



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

REPORT

MONDAY 4 JULY 2005
TUESDAY 5 JULY 2005
WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2005

The Estimates Committee examined the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill (No 2) 2004-2006, in particular on the estimates relating to the portfolios of the:

Speaker
Treasurer
Minister for Employment, Education and Training
Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing
Chief Minister
Minister for Tourism
Minister for Territory Development
Minister for the AustralAsia Railway
Minister for Indigenous Affairs
Minister for Arts and Museums
Minister for Young Territorians
Minister for Women's Policy
Minister for Senior Territorians
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General
Minister for Health
Minister for Central Australia
Minister for Business and Industry
Minister for Asian Relations and Trade
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Minister for Defence Support
Minister for Asian Relations and Trade
Minister for Corporate and Information Services
Minister for Communications
Minister for Community Development
Minister for Housing
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Minister for Regional Development
Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Indigenous Affairs
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
Minister for Lands and Planning

Minister for Parks and Wildlife
 Minister for Essential Services
 Minister for Mines and Energy
 Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
 Minister for Multicultural Affairs
 Minister for Family and Community Services
 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
 Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Young Territorians, Womens Policy and Senior Territorians

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"> • Repairs & Maintenance • IT Services to Electorate Offices • Office Expenses – Electorate Offices • Travel List • Landscaping & Ground Maintenance
Treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NET Debt • G.S.T. Receipts • Population and Employment Growth • CSO's
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Pre-schools • Palmerston School overcrowding • Traineeships/Apprenticeships • Vocation / Education Opportunity Remote communities • Performance Outcomes
Chief Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfront • Interstate Travel • International Travel • Airlines • Gas • Electoral Issues
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Court costs • Prison review • Prison numbers • Sex offenders rehabilitation program • Wildman River • On Line facility for used car dealers.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed numbers • Nurses • Anaesthetists • Waiting Lists • Number of child birth deliveries in hospital

Business and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable outcomes • Defence Support • Mounted Police in Alice Springs • Establishment • O'Sullivan Report – Recommendations • Fire Review – Recommendations • Telstra Contract • Property Contract • Government Printing Office
Lands and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfront – environment • Building regulations
Parks and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeds • Water supply – Darwin River Dam • Nature Parks maintenance • Leanyer Park Maintenance • Alice Springs Golf Club • Darwin – Alice Springs Parks and Wildlife • Protection of native animals
Transport and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Bus Service • Bus Stops
DCDSCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NT Grants Commission • Swimming pools fence • Swimming pools in communities • Community Harmony Program • Town camps • IHANT – Temp appointment
Sport and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball • Cricket • Football (Soccer) • Cricket • Palmerston Magpies • NTIS • Complaint process
Mines & Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uranium • Mt. Todd • Exploration Licences • Daly River Pastoral
Primary Industry & Fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Cages • Aquaculture • Barramundi Licences Buy Back • Boat Ramps
Multicultural Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants • Translation of Budget Papers • Timeliness of advise to groups
Family & Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Reforms • Katherine Regional Plan • Indigenous Child and Family Support Project – Alice Springs • Community Based Workers • Aged and Disability Services • Mental Health Review Tribunal

Environment & Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA• Humpty Doo Land Fill• Recycling of Drink Containers• KAB Funding• Strauss Airstrip• Leprosarium
Power Water Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power Price• Gas Price• Gas Supply• Diesel Supply• Town Water Supply Darwin• Sewage Darwin• Sewage Alice Springs• Grey Water• Underground Power