



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 46

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Chief Minister, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Public Service Restructure

1. Executive Contracts
 - a) How many additional executive contracts were created as part of the public service restructure in 2024?
 - b) What was the total cost of creating these additional executive contracts, including salaries, benefits, and associated administrative costs?
 - c) How many existing executive contracts were terminated or not renewed as part of the restructure, and what were the associated payout costs?

2. External Consultants
 - a) How much money has been allocated to external consultants as part of this public service restructure?
 - b) Can you provide a breakdown of the services provided by external consultants, including their scope of work and fees charged since January 2024
 - c) How was the Value For Territory principle applied when assessing tenders for these consultancies?
 - d) Were local consultants prioritised, and what percentage of the expenditure went to Territory-based firms versus interstate or international consultants?

3. Restructure Costs and Benefits
 - a) What is the total expenditure to date on the 2024 public service restructure, including all associated costs such as recruitment, training, and consultancy fees?
 - b) What are the projected savings or efficiencies expected as a result of the restructure, and over what timeframe?
 - c) How was the need for this restructure assessed, and what evaluation measures are in place to determine its success?

4. Public Service Workforce Impact
 - a) How many public service positions were abolished or downgraded as part of the restructure, and what were the cost savings from these changes?
 - b) How many new positions, aside from executive contracts, were created as part of the restructure, at what level, and at what cost?
 - c) What efforts were made to engage with public service employees and their unions during the restructure planning process?

5. Accountability and Transparency
 - a) What processes are in place to ensure transparency and accountability for expenditure related to the restructure?
 - b) Will a detailed report on the costs and outcomes of the public service restructure be tabled in Parliament, and when?