
From	Opposition Leader

Question

By classification and level, how many temporary employees are currently employed in Government Agencies and Statutory Authorities?

Answer

The tables below gives both Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and Head Count numbers for permanent, temporary and total employees in the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Pay 2013/20, 27 March 2014

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)			
Actual Classification	Status		Total
	Permanent	Temporary	
Admin Off 3	1.0	0.0	1.0
Admin Off 4	2.0	0.4	2.4
Admin Off 5	2.0	0.0	2.0
Admin Off 6	1.0	0.0	1.0
Admin Off 7	8.2	1.0	9.2
Exec Officer 1C	0.0	1.8	1.8
Exec Officer 2	1.0	0.0	1.0
Exec Officer 2C	0.0	1.5	1.5
Exec Officer 6C	0.0	1.0	1.0
Senior Admin 1	5.0	0.0	5.0
Senior Admin 2	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total	21.2	5.7	26.9

Head Count			
Actual Classification	Status		Total
	Permanent	Temporary	
Admin Off 3	1	0	1
Admin Off 4	2	1	3
Admin Off 5	2	0	2
Admin Off 6	1	0	1
Admin Off 7	9	1	10
Exec Officer 1C	0	2	2
Exec Officer 2	1	0	1
Exec Officer 2C	0	2	2
Exec Officer 6C	0	1	1
Senior Admin 1	5	0	5
Senior Admin 2	1	0	1
Total	22	7	29

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ58
From	Opposition Leader

Question How many NT Government Statutory Boards are there in the Northern Territory?
Answer This answer to be responded to by DCM.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	Minister Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ59
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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?

Answer:

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment has one Statutory Board and two Industrial Arbitral Tribunals:

- Public Sector Appeals Board (Disciplinary, Inability and Promotion Appeals)
- Public Sector Consultative Council
- Police Arbitral Tribunal
- Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal

The total cost incurred by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment in respect of the Board/Tribunals for 2013/14 was \$4709.

1. Public Sector Appeals Board (Disciplinary, Inability and Promotion Appeals)
 - a. The standing Chair is the current Director of Public Sector Appeals & Grievance Reviews – at present Terry Lisson who has held the position since 1 January 2008. The other two members for each Board are selected by the relevant agency and union, and vary with each appeal.
 - b. No separate remuneration is paid to the Board members.
 - c. The total cost incurred by the Board in 2013/14 was \$320 for minor administrative expenses and working lunches for Board members when sitting on appeals that carry over a full day.

- d. The Board met 52 times in 2013/14 up to 2 June 2014 and is scheduled to meet 3 times more in 2013/14 for a total of 55 times.

2. Police Arbitral Tribunal

- a. The current members and deputy members of the Police Arbitral Tribunal are:
- Chair - The Hon. Patricia Leary – appointed 24 February 2012
 - Minister's Nominee - Mr Theo Tsikouris – appointed 19 December 2012
 - Northern Territory Police Association Nominee - Mr Ray Murphy – appointed 18 April 2014
- Deputy Members:
- Deputy of the Chair - Commissioner Paula Spencer – appointed 22 January 2014
 - Deputy Minister's Nominee – currently vacant
 - Deputy Northern Territory Police Association Nominee – Superintendent Louise Jorgensen – appointed 24 February 2012
- b. No remuneration costs were incurred or paid to the Police Arbitral Tribunal in 2013/14.
- c. The itemised total cost incurred by the Police Arbitral Tribunal in 2013/14 was \$4363, being for:
- \$3361 – Travel and accommodation for the Chair to attend the hearing in November 2013.
 - \$914 - Hearing Transcript Services for a hearing held in November 2013.
 - \$89 – two Gazette Notices for appointment of a Tribunal member and notice of certification of a consent agreement.
- d. In 2013/14 the Police Arbitral Tribunal met on five matters.

3. Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal

- a. The current members of the Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal are:
- Chair – Commissioner Paula Spencer – appointed 12 December 2010
 - Member - Mr Theo Tsikouris – appointed 2 April 2013
 - Member - Mr Steve Russell – appointed 2 April 2013
- b. No remuneration costs were incurred or paid to the Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal in 2013/14.
- c. No costs were incurred by the Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal in 2013/14.
- d. In 2013/14 the Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal conducted two directions hearings via teleconference. A matter is currently in progress which required the Chair, Commissioner Spencer, to visit Darwin on 7 May 2014.

4. Public Sector Consultative Council (PSCC)

- a. The Council consists of 16 members as follows, and in accordance with the Public Sector Employment and Management Regulations:
- i. Craig Allen, Commissioner for Public Employment. Held position since commencement in March 2014;

- ii. Cheryl Winstanley, Director Employee Relations, OCPE. Held position since commencement in February 2014;
- iii. Six Agency representatives:
 - 1. Phil Brennan, Department of Education. Held position since November 2012.
 - 2. Peta Preo, Department of Corporate and Information Services. Held position since March 2013.
 - 3. Scott Piper, Power and Water Corporation. Held position since November 2011.
 - 4. Raelene Burke, Department of Health. Held position since January 2014.
 - 5. Sarah Temple, Department of Transport. Held position since April 2012.
 - 6. Sandra Butcher, Department of Land Resource Management. Held position since March 2013.
- iv. 8 Union representatives:
 - 1. Alan Paton, unions NT. Held position since October 2013.
 - 2. Peter Clisby, Australian Education Union. Held position since August 2013.
 - 3. Matthew Gardiner, United Voice. Held position since May 2011.
 - 4. Yvonne Falckh, Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation. Held position since 2006.
 - 5. Kay Densley, Community & Public Sector Union. Held position since March 2012.
 - 6. Bryan Wilkins, Australian Manufacturing Workers Union. Held position since May 2011.
 - 7. David Nebauer, Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia. Held position since 2006.
 - 8. Paul Kirby, Electrical Trades Union. Held position since August 2013.
- e. No separate remuneration is paid to the Board members.
- f. No costs were incurred by the Board in 2013/14.
- g. The Board met twice in 2013/14 – November 2013 and May 2014.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ60
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What was the total expenditure on grants to non-Government organisations in 2013/14?

Answer

Refer to Question 13.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ61
From	Opposition Leader

Question

What was the total estimated allocation for grants to non-Government organisations in 2014/15?

Answer

Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ62
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Would you provide whole of Government tables showing:

- a) The amount granted to each non-Government organisation in 2013/14?
- b) The estimated grant to each non-Government organisation in 2014/15?

Answer

- a) Refer to Question 13
- b) Not yet allocated

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ63
From	Opposition Leader

Question

Please list all reviews currently being undertaken by the agency, estimated date of release of report and costs incurred to date.

Answer

Currently reviewing the NTPS Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy 2014-2107.

Estimated date of release of report – September 2014.

Costs incurred to 31 March 2014 – OCPE: Nil.

Attachment A – Terms of Reference.

NTPS INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1. SCOPE OF REQUIREMENT

1.1 Introduction

A consultant will be engaged to develop an Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy (IECDS) for the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS).

1.2 Objective

Indigenous Territorians currently constitute almost a third of the Northern Territory population and represent over 70 per cent of clients accessing NT public sector services. The employment and full engagement of Indigenous people in the NTPS workforce is crucial to the provision of relevant and effective services to Indigenous people in the NT.

The objective of this project is the development and delivery of an NTPS IECDS that will provide the foundation for increasing Indigenous employment in the NTPS. The NTPS IECDS will be set from 2014-2017 and provide the overarching framework within which NTPS agencies will develop their own specific IECDS that capture activities and initiatives relevant to their specific sector/business focus.

1.3 Background

In response to the Northern Territory Government's commitment to assisting Indigenous people to achieve equal opportunity in the labour market, and to acknowledge their vital role in society, the inaugural NTPS Aboriginal Employment and Career Development Strategy 1995-2000 was developed.

The second NTPS IECDS 2000-2006 addressed the under-representation of Indigenous people in the public sector workforce through a range of initiatives focused on recruitment, career development and retention.

The third NTPS IECDS 2010-2012 was developed following a comprehensive evaluation of the second strategy.

The most recent draft NTPS IECDS 2013-2017 was developed after a comprehensive consultation, review and research process, with the intention of building on previous strategies. This document remains in draft.

1.4 Project Scope

This project will include, but not be limited to the following components.

- Review the body of work that has been undertaken by the Office of Commissioner for Public Employment (OCPE) in developing the draft NTPS IECDS 2013-2017, and provide appropriate advice leading to the finalisation of an NTPS

IECDS, with the aim of increasing the number of Indigenous employees in the NTPS, and opportunities available to Indigenous employees for advancement within the NTPS

- Delivery of an NTPS IECDS within three months of signing contract

The project scope may be amended by agreement of the parties during the progress of the project.

The project will be managed by the OCPE with assistance of a Steering Committee comprised of the following membership:

- Commissioner for Public Employment
- Senior NTPS Indigenous employee representative
- Office of the Chief Minister
- Department of the Chief Minister

1.5 Project Outputs/Milestones

Early Apr 2014	Signing of contract
Mid Apr 2014	Approval of Project Plan
End Apr 2014	Consultation with the OCPE to review history and previous consultation, research etc undertaken in the development of the draft IECDS 2013-2017; and consultation with the wider NTPS. This includes senior NTPS Indigenous employees who have previously met with the Chief Minister regarding Indigenous employment
End May 2014	Draft strategy supplied for review and comment
June 2014	Final strategy supplied for review and comment

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	Minister Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ 64
From	Opposition Leader

Question

For each Government Agency and Authority how many Certificates of Exemption were issued in 2013/14?

Answer

Nil.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ65
From	Opposition Leader

Question

For each Certificate of Exemption:

- What is the description of the goods and services contracted?
- What is the value of the goods and services?
- Why was the Certificate of Exemption required?
- Who recommended the Certificate of Exemption?
- Who approved the Certificate of Exemption?

Answer

Refer to Question WQ64.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ66
From	Opposition Leader

Question Fundraising
Answer Minister to respond

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ67
From	Opposition Leader

Question

To each Minister in regards to Travel:

- a. How many trips overseas have you taken in the last 12 months?
- b. How many staff accompanied you?
- c. Who accompanied you?
- d. How much was the travelling allowance?
- e. What class of air travel di you take?
- f. Did you use your Ministerial phone while overseas?
- g. What did the total cost of phone calls from overseas?
- h. Did your staff use their Government issued phone?
- i. What was the total cost of their phone calls from overseas?
- j. Did your spouse accompany you on any trips?
- k. Did your children accompany you on any trips?

Answer

Refer to response from Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ68
From	Opposition Leader

Question

To each Minister in regards to Cars:

- a. How much did you spend on your taxpayer funded petrol card last financial year?
- b. How much was your lease?
- c. Was any damage incurred to your car in the last financial year?
- d. If so what was the cost?
- e. Was the accident reported to the police?
- f. Did police attend?
- g. Who was in the wrong?
- h. Were any charges laid?

Answer

Refer to response from Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ69
From	Opposition Leader

Question

To each Minister in regarding Credit Cards:

- a. Do you have a Ministerial credit card?
- b. How much has been spent on the credit card in the last 12 months?
- c. What do you use it for?
- d. How much has been spent on entertainment?

Answer

Refer to response from Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ70
From	Opposition Leader

Question

To each Minister regarding Alcohol:

- How much has your office spent on alcohol in the last 12 months?
- What type of alcohol is purchased?
- Are spirits purchased?
- Is the alcohol used for official functions or personal use?
- Who is entitled to access the office alcohol?

Answer

Refer to response from Department of Chief Minister.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ71
From	Opposition Leader

Question

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.

Answer

Refer to response from Department of Treasury and Finance.

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Response to Written Questions

Minister	The Honourable John Elferink
Portfolio	Minister for Public Employment
Agency	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Question Reference	WQ72
From	Opposition Leader

Question

For each agency please provide a breakdown of public service staffing levels by FTE, total numbers and by employment levels for 13/14 and projected for 14/15

Answer

Total FTE and numbers by employment levels for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment for March 2014 are contained in WQ56 and WQ57.

Detail for 14/15 is not known, but given the 14/15 Budget FTE figure of 27, the staffing profile is not expected to be substantially different to 13/14.