

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 17

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development:

Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development Administration

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as of 9 December 2024:

| Category | FTE | Head Count (Paid) | NT-based | Located outside NT |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Ongoing Full Time | 409.68 | 417 | 417 | 0 |
| Ongoing Part Time | 10.66 | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| Fixed Term Full Time | 78.38 | 82 | 82 | 0 |
| Fixed Term Part Time | 0.60 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Casual Contract | 39.40 | 99 | 99 | 0 |
| Executive Contract | 17.50 | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Total | 556.22 | 631 | 631 | 0 |

(b) Please provide, for each of the six categories above: the relevant position classifications and the number of staff employed against each classification.

| Classification | Ongoing Full Time | Ongoing Part Time | Fixed Term Full Time | Fixed Term Part Time | Casual |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| AO2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| AO3 | 25 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 29 |
| AO4 | 46 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| AO5 | 99 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 1 |
| AO5R | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AO6 | 49 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| AO7 | 59 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| EO2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRADT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| P3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PH2R | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PH3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SAO1 | 65 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| SAO1X | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SAO2 | 35 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| SP1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T5 | 24 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Т6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EO1C | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| EO2C | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| EO3C | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| EO4C | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| EO6C | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SBA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AQF3A | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| AI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 |
| Grand Total | 417 | 14 | 100 | 1 | 99 |

Note: There are 82 Fixed Term Full Time which includes 18 Executive Contract Officers and 82 other Fixed Term Fill Time employees.

(c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for the use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is the proportion of an employee's salary payment to that of an equivalent full-time employee in any given fortnight.

Paid Headcount is the count of physical people, so a part-time person would count as one.

The Northern Territory Government provides opportunities for employees to balance the demands of work with the needs of family and general health and wellbeing. Flexible work practices are used in the Northern Territory Public Service to attract and retain employees. Flexible work arrangements can include flexibility in relation to an employee's hours of work, or mode of employment such as part-time, and leave.

The Department employs a significant number of casual interpreters that do not work full time hours.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as of 9 December 2024:

| Category | Number |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Resigned | 20 |
| Made Redundant | 0 |
| Terminated | 0 |
| Unattached | 31 |
| Classified Redeployee | 0 |
| Supernumerary | 337 |

3. Please advise the number of staff identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as of 9 December 2024.

A whole-of-government response to Question 3 will be provided by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

 (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as of 9 December 2024 and as a percentage of the Agency's total employment.

| Category | Number | % of Total Staff |
|-----------|--------|------------------|
| Frontline | 254.80 | 46% |

(b) Please advise how the Agency determines which staff fall under the category of Frontline.

Frontline staff are staff with an appropriation code of "Direct to Public".

5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through labour hire, employment agency arrangements and/or consultancy contracts, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as of 9 December 2024. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Due to the Machinery of Government changes in 2024-25, the amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

6. Please advise how many locums have been employed, for what purpose, duration, and at what cost as of 9 December 2024. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Not applicable.

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?

97 positions were advertised during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

- (b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?
- 97 positions were advertised with Special Measures applied.
- (c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

| Classification Level | Total Positions Advertised |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Administrative Officer 3 | 11 |
| Administrative Officer 4 | 12 |
| Administrative Officer 5 | 24 |
| Administrative Officer 6 | 11 |
| Administrative Officer 7 | 16 |
| Executive Contract Officer 3 | 2 |
| Executive Contract Officer 4 | 1 |
| Professional 3 | 1 |
| Senior Administrative Officer 1 | 10 |
| Senior Administrative Officer 2 | 4 |
| Technical 5 | 4 |
| Technical 6 | 1 |
| Total | 97 |

(d) How many positions that had Special Measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during this period and required contract or backfilling arrangements?

The Department of Housing Local Government and Community Development has implemented special measures arrangements across the whole agency. The process for positions that are advertised with special measures is to consider special measures applicants first; if no special measures applicants apply, or no special measures applicants are considered suitable, recruitment panels may assess all other applicants' suitability for the role.'

OUTSOURCING

8. (a) For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.

Community Housing Management Transfers

During 2023-2024, the former Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities executed agreements to transfer the management of 701 public housing dwellings to Community Housing Providers (CHPs). In line with the agreements the following transfers went live during the reporting period of August to December 2024:

- 100 public housing dwellings in Alice Springs were transferred to Community Housing Central Australia for management on 21 October 2024
- 100 public housing dwellings in Palmerston were transferred to Yilli Housing for management on 18 November 2024

(b) Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise in financial year 2025/26? If so, provide details.

Housing Australia Future Fund Facility:

A decision has been made (in January 2025) to contract out development of new social housing, funded through the Commonwealth Government's Housing Australia Future Fund Facility (HAFFF). This opportunity was available to state and territory governments as well as Community Housing Providers (CHPs). The structure of the offer for CHPs attracted significantly more funding than governments could access and as a result a decision was made to contract this out.

Legal Services

The department outsources a volume of legal services through the Solicitor for the Northern Territory (SFNT). These services include:

- preparation of grant agreements and settlement agreements,
- land transaction agreements and conveyancing
- advice in relation to contracts and contract negotiations
- advice in relation to information sharing
- advice relating to, and representation at NTCAT, and
- advice and representation in coronial enquiries and supreme court actions.

Legal Services have been outsourced by the Northern Territory Government Employee Office via a provider on the Northern Territory Legal Services List. This was due to the limited capacity within the Department's Legal Services team.

The works being delivered are:

- review comments on the draft Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Service Level Agreement and update/finalise and provide advice to any NGO comments on/amendments to the draft Service Level Agreement.
- 2. prepare draft Government Employee Housing Memorandum of Understanding from the Service Level Agreement for Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development review and to provide advice on any Client Agency comments on/amendments to the draft Memorandum of Understanding; and
- 3. amend the Government Employee Housing head lease document (both short term and long-term leases).

The specific provider was selected due to their areas of expertise and experience in drafting and providing advice on the documents required as well being able to respond in a timely manner.

LEGAL EXPENSES

- 9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024? Provide details on:
 - a) The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which are ongoing)
 - b) The amount paid by matter
 - c) The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged

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PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

- 10. From 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:
 - a) **Purpose**
 - b) Cost
 - c) **Person or entity engaged**
 - d) Whether the person or entity has their principal place of business in the Northern Territory or elsewhere (if elsewhere, please provide the address of the principal place of business of the person or entity)
 - e) Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
 - f) Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy
 - g) Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken

Nil.

11. Please advise the number of contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business in the NT and outside the NT for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024 as follows:

Nil.

12. For each of the contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business outside of the Northern Territory, please advise the selection criteria on the applicable contract or tender.

Nil.

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?

Nil.

14. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many contracts or tenders were awarded without undertaking a public tender process during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?

Nil.

- 15. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for those with a Certificate of Exemption:
 - a) What is the description of the goods and services contracted?
 - b) What is the value of the goods and services contracted?
 - c) What was the reason for not using the public tender process or for requiring a Certificate of Exemption?
 - d) Who recommended the course of action in c) above?
 - e) Who approved the course of action in c) above?

Nil.

16. Please advise the total number of NTG Corporate Credit Cards within the Agency, including the position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit cards for purchasing goods and/or services as o f 9 December 2024.

As of 9 December 2024, there were 25 credit card holders in Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Please find below.

| Position Title | Actual Classification Code |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION OFFICER | AO3 |
| EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | AO4 |
| EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | AO4 |
| BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER | AO4 |
| GEH TENANCY OFFICER | AO4 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER | AO4 |
| ADMINISTRATION OFFICER | AO4 |

| BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER | AO4 |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER | AO4 |
| TENANCY CONTRACT OFFICER | AO5 |
| ADMINISTRATION OFFICER | AO5 |
| EXECUTIVE OFFICER | AO5 |
| PROJECT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER | AO5 |
| SENIOR BOOKING OFFICER | AO5 |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORD | AO5 |
| SUPERNUMERARY | AO5 |
| PROJECT OFFICER | AO6 |
| BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER | AO6 |
| BUSINESS MANAGER | AO6 |
| EXECUTIVE OFFICER | AO6 |
| EXEC OFFICER BUSINESS SERVICES | AO6 |
| OFFICE BUSINESS MANAGER | AO6 |
| AIS REG PROJ OFF (TRAINER/TLO) | AO7 |
| BUSINESS MANAGER | AO7 |
| REGIONAL BUSINESS MANAGER | AO7 |

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024:

17. Please detail expenditure on opinion polls and focus groups, including costs and entities that conducted the work.

Nil.

18. Detail all surveys undertaken in relation to the focus groups and opinion polls above, including their form, the cost and the inducements that were provided to incentivise participation.

Nil.

19. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.

Nil.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

20. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:

- a) What was the purpose/description of the advertisement?
- b) Who was the advertisement placed with, i.e., media outlet, newspaper, television station, digital platform, or other?
- c) What was the total production cost, including, but not limited to, design, commissions, and placement costs?
- d) Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?
- e) Did the agency enter into any separate arrangements for advertising placements or advertorials? If so, please provide details of expenditures and media outlets.

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TRAVEL

- 21. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including, but not limited to, travel-related costs such as accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, car rental, meals and incidentals, in each Agency and authority during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024 broken down to:
 - a) International Travel

Nil.

b) Interstate Travel

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c) Intrastate Travel

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Nil.

23. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

No Ministerial travel was paid for by the Agency over the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

- Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.
 In relation to each occasion where official hospitality was provided:
 - a) What was the purpose of the hospitality?
 - b) How many guests attended?
 - c) How many Ministers attended?
 - d) How many Ministerial staff attended?
 - e) How many MLAs attended?
 - f) How many Public Sector employees attended?
 - g) What was the total cost incurred?

Due to the Machinery of Government changes in 2024-25, the amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

25. Please detail expenditure on grants, sponsorships, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, including agency budget totals to administer such programs.

For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, the agency has paid:

- \$63.595 million in grants; and
- no sponsorships, donations or incentives.

Due to the Machinery of Government changes in 2024-25 the Departments budget totals to administer programs is unknown.

Details of grant expenditure and recipients is provided at Question 28.

26. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, and to what activities. Please list details of any contract periods as part of any arrangement.

For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, the agency has paid no funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships.

27. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2025/26 financial year?

No awards or sponsorship were managed by Regional Offices. There is no anticipated awards and sponsorship for 2025/26 financial year.

28. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

The agency has no donations or incentives to report.

The grant amounts paid non-government organisations and individuals for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024 is \$63.595 million.

A breakdown by organisation and service is provided in the table below.

| Output/ Program/ Grant/ Organisation | Amount (GST Exclusive) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Delivery and Regional Priorities | 3,313,887.97 |
| Bagala Aboriginal Corporation | 4,633.83 |
| Barkly Regional Arts Inc | 10,000.00 |
| Barkly Regional Council | 5,000.00 |
| Central Australian Womens Legal Services Inc | 100,000.00 |
| Charlie Bliss Creative Pty Ltd | 12,000.00 |
| Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC | 7,194.90 |
| Jabiru Property Services Ltd | 1,750,000.00 |
| Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation | 15,733.16 |
| Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation | 11,600.00 |
| Katherine Community Market | 10,000.00 |
| Katherine Community Projects Association Incorporated | 3,000.00 |
| Katherine Regional Arts Incorporated | 15,000.00 |

| Output/ Program/ Grant/ Organisation | Amount (GST Exclusive) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Kybrook Community Aboriginal Corporation | 15,000.00 |
| Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation | 1,308,870.45 |
| Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation | 9,519.14 |
| Patta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC | 10,000.00 |
| Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation | 10,000.00 |
| Tennant Creek Primary School Council Inc | 7,500.00 |
| Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation | 8,836.49 |
| Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program | 10,472,000.00 |
| Aboriginal Enterprises Australia NT | 2,218,500.00 |
| Demed Aboriginal Corporation | 875,000.00 |
| Dice (Aust) Pty. Ltd. | 937,500.00 |
| Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation | 800,000.00 |
| M. & C. Fior Constructions Pty. Ltd. | 1,700,000.00 |
| Milingimbi And Outstations Progress Resources Aboriginal Corporation | 711,000.00 |
| The Trustee for The Brian Curran Family Trust | 2,145,000.00 |
| Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation | 1,085,000.00 |
| Homelands Services Group | 16,594,665.09 |
| Aboriginal Enterprises Australia NT | 1,229,221.00 |
| Barkly Regional Council | 45,000.00 |
| Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation | 142,283.65 |
| Canteen Creek Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation | 117,579.00 |
| Deltareef Pty. Ltd. | 155,262.00 |
| Dice (Aust) Pty. Ltd. | 48,008.39 |
| Ilpurla Aboriginal Corporation | 18,524.00 |
| Ingkerreke Services Aboriginal Corporation | 2,363,778.23 |
| Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation | 323,603.27 |
| Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation | 149,680.00 |
| Kalano Community Association Incorporated | 409,585.00 |
| Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation | 1,257,864.00 |
| Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation | 1,122,067.00 |
| MacDonnell Regional Council | 1,032,941.00 |
| Marthakal Homelands and Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation | 548,601.00 |
| Milingimbi And Outstations Progress Resources Aboriginal | |
| Corporation Murin Association Inc | 188,427.00 |
| Mutin Association inc Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation | <u>1,035,701.04</u> 162,801.00 |
| | |
| Ngaliwurru-Wuli Aboriginal Corporation | <u>480,093.00</u> 372,256.00 |
| Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation Numbulwar Homelands Council Association Inc | |
| | 152,106.00 |
| Roper Gulf Regional Council | 603,581.98 |
| Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation | 971,025.00 119,594.00 |
| Thangkenharenge Aboriginal Corporation | 127,596.71 |
| The Trustee for The Brian Curran Family Trust | 127,090.71 |

| Output/ Program/ Grant/ Organisation | Amount (GST Exclusive) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre (Aboriginal | |
| Corporation) | 442,052.00 |
| Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation | 1,079,998.00 |
| Warnbi Aboriginal Corporation - Kakadu | 472,591.70 |
| Yapa-Kurlangu Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation | 268,555.12 |
| Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation | 1,154,289.00 |
| Housing Market Reform and Programs | 6,078,261.36 |
| Central Australian Affordable Housing Company Ltd | 1,518,755.00 |
| Desert Knowledge Australia | 560,000.00 |
| Venture Housing Company Limited | 3,999,506.36 |
| Indigenous Essential Services | 21,307,271.27 |
| Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd | 21,307,271.27 |
| Local Government and Community Development | 5,628,647.00 |
| Alice Springs Town Council | 81,469.00 |
| Barkly Regional Council | 121,068.00 |
| Belyuen Community Goverment Council | 2,784.00 |
| Central Desert Regional Council | 1,344,396.00 |
| City Of Darwin | 192,358.00 |
| City of Palmerston | 98,640.00 |
| Coomalie Community Government Council | 27,182.00 |
| East Arnhem Regional Council | 236,827.00 |
| Groote Archipelago Regional Council | 1,500,000.00 |
| Katherine Town Council | 50,591.00 |
| LGANT Ltd | 81,595.00 |
| Litchfield Council | 157,800.00 |
| MacDonnell Regional Council | 155,633.00 |
| Roper Gulf Regional Council | 156,045.00 |
| Tiwi Islands Regional Council | 65,077.00 |
| Victoria Daly Regional Council | 68,230.00 |
| Wagait Shire Council | 2,866.00 |
| West Arnhem Regional Council | 1,216,017.00 |
| West Daly Regional Council | 70,069.00 |
| Remote Housing Reforms and Programs | 200,000.00 |
| Animal Management In Rural & Remote Indigenous | |
| Communities Ltd | 200,000.00 |
| GRANT TOTAL | 63,594,733 |

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

29. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

A whole-of-government response to Question 29 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

30. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia or Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 30 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

31. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

A whole-of-government response to Questions 31 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

32. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, the purpose of the contract, the cost, and why a territory firm was not chosen.

A whole-of-government response to Questions 32 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

33. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by each Department for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?

Due to the Machinery of Government changes in 2024-25, the amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

34. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by each Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 34 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

35. How much Government owned or leased premises or office space is currently under-utilised (at less than 100 per cent occupied) or vacant?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 35 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

FEES AND CHARGES

36. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2024/25 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges were increased following the 2024 election.

Due to the Machinery of Government changes the amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

INTERNAL AUDITS

37. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?

There was one internal audit in the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

38. What were the terms of reference or focus for each investigation?

| Internal audit/investigation | Terms of Reference or focus |
|------------------------------|--|
| Internal Audit – | Assess complaints management processes |
| Complaints | are managed efficiently and effectively to |
| Management System | ensure quality outcomes in service delivery. |

39. Please provide details of any fraud, anomalies, breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures exposed by the audits and financial investigations.

Nil.

40. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies, e.g. Auditor- General/Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and how?

The Department is not privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

41. How many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.

The department is not privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

| Internal Audit | Outcome |
|---|--|
| Complaints Management System Internal Audit | Completed in November 2024 for the former Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities. <i>Audit findings and recommendations are</i> <i>being considered within the new</i> <i>Department of Housing, Local</i> <i>Government and Communities</i> <i>Development environment.</i> |

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

- 42. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2024/25, also providing the following information:
 - a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election.
 - b) The current members and when they were appointed.

| BOARD / ADVISORY BODIES | a) | b) The current members - when they were appointed |
|--|----|---|
| AILERON RACECOURSE RESERVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES | No | Mr Gregory Francis Dick – 10/08/2005 Mr Roy James Chisholm – 30/04/2018 Mr Matthew Francis McCarthy – 30/04/2018 Mr James Richard Christian – 30/04/2018 Mr Gary Alfred Dann – 10/08/2005 |
| BLATHERSKITE PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES | No | Mrs Mette Horn Spilsbury – 18/10/2017 Ms Katherine Josephine Knappstein – 12/05/2021 |

| DALY WATERS RODEO | No | Mr Malcolm Leslie Crowley – 08/08/2018 Mr Harry Newton Cook – 08/01/2011 Mr Craig Anthony Markham – 12/05/2021 Mr Benjamin Crawford – 04/05/2022 Mr Desmond Randal Carey – 15/02/2021 |
|--|-----|--|
| RESERVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES | | Mr John Allan Harries – 01/11/2018 Mr Adrian Christopher Brown – 15/02/2021 Mrs Kimberley Peta Harries – 01/11/2018 Mr John Allan Harries – 01/11/2018 |
| DESERT KNOWLEDGE AUSTRALIA | No | Ms Seraphine Bray $-$ 01/07/2022 Mr Chris Bruce Croker $-$ 17/11/2020 Mr Cail Francis Rayment $-$ 05/02/2024 Mr Ashley James Marsh $-$ 05/02/2024 Ms Mandy Lee Taylor $-$ 01/07/2022 Mr Gary Powell $-$ 17/11/2020 Mrs Dawn Marlene Ross $-$ 17/11/2020 Dr Patricia Miller AO $-$ 17/11/2020 Ms Vanessa Elliot $-$ 26/09/2017 Mr Christopher Fry $-$ 01/04/2016 |
| LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE | No | Zero current members |
| NT GRANTS COMMISSION | No | Mr Russell Anderson – 17/05/2023 Mr Brian Pedwell – 17/05/2023 Ms Elisabeth Clark – 28/03/2022 Mr Matthew Paterson – 28/03/2022 Ms Meeta Ramkumar – 04/08/2017 |
| PUBLIC HOUSING APPEALS BOARD | Yes | Zero current members |
| OLIVE PINK BOTANIC GARDENS BOARD OF TRUSTEES | Yes | Ms Frances Mary Kilgariff – 18/09/2018 Ms Sarah Elizabeth Fairhead – 18/09/2018 Ms Alice Eileen de Brenni – 19/10/2019 Mr Scott Maurice Pullyblank – 18/09/2018 Dr Fiona Jane Walsh – 08/06/2022 |
| ROBBIE ROBBINS RESERVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES | No | Mr John McDonald McLaren – 06/01/2010 Mrs Marguerite Helen Gayosa – 31/03/1998 Mrs Joan Patricia Hassell – 25/05/1995 Mr William Edward Josephs – 28/08/2006 Mr Bruce William Bremner – 15/01/2013 |

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

| BOARD / ADVISORY BODIES | Number of times |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| AILERON RACECOURSE RESERVE | The Board has advised that it |
| BOARD OF TRUSTEES | did not hold any meetings in |
| | 2023-24. |

| BLATHERSKITE PARKThe Board has advised that is met monthly.BOARD OF TRUSTEESmet monthly.DALY WATERS RODEO RESERVEThe Board was unavailable to provide information regarding the number of meetings held.DESERT KNOWLEDGE AUSTRALIAThe Board has advised that is meets on a quarterly basis, or |
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| as required to fulfil statutory |
| obligations under the <i>Desert</i> |
| Knowledge Australia Act |
| 2003. |
| LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION The Committee did not meet |
| COMMITTEE in 2023-24 as it only has one |
| active period during each |
| four-year local government |
| electoral cycle. |
| NT GRANTS COMMISSION The Commission meets as |
| required to fulfil statutory |
| obligations under the <i>Local</i> |
| Government Grants |
| Commission Act 1986. |
| PUBLIC HOUSING APPEALS BOARD Nil |
| OLIVE PINK BOTANIC GARDENS The Board has advised that in |
| BOARD OF TRUSTEES met monthly |
| ROBBIE ROBBINS RESERVE Board members were |
| BOARD OF TRUSTEES unavailable to provide |
| information regarding the |
| number of meetings held. |

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

- 44. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced since 24 August 2024, also providing the following information:
 - a) The Terms of Reference
 - b) The criteria for selection of all panel members
 - c) The composition, qualifications and state or Territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry
 - d) The cost of the review/inquiry
 - e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry
 - f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly
 - g) If not completed when this is expected

The amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

45. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, there were:

- 56 total reported incidents that led to or could have led to a physical or psychological injury, illness or disease or where property and/or equipment was damaged.
- No notifiable incidents reported to NT WorkSafe as required under section 35 of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011.
- The level of administrative effort required to determine the costs of reportable safety issues is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

46. Please detail the number of stress-related matters and claims for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, there were one claim for stress related matters.

REGIONAL OFFICES

47. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved since 24 August 2024. What are the locations for which they are responsible?

Due to the Machinery of Government changes in 2024-25, the amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.