

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WRITTEN QUESTION 247

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY

Question 1 - What is the NTG FTE Cap for your Agency?

185 FTE

Question 2 - As of 30 March 2011, what is the current FTE staffing of the department, by level?

Classification	Classification Description	Number of Staff (FTE)
AQ3SA/AQF3A	Apprentice	2
GRADT	Finance Officer in Training	15
AO2	ADMIN OFF 2	7.2
AO3	ADMIN OFF 3	9
AO4	ADMIN OFF 4	29.2
AO5	ADMIN OFF 5	33
AO6	ADMIN OFF 6	23.2
AO7	ADMIN OFF 7	17
SAO1	SENIOR ADMIN OFF 1	17.1
SAO2	SENIOR ADMIN OFF 2	7.5
ECO1	Executive Contract Officer 1	10
ECO2	Executive Contract Officer 2	3.5
ECO3	Executive Contract Officer 3	4
ECO4	Executive Contract Officer 4	3
ECO6	Executive Contract Officer 6	1
TOTAL		181.7

Question 3 - Is this figure in line with the NTG FTE Cap? If not, please explain.

Yes.

Question 4 - How many permanent positions are there in your department?

As at 30 March 2011 Treasury has 212 funded positions: 173 positions are filled on a full time basis; 17 are occupied on a part-time basis or by paid inoperatives; 18 by unpaid inoperatives; and 4 are currently vacant.

Question 5 - How many of these positions were nominally filled and how many were filled by persons acting in positions or are temporary appointments? Please separate by permanent/temporary/acting by level.

As at 30 March 2011 Treasury's staff (by headcount) consisted of:

Classification	Classification Description	Permanent Employees Held in Nominal Positions	Permanent Employees Acting in Temporary Positions	Temporary Employment Contracts
AQ3SA/ AQF3A	Apprentice			2
WILS	WILS Cadets / Trainees			7
GRADT	Finance Officer in Training			14
AO1	ADMIN OFF 1			1
AO2	ADMIN OFF 2	1	2	5
AO3	ADMIN OFF 3	6	3	2
AO4	ADMIN OFF 4	18	13	2
AO5	ADMIN OFF 5	25	11	1
AO6	ADMIN OFF 6	17	7	3
AO7	ADMIN OFF 7	13	6	1
SAO1	SNR ADMIN OFF 1	14	3	1
SAO2	SNR ADMIN OFF 2	5	3	
ECO1	EXEC CNTR OFF 1			10
ECO2	EXEC CNTR OFF 2			4
ECO3	EXEC CNTR OFF 3			4
ECO4	EXEC CNTR OFF 4			3
ECO6	EXEC CNTR OFF 6			1
TOTAL		99	48	61

Question 6 - What was the turnover rate of staff in the Agency in 2010?

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, the turnover rate of staff in Treasury is 18.7%.

Question 7 - What is the rate per level?

The turnover rate per level is as follows:

Designation	Turnover Rate
Graduates and Cadets	2.3%
AO1	0.6%
AO3	1.7%
AO4	4.5%
AO5	2.3%
AO6	4%
AO7	1.1%
SAO1	1%
ECO1	0.6%
ECO3	0.6%

Question 8 - How many vacant positions are there in the Agency as a whole?

There are four vacant positions.

Question 9 - How long, in total days, have nominal positions been vacant in the department?

When a position falls vacant, if approval is given for the position to be filled, Treasury policy is to fill within a six week period. This commitment is generally met except in extenuating circumstances associated with hard to recruit positions.

Question 10 - How many staff are currently employed on a temporary contract?

As at 30 March 2011 Treasury has 61 staff (head count) on temporary contracts:

ECOs	Graduates and Trainees	Other Contract Staff
22	23	16

Question 11 - In the period 30 March 2010 to 30 March 2011, how many temporary contracts have been extended, broken down by level and the number of times extended?

In the period 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, temporary contracts were extended as follows:

Classification	Extended	Extended	Extended	Total
	Once	Twice	3 Times	
AQ3SA	1			1
AO1	1			1
AO2	3		1	4
AO3	6		1	7
AO4	3	1		4
AO6		1		1
			TOTAL	18

Question 12 - In the period 30 March 2010 to 30 March 2011, how many positions have been advertised by “expression of interest”?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, 2 positions were advertised by “expression of interest”.

Question 13 - In relation to all vacant positions, what is the breakdown of recruitment actions by:

(a) selection process commenced; and

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, 42 vacancies were advertised and 39 vacancies were finalised, including two bulk recruitment actions for 2011 FOITs and AO4-AO8 financial policy analyst positions. In total throughout Treasury 52 positions were filled. (Refer to question 15 for further details.)

(b) selection process (including position advertising) not commenced.

2012 FOIT recruitment process (to commence in June/July 2011).

Question 14 - Per position level, what is the average length of time taken for recruitment from advertising to successful applicant?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, 39 vacancies have been finalised. The average time taken to fill these vacancies from the date the vacancy closed to the date the Under Treasurer approved appointment/promotion/transfer is 27 working days.

Classification	Average Number of Working Days Taken
AO3	31
AO4	28
AO5	32
AO6	19
AO7	24
AO8/SAO1	27
EO1/SAO2	15
ECO2	38
ECO3	17
ECO4	11

Question 15 - What is the number of positions that have been filled by the recruitment of an existing public servant, and how many from the general public?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, Treasury filled 34 vacant positions with existing public servants and 18 positions were filled with members from the general public.

Question 16 - In 2010, how many positions have been reclassified in the department? What are the level of those positions?

There were no reclassified positions in Treasury for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011.

Question 17 - How many permanent supernumerary unattached employees do you have in your agency? What levels are they?

As at 30 March 2011, based on head count (not FTE) Treasury has 20 permanent supernumerary/unattached employees. Of these 12 are on temporary transfer to another agency and 8 are on unpaid leave.

Classification Description	Unattached Officer Numbers	
	On Temporary Transfer to Another Agency	Inoperative
AO2	1	1
AO3		1
AO4	1	3
AO5	5	1
AO6	3	1
AO7		1
SAO1	2	
Subtotal	12	8
TOTAL	20	

Question 18 - How many unattached employees have successfully gained nominal positions within the agency or gained employment in another agency in 2010?

Not applicable.

Question 19 - How many have resigned?

Not applicable.

Question 20 - What is the average length of stay of staff in the department? Please break this down by position level.

Classification	Average Length Of Service in Years
AO1	0.8
AO2	1.0
AO3	8.4
AO4	5.0
AO5	3.5
AO6	4.8
AO7	7.2
SAO1	10.4
SAO2	8.1
ECO1	10.1
ECO2	11.1
ECO3	12.8
ECO4-ECO6	15.5
GRADT	0.5
AQ3SA/AQF3A Apprentices	0.2
WILS Cadets	0.7
ICS Cadets	1.3

Question 21 - How much has been spent to date on advertising employee positions, and can you provide a breakdown of these costs?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011 Treasury advertised 42 vacancies. All of these were advertised on the Northern Territory Government job vacancies internet/intranet sites and in Saturday's edition of the Northern Territory News.

In addition, 2 of these were advertised interstate and out of the NTG Block advertising: the 2011 FOIT graduate intake, and bulk advertising of Administrative Officer 8 – Administrative Officer 4 financial policy analyst positions.

The remaining positions were advertised in the NTG Block and these costs are met by DBE.

Publication Date	Vacancy Advertised	Expenditure Type	Amount \$
03/07/2010 & 10/07/2010	Graduate Program	Local (Out of Block)	4 736
		Interstate/National	46 663
21/08/2010	Bulk Policy Analyst Positions	Local (Out of Block)	1 244
		Interstate/National	25 547
TOTAL			78 189

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

Question 22 - In relation to Apprentices and Graduates, in 2010:

(a) how many graduates started with the department;

Twelve graduates commenced as part of the 2010 FOIT intake, as well as one apprentice undertaking a Certificate III in Business Administration.

(b) how many have completed the year;

The apprentice and all 12 FOITs successfully completed their 12 month program.

(c) how many have won nominal positions; and

Ten graduates and the apprentice were offered permanent positions.

(d) How many have left the NTG, and what was the length of time each stayed within the NTG before leaving?

Three graduates left the NTG on completion of the one year FOIT program in January 2011.

Question 23 - In relation to Indigenous Employees, in 2010:

(a) How many employees do you have in your department that recognise themselves as Indigenous;

Over the period 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011 Treasury had 9 Indigenous employees.

This number does not include a further 2 Indigenous employees employed under the Indigenous Employment Program and Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS) program who commenced on the 4th and 6th of April 2011 respectively.

(b) What are the levels of their positions held;

(c) How many at each level;

(d) How many are tenured and at what level;

(e) How many are temporary and at what levels;

Classification	Permanent	Temporary	Number of Staff
AO1		1	1
AO2	2		2
AO5	1		1
AO6	1	2	3
ICS		2	2
TOTAL			9

(f) How many are acting up in positions and at what level;

As at 30 March 2011 one employee who had been successful in winning a permanent AO5 position was on Higher Duties Allowance to cover the appeals period and while permanent recruitment action was being finalised. The employee was promoted to the AO5 level as at 27 April 2011.

(g) How many have completed the year; and

Five are employed with Treasury as at 30 March 2011.

Classification	Permanent	Temporary	Number of Staff
AO2	2		2
AO5	1		1
AO6	1	1	2
TOTAL			5

(h) How many have left the NTG?

Four Indigenous employees left the NTG over the 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011 period.

Question 24 - In relation to NTPS staff as of 30 March 2011:

(a) What is the total amount of accrued leave in the department, broken down by level, long service leave and recreation leave;

(b) What is the financial value of that leave;

(c) What is the highest individual amount of accrued leave at each position level;

Classification	LSL (months)	LSL(\$ value)	Highest Individual Amount	Recreation leave (days)	Recreation leave (\$ value)	Highest Individual Amount
AO1	0.2	\$566.34	0.2	10.5	\$1 563.32	10.5
AO2	1.9	\$6 775.99	0.6	60.5	\$11 075.55	18.5
AO3	16.9	\$71 619.48	6.8	376.3	\$72 898.48	98.5
AO4	37.1	\$176 284.53	4.8	939.4	\$204 249.71	89.8
AO5	54.2	\$294 108.92	10.6	1 184.5	\$298 772.66	108.5
AO6	42.8	\$244 810.18	8.4	702	\$196 027.70	78.5
AO7	37.7	\$265 697.06	3.5	566.3	\$186 909.70	69
SAO1	52.6	\$393 282.49	11.3	690.2	\$247 337.45	96.4
SAO2	18.5	\$158 494.80	3.8	347.9	\$145 528.54	88.9
ECO1	36.2	\$532 725.02	7.2	370.4	\$248 573.03	66.3
ECO2	13	\$197 620.57	6.3	157.7	\$113 921.30	87.2
ECO3	12.5	\$207 866.09	5.1	169.5	\$134 154.60	80.4
ECO4-ECO6 ¹	26.7	\$577 281.90	12.8	166.3	\$198 602.24	75.2
GRADT	1.6	\$6 750.17	0.7	148.2	\$29 222.65	73
WILS ²	0.2	\$172.20	0.1	26	\$1 585.74	8.5
AQ3SA Apprentice ³	0	\$56.40	0	2.5	\$259.50	2.5
AQF3A Apprentice ³	0	\$36.51	0	2.5	\$168	2.5
TOTAL	351.9	\$3 134 148.65		5 920.65	\$2 090 850.17	

Notes:

1. Data has been combined to protect staff personal information.
2. Treasury Work Integrated Learning Scholarship (WILS) holders are students studying full time at Charles Darwin University in the Accounting or Economics disciplines who undertake work placements with Treasury during university semester breaks.
3. Treasury employs apprentices through the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS) Apprenticeship Program. Apprenticeships take 12 months to complete, during which time apprentices receive training on and off the job to gain a Certificate III in Business Administration and Certificate III in Information Technology.

Figures may not add due to rounding.

(d) What is the current total of sick leave entitlement of employees in the department; and

(e) How many days sick leave were taken in 2010?

	Sick leave balances (weeks)	Sick leave taken (days)
TOTAL	2 661.9	863.2

* Data has been combined to protect staff personal information.

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

Question 25 - In relation to Contract (ECO1 and above) staff as of 30 March 2011:

(a) What is the total amount of accrued leave in the department, broken down by level, long service leave and recreation leave;

(b) What is the financial value of that leave;

(c) What is the highest individual amount of accrued leave at each employee level;

Classification	LSL (months)	LSL(\$ value)	Highest Individual Amount	Recreation leave (days)	Recreation leave (\$ value)	Highest Individual Amount
ECO1	36.2	532 725.02	7.2	370.4	248 573.03	66.3
ECO2	13	197 620.57	6.3	157.7	113 921.30	87.2
ECO3	12.5	207 866.09	5.1	169.5	134 154.60	80.4
ECO4-ECO6*	26.7	577 281.90	12.8	166.3	198 602.24	75.2
TOTAL	88.4	\$1 515 493.58		863.8	\$695 251.17	

* Data has been combined to protect staff personal information.

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

(d) What is the current total of sick leave entitlement of employees in the department; and

(e) How many days sick leave were taken in 2010, at each employee level?

Classification	Sick leave taken (days)
ECO1	20.8
ECO2	10.1
ECO3	15.3
ECO4 – ECO6*	3
TOTAL	49.2

* Data has been combined to protect staff personal information.

Question 26 - How many employees have utilised section 52.8 Cash-out of Leave – (Recreation Leave), under the NTPS 2010-2013 Enterprise Agreement? Break down by level and amount of leave.

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, 3 staff cashed out recreation leave:

Classification	Days Cashed Out
AO5	10
AO6	10
SAO1	10

Question 27 - How many employees have utilised section 55.3 (b) Long Service Leave cash out of 10 years, under the NTPS 2010-2013 Enterprise Agreement? Break down by level and amount of leave.

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011, 1 staff cashed out long service leave:

Classification	Days Cashed Out
AO3	21

Question 28 - As at 30 March 2011 has the CEO directed any employee under section 52.7 Excess Leave of the NTPS 2010-2013 Enterprise Agreement to take leave? Break down by level and amount of leave.

No.

Question 29 - As at 30 March 2011 has the CEO directed any employee under section 55.3 (a) Long Service Leave to take leave? Break down by level and amount of leave.

No.

Question 30 - As at 30 March 2011 how many workers are currently on workers compensation? At what level and is there an expected return date?

There were no Treasury employees on workers compensation as at 30 March 2011.

Question 31 - From 30 March 2010 – 30 March 2011 how many people received workers compensation in 2010, at what position level and geographic location and how long for each person?

No Treasury staff received workers compensation between 1 July 2010 and 30 March 2011.

Question 32 - From 30 March 2010 – 30 March 2011 how many workers are or were on sick leave or extended leave (excluding recreation leave), longer than 3 weeks, at what level, and for what reason? Are there any still on extended leave?

Classification	Leave Type	Number of Staff	Reason
WILS	MISC - LWOP	4	WILS Cadets are employed on temporary contracts of up to 3 years. When not working at Treasury during vacation placements they are considered to be on leave without pay (LWOP).
AO2	MISC - LWOP	1	- Travel/ work life balance purposes
AO3	MISC - LWOP	2	- Travel/ work life balance purposes - 6 year parental LWOP
AO4	MISC - LWOP	3	- 6 year parental LWOP - undertaking study interstate - 6 months LWOP for travel/work life balance purposes.
AO5	MISC - LWOP	5	- Travel/work life balance purposes (x3) - Parental LWOP (x2)
AO6	MISC - LWOP	2	- Parental LWOP
AO7	MISC - LWOP	3	- Parental LWOP
SAO2	LSL	1	Employee is currently on parental leave and is accessing her long service leave entitlements.
TOTAL		21	

All 21 employees are currently on extended leave.

Question 33 - Do you have any personnel under the old Commonwealth superannuation scheme and if so, what is the liability? What are the optimal retirement ages for such staff based on superannuation benefit definitions, what are ages of those people, and what are their position levels in the public service? If there are nurses, teachers or police in the CSS, how many are there, at what level and what are their ages?

This question is being answered on a whole of government basis as superannuation liabilities are held centrally by the Central Holding Authority (CHA) as it is not practical or effective to assign them individually to agencies.

The Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) is administered by Australian Reward Investment Alliance (ARIA) and not by the Northern Territory Government (CSS was previously administered by Com Super). ARIA is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the CSS, PSS, and PSSap, for members of the Australian Public Service, and participating employers.

ARIA is responsible for collecting superannuation contributions, maintaining member accounts, providing call centre services, calculating and paying benefits when they are due and issuing member statements. Management and Investment of the CSS fund is

managed by the ARIA Board of Trustees. The trustees are appointed by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

Do you have any personnel under the old Commonwealth superannuation scheme and if so, what is the liability?

On 20 April 2011 there were 506 active CSS employees in the Northern Territory Government.

The Territory's liability for the CSS is actuarially assessed triennially. The latest assessment was as at 30 June 2009.

The 30 June 2009 Actuarial Report advised that the total number of active CSS employees in the Northern Territory Government was 763. The Territory's actuarially assessed liability as at 30 June 2009 was \$1 358 million. The assessed liability includes accrual for 539 deferred pensioners and 3720 pensioners who are former Northern Territory Government employees. The Territory pays the costs associated with the scheme on an emerging cost basis.

What are the optimal retirement ages for such staff based on superannuation benefit definitions.

The optimal retirement age depends on the circumstances of the individual. Superannuation scheme rules are only one of many factors in such a decision.

Some CSS members are able to receive a better benefit by resigning before retirement and deferring their entitlements than if they had remained in employment until age 55 or later (colloquially known as the '54/11 rule'). The 54/11 benefit can be attractive for some older members for a number of reasons, particularly when investment returns are high. However, the incentive to resign before age 55 does not exist for all CSS members. The recent investment climate of lower investment returns could have some effect on the number of CSS members who may materially benefit from resigning just before age 55.

What are the ages of those people?

Based on analysis as at 20 April 2011 the average age of active contributing CSS members was 54, ranging in age from 41 to 73 years.

What are their position levels in the public service?

CSS membership in the Northern Territory Government is spread across numerous streams and classifications i.e.

Administrative Stream	AO1 - EO6C
Teaching Stream	Teacher to Senior Teacher 6
Health Stream	Nurse (N1) to Senior Hospital Medical Officer (SMHO)
Police and Fire	Fire Fighter to Commander of Police
Professional Stream	P1 - P4

If there are nurses, teachers or police in the CSS, how many are there, at what level and what are their ages?

Based on analysis as at 20 April 2011:

Agency - Classification	Members	Level	Average Age
Department of Health	107		55.5
Nurses	39	Various	52.6
Department of Education and Training	102		54.5
Teachers	81	Various	54.4
Police Fire and Emergency Services	104		50.2
Police	90	Various	49.4

Question 34 - Do they still have NTPS public servants who were employed in the 80's and eligible for return flight to Adelaide every 2 years? How many and at what level?

Eleven Treasury employees are eligible for return flights to Adelaide every two years:

Classification	Total
AO3	2
AO4	2
AO5	2
AO6	2
AO7	1
SAO1	2
TOTAL	11

Question 35 - How many complaints have been made in the Department in relation to workplace bullying and harassment?

Nil.

Question 36 - From 30 March 2010 – 30 March 2011, how much has been spent on relocation cost for commencement of employment and either completion or termination of employment (removalists, airfares, accommodation and allowances) in the Department?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011 \$57 613 was spent on relocation costs.

Question 37 - Please provide a breakdown per business unit.

Business Unit	Cost \$
Graduates and Trainees	28 421
Treasury Services	4 183
Territory Revenue Office	13 318
Utilities Commission	3 673
Economics	5 326
Financial Management	2 692

Question 38 - How much is budgeted for relocation and other appointment and termination expenses in 2010/11?

Relocation and other appointment costs are included in operational costs and do not have a separate budget. Termination costs are incorporated in personnel costs.

Question 39 - How much was spent on travel from March 2010 to March 2011, broken down by intrastate, interstate and international fares, accommodation and other expenses?

Category	YTD
	30 March 2011
	\$
Accommodation	47 397
Overseas airfares	2 500
Interstate airfares	152 320
Intra-Territory airfares	77 087
Travel allowance	21 842
TOTAL	301 147

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

Question 40 – How much was spent on vehicles by the Department from March 2010 to March 2011?

	As at
	31 March 2011
	\$
Operating Lease expenses	183 878.64
Hire Charges	7 975.82
Fuel	20 093.69
ECO MV contributions	-80 499.36
MV expenses other	3 774.98
TOTAL	\$135 223.77

Question 41 - How many vehicles does the Department have responsibility for?

As at 31 March 2011, NT Treasury is responsible for 19 vehicles.

Question 42 - What is the change, if any, in these vehicle numbers from 2009?

Treasury's fleet has increased from 18 in 2010 to 19 in 2011, an increase of one.

Question 43 - What proportion of those vehicles meet the emission standard of 5.5 out of 10 under the Commonwealth Government's Green Vehicle Guide?

95% (18) of the 19 vehicles meet or exceed the Commonwealth Government's Green Vehicles Guide of 5.5 out of 10. The 19th vehicle is due to be replaced later in 2011.

Question 44 - How many vehicles are home garaged?

All Fleet vehicles are Executive Contract Officer vehicles and all are home garaged.

Question 45 - What position levels have vehicles attached or are allowed to home garage?

Staff at the ECO1 to ECO6 levels have a vehicle attached to their position and are allowed to home garage.

Question 46 - How many credit cards have been issued to department staff?

Four credit cards have been issued to departmental staff.

Question 47 - How many repayment transactions (and the value) for personal items and services are outstanding?

There are no outstanding payments for personal items.

Question 48 - How many reports of the improper use of Information Technology have been made?

None.

Question 49 - How many reports resulted in formal disciplinary action?

Not applicable.

Question 50 - How many staff are considered 'Essential' in your Agency, for the purposes of an Emergency? eg Cyclone. Break down by level.

Depending on the size and nature of the event, and the time of year, there are a number of officers that are assigned with responsibility for support and coordination of tasks to ensure Treasury is able to perform its core business functions in the event of an emergency. In line with the department's internal business continuity plan, particular staff are also assigned with specific responsibilities at different stages of the response and recovery phases; additional staff may also be assigned with specific duties to assist in whole of government or internal coordination activities.

Question 51 - How much was spent by the Department in 2010 on advertising and marketing programs (and up to 1 April 2011)?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011 \$4 925 was spent on advertising and marketing.

Question 52 - What was each of those programs and what was the cost of each of those programs?

There were no official marketing programs for the reporting period. Advertising and marketing expenditure for the period is for print advertising including seminars for superannuation and changes to revenue measures, and public information notices.

Question 53 - How much was spent on insurance expenses in 2010, further broken down by worker and employee insurances, physical plant and equipment insurances and other insurances?

From 1 July 2010 to 30 March 2011 \$687 was spent on insurance expenses:

Category	YTD 31 March 2011
Worker and Employee	\$
Workers Compensation Levy	347
Premium	227
Worksafe Renewal	112
TOTAL	687

Question 54 - What areas of the department are self-insured? What areas are commercially insured? If there are areas that are commercially insured, who provides this insurance, when is it due for renewal and what is the cost of this insurance provision and does it attract any thresholds under which insurance is not provided or any payments on item replacement?

- The Northern Territory Government applies a self insurance policy for its general government sector insurable risks. The self insurance policy covers property and assets, workers compensation, public liability and professional indemnity related liabilities.
- With the Treasurer's approval, agencies may procure commercial insurance cover where a net benefit can be demonstrated.
- With the exception of workers compensation cover, government businesses and corporations, such as the Power and Water Corporation, are excluded from the self insurance framework, and are required to purchase appropriate commercial insurance cover.
- The Territory does not purchase reinsurance cover for natural disasters or other insurable risks under the self insurance policy. Instead, the Territory makes provision in the Budget for disaster related events, complemented by the Natural Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements (NDRRA) with the Commonwealth to provide assistance for natural disaster events that are outside of the Territory's control and where commercial insurance is not readily available or affordable.
- The Territory is currently reviewing its natural disaster insurance arrangements, following changes to the NDRRA announced by the Commonwealth in March 2011.
- Any whole of government insurance policy related questions should be referred to the Treasurer.

Question 55 - What provision has been made for disaster or major catastrophe insurance?

- Treasurer's Advance is available to agencies in the event disaster costs exceed budget during the year.
- The Territory does not purchase reinsurance cover for natural disasters or other insurable risks under the self insurance policy. Instead, the Territory makes provision in

the Budget for disaster related events, complemented by the Natural Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements (NDRRA) with the Commonwealth to provide assistance for natural disaster events that are outside of the Territory's control and where commercial insurance is not readily available or affordable.

- The Territory is currently reviewing its natural disaster insurance arrangements, following changes to the NDRRA announced by the Commonwealth in March 2011.
- Any whole of government insurance policy related questions should be referred to the Treasurer.

Question 56 - How many tonnes of CO² did the department emit in 2010?

The Northern Territory Government has committed to become carbon neutral by 2018 under the Northern Territory Climate Change Policy. Under this target, whole of government systems to account for greenhouse gas emissions according to recognised international greenhouse accounting standards will be progressively rolled out over the next eight years for Government processes.

Currently, the Northern Territory Government reports against building energy consumption use by Government agencies with more than 50 full time equivalent staff members, and for vehicle emissions from NT Fleet vehicles.

In 2009-10 NT Treasury's preliminary building energy consumption was 986 giga joules corresponding to 216 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

Question 57 - What programs and strategies were introduced to reduce CO² emissions across the department in 2010?

NT Treasury initiated a number of strategies to reduce its carbon emissions during 2009-10 which have continued into 2010-11 including:

- Increased use of video conferencing facilities
- Expanding range of 100% recycled paper purchased
- Ongoing staff education programs such as Green Week and energy use reduction challenges
- Installation of energy efficient multi-function devices to replace printers and fax machines

Question 58 - Has a target for departmental CO₂ emissions been set for the coming financial year?

a) If yes, what % reduction is that from 2010; and

NT Treasury is working towards the reduction target set in the Northern Territory Government Energy Smart Buildings Policy for the 2010-11 financial year. That target is a 10% reduction in energy usage per square metre across the department's building portfolio compared to a 2004-05 baseline.

In addition, NT Treasury is working towards the reduction target set in the Northern Territory Greening the Fleet Strategy that aims to reduce emissions from the Territory Government's passenger and light commercial fleet by 20% by 2014 and 50% by 2020.

b) if no, why has a target not been set?

Not applicable.

Question 59 - What was the cost of power and water to the department in 2010?

Cost (\$) as at 31 March 2011	
Cost of electricity	47 758

Treasury does not pay for water as it is included as part of the rent.

Question 60 - What is the projected cost for power and water to the department in 2011?

The projected cost of electricity for the year 2010-11 is \$65 356.

The projected cost of electricity for the year 2011-12 is \$66 990.

Treasury does not pay for water as it is included as part of the rent.

Question 61 - List the public events/conferences/forums that were sponsored by the department from 1 January 2010 to 1 April 2011 and what are projected for 2011/12?

Sponsorship was provided to nine schools/colleges/universities during the period 1 July 2010 to 1 April 2011 as detailed in Question 62. The same level of sponsorship is projected for 2011-12.

Question 62 - What is the level of sponsorship provided in terms of financial support or in kind support?

The level of sponsorship provided is \$1 560 towards academic awards:

Casuarina Senior College	Year 12 Graduation Awards Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence in Mathematics • Excellence in Accounting • Excellence in Economics 	\$200 \$200 \$200
Darwin High School	Excellence Awards Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 – Accounting • Year 12 – Accounting • Year 11 – Economics • Year 12 – Economics 	\$50 \$50 \$50 \$50
St Philips College	Excellence Award Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 – Accounting • Year 11 – Economics 	\$30 \$30
Taminmin High School	Awards Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 – Excellence in Accounting • Year 11 – Excellence in Economics • Year 12 – Academic Award – Economics • Year 12 – Achievement Award – Economics 	\$50 \$50 \$100 \$50
O'Loughlin Catholic College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Accounting 	\$100
Palmerston High School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Business Studies Achievement Award • Year 12 Business Studies Achievement Award 	\$100 \$100
Kormilda College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Baccalaureate Economics 	\$100
St Johns		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Business Studies 	\$50
TOTAL			\$1 560

Question 63 - What is the department's budget for advertising for the 10/11 reporting year?

Treasury's 2010-11 budget for all categories of advertising is \$116 857.

Question 64 - How much is year to date expenditure? Please breakdown into newspaper, radio and TV?

Expenditure from 1 July 2010 to 31 March 2011:

Media	Cost \$ as at 31 March 2011
Newspaper	79 024
Radio	0
Television	0
Other	8 126
TOTAL	87 150

Question 65 - What advertising campaigns have been undertaken or will be undertaken by the department in 2010/11?

Two major advertising campaigns were undertaken in 2010-11. They are the 2011-12 Budget communications campaign and the BuildBonus campaign. Both campaigns commenced during May and will end in June.

Question 66 - In 2010 how many consultancies were let in the year, at what cost, how many were NT firms and how many interstate and what was the value of those intra-territory and those interstate?

In 2010 three consultancies were let at a total cost of \$1 217 877.66. One Northern Territory consultant at \$39 110.50, and two interstate consultants at \$1 178 767.16.