

MINISTER TOYNE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr CHAIRMAN: I ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to take his seat and make sure he has all his officers with him, please. I would just like to keep rolling. I reiterate that I welcome the move by the Leader of the Opposition to extradite the process, so let's keep moving.

We do have a quorum so I welcome the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and I invite you to introduce the officials accompanying you and, if you so desire, to make an opening statement on behalf of your portfolio areas.

Dr TOYNE: Thank you, Mr Chairman. I have accompanying me Mr Richard Coates, my CEO at the Department of Justice and Attorney-General; Dr Terry Dreier, the Financial Services and Strategic Planning Analyst for our department; and Mr Phil Fletcher, Director of Corporate Support Services. We also have, as you can see, a large range of other unit heads from within the department so as needed, we can call on them.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Very good.

Mr DUNHAM: How many people do you have on staff?

Dr TOYNE: Well, it is half the department, actually, but I will not call on them.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Just to let officers know who may be appearing with the minister, all questions are directed through the minister. The minister then has the discretion to redirect the question to whichever officer that he chooses, and officers should identify themselves and say what their position is because that assists the *Hansard* record. Without any further ado, the member for Goyder is the shadow here and over to you member for Goyder.

Dr TOYNE: Could I make an opening statement, please, Mr Chairman?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Sorry, yes.

Dr TOYNE: Thank you, Mr Chairman. We are very interested to hear the Leader of the Opposition's comment about us cowering in our offices up there. I can certainly report that I set up a set of starting blocks in my office about 24 hours ago expecting to get down here. Since I became minister, I think I have had about five opposition questions on the floor and so I want to get the score card up today. I am very keen to be as helpful and informative as possible.

Having listened to the line of opposition questions aimed at testing equivalence between the 2001-02 budget and the 2002-03, and also testing actual appropriation amounts, I ought to state at this stage that my answers will be set against the move from cash to accrual, as we all know is happening, specifically as outlined in Budget Paper No 3, pages 3-7 in the introductory section, and Budget Paper No 6, Chapter 5, Working for Outcomes. So that is the context in which we will be answering our financial matters regarding budget outputs.

While many of the officers in questions have attempted to compare 2001-02 and 2002-03 appropriations for the particular activities, this will not be generally possible within this current agency since cash inputs have been replaced by accrual based outputs and agency restructuring has led to new aggregations of activity or outputs against which appropriations are now set.

Actual levels of cash available in each of my agencies can be obtained in the statement of cash flows at the overall agency level rather than those output areas. Working for Outcomes is being introduced in stages and overall work will be done by each of my agencies to further refine and define outputs

and output performance measures. So I think what you can fairly say is that while, for this particular year, there is some concern by the opposition, as I have seen in the earlier parts of the debate, about the equivalents or otherwise of appropriations, we are in a moving process and we have to make allowances for that this year and probably next year as well. I would like to ask Dr Terry Dreir to just provide a small amount of additional detail on the changes that have occurred in the agency.

Dr DREIR: Thank you, minister. Just as a bit of background, when the department was brought together in November last year, there were six separate departments which came together and aggregated into the Department of Justice. Part of the process up until 30 June, which makes comparison somewhat difficult, is that we have developed a Corporate Services Section which has drawn staff and resources from the various departments which were resident in those departments on 30 June. They are now part of the 2002-03 budget and have been apportioned according to population basis.

Similarly, there are a number of information technology and communications expenses which have been treated in the same way. Also, there were some outputs in the 2002-03 papers which were not part of Justice at mini-budget time. Specifically, that is the Crime Prevention Unit and the Fines Recovery Unit. We integrated Consumer and Business Affairs into Justice earlier this year. We have also aggregated the costs associated with the Executive Secretariat area and Ministerial Liaison and, again, we have apportioned those on the same basis of population bases across each of the agencies.

A final point I would like to make is that we have received a significant increase in funding in this financial year on a number of separate items, and these are set out in Budget Paper No 3.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Member for Goyder.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, I can indicate that most of the questions contained in the notice paper and the written answers which have been provided will be incorporated into the *Hansard* without any supplementaries, I suspect.

Question 181 (Mr Burke): What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to negotiate the settlement of native title claims in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin by December 2002? What other impact on the Territory government's financial position might be incurred in the settlement of these claims? Will this deadline be met?

Answer:

With regard to Alice Springs, the government and the native title holders are presently discussing an Indigenous Land Use Agreement to complement the decision of the Federal Court that found that native title exists. The costs of government officers to participate in these negotiations are met from existing allocations. The Government has provided a special purpose grant of \$50,000 to the native title body corporate, made available office space for 12 months and offered the use of an NT fleet vehicle for 12 months.

The government also wishes to resolve the Tennant Creek and Katherine native title claims by settlement. Native title claims in the Darwin area are presently being litigated in the Federal Court, and there are no settlement discussions in progress. No deadlines have been set for the settlement of the native title claims, however the government is concerned to resolve the issues involved as soon as possible.

There are no other impacts on the Territory's financial position arising solely as a result of a decision to settle these claims, rather than litigate them, except that settlement is likely to be a much less expensive process for government than litigation.

Any extinguishment of native title that has occurred since 31 October 1975 may have given rise to a

legal obligation by the Northern Territory or Commonwealth to pay compensation to the native title holders, whether the native title claim is litigated or settled. Presently there are no legal principles on the amount of compensation payable for extinguishment of native title. The settlement of a native title claim may involve the payment of compensation for extinguishment of native title.

Question 189 (Mr Burke): What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to negotiate the settlement of Kenbi and other Aboriginal Land Rights Act claims? What other impact on the Territory government's financial position might be incurred in the settlement of these claims? What is the deadline for settlement of these claims?

Answer:

There is no specific funding included in the Department of Justice allocations for the settlement of the Kenbi land claim, or any other Aboriginal Lands Rights Act land claims. Any impact on the Territory government's financial position as a result of settlement of the Kenbi, or any other land claim is subject to the relevant settlement negotiations. There are no settlement deadlines. Currently the government is negotiating with the Northern Land Council and the Federal government to settle an agreed budget and timetable to support the settlement negotiations.

Question 190 (Ms Carney): Provide details of funding to each of the Domestic Violence Legal Help services, by region and service, from the total budget. What evaluation of current service has been undertaken? Are there any plans to extend or alter the current services or create additional services? How many women were assisted in the 2001-02 year?

Answer:

These services are an integral part of the government's commitment to addressing Domestic Violence. Services have been established in the Southern and Top End Region. Funding details for the two regions are:

Southern Region:

- A contract was awarded to the Central Australian Women's Legal Service based in Alice Springs.
- The contract period is from 31 July 2000 to 30 June 2003.
- Funding for 2002-03 is \$130 000 [previous funding: 2000-01-\$121 000; 2001-02-\$130 000]

Top End Region:

- A contract was awarded to Withnall Maley based in Darwin.
- The initial contract period was 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2002 with the option for Withnall Maley to extend to 30 June 2003. Withnall Maley has exercised this option.
- The amount provided is \$180 000 (GST inclusive) per year for the three years.

As part of the contract between the NT government Legal Service providers a report is required every six months. To this end, the Department of Justice receives a report from the providers of Domestic Violence Legal Services in the Northern Territory. This assists to ensure the conditions of the service agreement are met.

The current contracts between the Northern Territory and the providers of Domestic Violence Legal Services in the NT terminate on 30 June 2003. Prior to that time consultation with relevant stakeholders will take place about the best way to proceed.

In total, 723 women were assisted:

- Withnall Maley assisted approximately 575 women.
- Central Australian Women's Legal Service assisted 148 women during the period 1 January to 30 June 2002.

Question 271 (Mr McAdam): \$300 000 has been allocated over the next two financial years to

establish a community mediation centre in the Territory. How will this money be spent and what are the expected outcomes?

Answer:

The Community Justice Centres are a trial in the Darwin Region. However, sessional and approved mediators can be utilised in regional centres during the trial. This trial will determine how great is the real need for the services. In particular we will be seeking to find out how much the small claims courts and members of the public seek to access the services of the centres. The funds will permit the employment of two staff members, sessional mediators and some establishment costs and operational expenditure.

The criteria in assessing the trial of the service include:

- number of Territorians who seek to use the service;
- how often do the Courts use the service;
- is there a reduction in the use of the Court;
- are Territorians satisfied with the alternative dispute resolution service.

The main outcome will be sufficient information for the government to decide whether it should enact legislation providing for a Territory-wide scheme of Community Justice Centres. The government is committed to ensure that a range of services are available to Territorians that can assist the resolution of disputes and conflicts and especially if the costs to Territorians is reduced.

Question 277 (Mr McAdam): \$150 000 has been allocated as ongoing funding to establish a drug court in the NT. How will this money be spent?

Answer:

It is anticipated most of the money will be spent on employing three staff to work in the Drug Court and some spent on training magistrates. Subject to the final model being settled, current thought is that the staff will comprise two case managers (one in Alice Springs and one in Darwin) and one coordinator/registrar in Darwin.

Question 384 (Mr Kiely): What allocations are made in the 2002-03 budget for victims of crime and what is the government doing to ensure that funds allocated to the Crimes (Victims Assistance) Scheme will assist victims.

Answer:

The budget allocation for 2002-03 for Crimes (Victims Assistance) scheme is \$4m. Amendments to the *Crimes (Victims Assistance) Act* were introduced in August, and are expected to commence on 1 November 2002. The amendments will streamline court process and make it simpler and easier for applicants. Offenders will be removed from the Court process – a move supported by victim groups as it reduces victims' levels of anxiety and distress. The amendments are expected to result in considerable savings in legal costs and will ensure that a higher percentage of the funding will go to the real victims.

A further \$50 000 has been allocated in the budget for clean up assistance to victims of break-ins. This is to assist such victims in cleaning up and temporarily securing their homes after they have been broken into. In the last financial year, the organisation Victims of Crime (NT) (formerly VOCAL) was given \$30 000 to administer the clean up assistance project in the Darwin/Palmerston area. This funding will be \$50 000 for 2002-03, and it is anticipated that some of that funding will be targeted at regional centres.

The government also funds Victims of Crime (NT) to the level of \$80 000.

Question 427 (Mr Maley): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts, that is who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason. How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts, that is who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason.

Answer:

The department spent \$309 000 on Consultancies in 2001-02.

Consultancies exceeding \$10 000 each totalled \$97 426.75
Consultancies less than \$10 000 each totalled \$211 573.25
TOTAL \$309 000.00

Details of significant consultancies (costing more than \$10 000) for 2001 02 from available records are as follows:

Horwath NT Pty Ltd - \$27 005 - for the provision of management and advisory services not available from within the department for the management of the Palmerston Golf Club.

Ernst & Young - \$33 750 - to undertake judicial management of the Arafura Sports and Bowling Club that could not be undertaken by resources from within the department.

Cavalier Consultants Pty Ltd - \$22 792.73 - for the provision of consulting services in respect to Performance Management and in particular the development of a Risk Management Plan, to undertake Program Evaluations, develop Performance Indicators, to prepare reports and to make recommendations planned to significantly improve the department's ability to achieve excellence in achieving its objectives. The consultant was an expert in the areas of the consultancy and had a sound knowledge of the department. Previous work undertaken was been of a high standard and the recommendations have been accepted and implemented by the department.

Riedel Services Pty Ltd - \$13 879.02 - to undertake consumer affairs and fair trading related investigations for which resources were not available from within the department.

The remaining expenditure was for consultancies less than \$10 000, and included provision of one off specialist advice and assistance such as employee counselling and assistance services; staff training and development; management advice; and offender programs.

It is expected a similar level and range of consultancy services will be required during 2002-03 due principally to the unavailability of the required degree of expertise from within departmental resources.

To date \$53 000 has been expended during 2002-03, with the following being continued as significant, on going consultancies:

Horwath NT Pty Ltd - year to date \$4285.75- for the provision of management and advisory services not available from within the department for the management of the Palmerston Golf Club.

Ernst & Young - year to date \$6647.50 - to undertake judicial management of the Arafura Sports and Bowling Club that could not be undertaken by resources from within the department.

Mr MALEY: I do have a couple of supplementaries in relation to the third output and in relation to question 427. In the comprehensive answer you gave, at the end of that answer you state that to date there is about \$53 000 which has expended during 2002-03 with the following being continued as a significant ongoing consultancies, and you name Horwarth's and Ernst and Young. Can you provide

the committee with particulars as to the other consultancies which make up that total of the \$53 000 that you refer to? Do you understand the nature of the question, or you are just referring to the previous consultancies which have continued?

Dr TOYNE: I think we would need to take that information from several areas within the department. Rather than having to round up speakers from behind us here one at a time, it might be better if we get back to you after the break and give you that information.

Mr MALEY: I accept that, Mr Chairman. A supplementary question in relation to 427: You particularise consultancies in excess of \$10 000 and then in your written answer, you state that the remaining expenditure was for consultancies of less than \$10 000, and you include a number of indicia giving examples of the type of work which those smaller consultancies have covered, one of them being Management Advice. Can you tell the committee, minister, the names of the individuals or corporate entities which were engaged to provide management advice to your department?

Dr TOYNE: I will pass to Philip Fletcher, who may be able to give some further information on that.

Mr FLETCHER: One group was Avebury Consulting Proprietary Limited that provided some assistance with internal reviews in the correctional services area and, really, off hand, that is the only one I can recall. Depending on the extent to which we need to go, we can make some lists available.

Dr TOYNE: Could the member for Goyder give us some idea of what level of detail you are seeking, and perhaps some idea of what you want.

Mr MALEY: In a general sense, what I am seeking are the names of the individuals or corporate entities which you say provided management advice to your department. You have just got the generic heading of Management Advice, saying it cost less than \$10 000. The response I am seeking is who were these individuals, and how much were they paid?

Dr TOYNE: I can see no problem in releasing that sort of information. It is just we do not have it with us here, so I suggest that we get that to you.

Ms CARNEY: A supplementary question, Mr Chairman. Minister, one of your officers mentioned one firm, I think it was Avery Consulting or something like that. Is he able to name the proprietor of that company, or the directors of that company, off the top of his head?

Mr FLETCHER: I think I can, but I may be mistaken.

Dr TOYNE: I would be very impressed if you can, but if you can, do so.

Mr FLETCHER: Well, it is one with which I am familiar. I think it was Cathy Lant and Theresa Westmacott.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you. If you could ensure that that information and that level of information is provided, I would be grateful.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, a supplementary in relation to question 427. Minister, could I also seek the same particulars in relation to Employee Counselling and Assistance Services which you say were required for the department, costing less than \$10 000, and were consultancies in 2001-02. I suspect that is a matter that you will have to take on notice and in due course provide the names of the individuals or corporate entities.

Dr TOYNE: We have not brought that level of detail because we felt that a common sense approach – I have given you a very extensive outline of the type of work that has been done for the department. If that is of crucial interest to you, I do not see any concerns on my part to get that information for you,

but we did not bring that level of information here, so we will get back to you with that.

Question 429 (Mr Maley): Explain the difference in estimates of agency revenue between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

Agency Revenue for Department of Justice is found on the Outputs and Appropriation Table in Budget Paper No. 3 page 105. The nett difference is a \$4000 increase from 2001-02 to 2002-03, which is immaterial, and results from minor variations in the range of revenues. The Department of Justice sources of revenue can be found in Budget Paper No 3 on pages 279, 290 and 296.

Question 431 (Mr Maley): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

It is not possible to 'unscramble the eggs' and readily relate departmental expenditure to the outputs included in the mini-budget. The department has changed the outputs and output groups since the mini-budget. Additionally, it is not possible to provide the 2001-02 estimated budget outcome in cash terms (to match the mini-budget) or provide the mini-budget data in accrual terms (to align to the 2002-03 Budget Paper presentation).

Mr MALEY: You have already touched upon this in a very general way in your opening statement, minister, but in relation to question 431, how can you expect Territorians to draw a proper comparison between what was expended last year, even in light of the change in accounting practices, if you say that it is too hard to unscramble the eggs, as you referred to in your answer. Surely, I would have thought, if you are going to make a prediction as to how much it is going to cost you this year you would have to have at least some notes as to how much it cost you last year. If you have those notes, can you produce them. If not, why not?

Dr TOYNE: I pointed you to the statement of cash flows. If you are talking about actual money expended compared to money that was expended by the department last year, to the best of the ability of the Treasury to align the two years of actual agency units that were expending money on outputs, the third of the statements of cash flows does give you an idea of the amount of the appropriation that is flowing through the department along with other revenue sources and the capital investment that is going through there.

That is the closest you are going to get to a cash input based picture of what the two budgets are doing. Because of the overlaying of the accrual issues - the issues that are now being taken into account in terms of assessing the cost of service delivery that has been brought in from the agencies - you will have to adjust the two pictures one to the other for the time being. We are in a transitional process. But if you are looking at the sheer flow of cash through the agency 2001-02, 2002-03, it is there for you on page 122 of Budget Paper No 3.

Incorporated questions:

Question 432 (Mr Maley): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time basis, part-time, casual and contract? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time basis, part-time, casual and contract? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time basis, part-time, casual or contract when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

Current staffing by Output Group (as at 28 August 2002):

		Legal Services	Court Services	Correctional Services	Community Services	Corporate Services *
Full Time	Permanent	51	100	394	58	30
	Temporary	45	20	51	13	7
	Contract	19	3	3	4	2
	Casual	-	-	10	-	-
Part Time	Permanent	2	6	4	1	-
	Temporary	4	3	-	1	-
	Casual	1	15	61	-	-

NB: The department has moved to accounting by Outputs in lieu of Activity and accordingly staffing data is provided in this manner.

* Corporate Services costs are apportioned across Output Groups.

		Employed as at 29 August 2001 *	Employed as at 13 November 2001*	Employed as at 28 August 2002
Full-time	Permanent	611	610	633
	Temporary	123	118	136
	Contract	33	34	31
	Casual	11	11	10
Part-time	Permanent	11	10	13
	Temporary	10	8	8
	Casual	57	61	77

* Data on staff employed as at 29 August and 13 November 2001 excludes staff employed by Consumer and Business Affairs which had an 'establishment' of 28, and was part of the former Department of Industries and Business, and staff employed by *NTsafe* which had an 'establishment' of three, and who were part of Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

Question 433 (Mr Maley): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

In 2001-02 the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment expended \$2 560 845.68 on repairs and maintenance on behalf of the Department of Justice.

Question 440 (Mr Maley): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

It is assumed this question on inter-agency transfers relates to the purchase of goods and services from other agencies. The department makes payments for goods and services from the following agencies:

Department of Corporate and Information Services

NT Fleet for provision of vehicles, etcetera;

Information Technology Management Services for provision of IT strategic advice and contract management, etcetera;

Government Printing Office for provision of printing services;

The total amount paid to DCIS in 2001-02 for services was \$1.798m.

Power and Water Authority for provision of power, water, and sewerage services.

The costs vary from year to year depending on operational requirements, etcetera. The total amount paid to PAWA in 2001-02 for power, water and sewerage totalled \$1.607m.

Question 441 (Mr Maley): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

It is assumed this question on inter-agency transfers relates to Intra Sector receipts and payments. The only Intra Sector receipt for 2001-02 was from the Office of the Commissioner of Public Employment, in the amount of \$18 000 for the employment of two trainees.

Intra Sector payments for 2001-02 were:

NT Treasury: Services (Superannuation office) - \$2 378 000

Health and Community Services for forensic mental health services for prisoners - \$50 000

NT Police Fire and Emergency Services (NT Safe Grants) - \$22 000

Question 442 (Mr Maley): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that a budget improvement target of an average 4% with the exception of the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and, if so, how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

Budget improvement measures were allocated at the whole of agency level and the department internally apportioned the reductions across the former agencies in 2001-02, and across outputs for 2002-03, consistent with the exceptions noted in the question. The department's budget improvement target for 2001-02 was \$1.363m. Given a Treasurer's Advance to cover extraordinary expenditure, these savings were achieved. The department's budget improvement target for 2002-03 is a further \$0.907m. Both reductions are included in the revised budget data for 2001-02 and 2002-03 published in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question 444 (Mr Maley): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of *Working for Outcomes* for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and the *Working for Outcomes* model has been achieved through the use of existing resources, maximisation of previously unused features available in corporate and agency systems and training and coordination provided by Treasury and DCIS. This has occurred over the last 18 months and will continue over the next two to three years. It would not be possible to

differentiate the costs related to these developments from other financial management costs.

Question 446 (Mr Maley): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled? Where there is any material difference, is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? Where there is a difference, did the agency undertake to advise its minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) No, (ii) not applicable, and (iii) not applicable.

Question 447 (Mr Maley): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office, (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

(a) The Chief Minister has already answered this question. (b) \$43 601.68. \$20 061.10 for 3 Consumers Affairs Council Newsletters in which the minister's photograph appeared, and the Charter for Victims of Crime, in which the minister's photograph also appeared plus \$23 540.58 for printing and design work relative to the promotional campaign for the new drugs laws and the six point plan (see question 487). (c) It is understood the Chief Minister has provided these details.

Question 449 (Mr Maley): How many staff are employed by the minister in the ministerial office, including Alice Springs or any other centre? How many of these staff are paid for by the Department of the Chief Minister and how many are paid for by the minister's agency or department?

Answer:

The Chief Minister has already responded. There are no departmental staff employed in the minister's office.

Question 450 (Mr Maley): Explain what the entry 'expenses relating to prior year receipts' or, in the case of some agencies, 'receipts relating to prior year expenses' means. Detail what the amounts listed against this entry are for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

Agencies will often receive revenue, particularly from the Commonwealth, close to the end of a financial year (ie 2001-02), but will not spend against that revenue until the following year (ie 2002-03). Appropriation is not required for these expenses as the prior year's revenue is still in the agency's operating account, and should be utilised for this purpose. Therefore, the item 'expenses relating to prior year receipts' identifies the amounts available for use from the operating account, and reduces the requirement for appropriation. The items relating to the carryover of balances from 2000-01 to 2001-02 and 2001-02 to 2002-03 are available in table format if required.

Question 452 (Mr Maley): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

The only state taxes or fees which the Department of Justice pays is payroll tax. Details of payroll tax expenditure for the years sought are:

2001-02 Actual \$3.432m.
2002-03 Estimate \$3.622m.

Question 453: What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer has answered this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 454 (Mr Maley): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03?

Answer:

The department is not readily able to provide the data requested for 2002-03 at an output level. For the department, excluding the state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, depreciation and amortisation the budget for 2001-02 was \$90.886m and the estimate for 2002-03 is \$92.895. The resultant 'budget' is essentially meaningless in that the department needs to meet these expenses, and pay other taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons and incurs other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any service provider. These items need to be included to assess the full costs of outputs.

Question 475 (Ms Carney): What funds are budgeted in 2002-03 to provide local community programs or activities aimed at addressing law and order issues in Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin?

Answer:

In partnership with government agencies and the community, the Office of Crime Prevention will develop and support effective crime prevention activities; support community partnerships and initiatives; and, provide evidence-based advice to government and the community to support the development and evaluation of crime prevention strategies and programs. The Office of Crime Prevention has budgeted \$400 000 to provide local community programs or activities aimed at addressing law and order issues across the Northern Territory. Discrete allocations for Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin have not been made.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, I indicate that they are all the supplementary questions I have time to go into in relation to this output.

Mr CHAIRMAN: So this is output 0.03. Are there any other questions within that output that people want to ask? Otherwise I will conclude consideration of that output.

Mr DUNHAM: The minister has said on a number of occasions that the cash figures are not available to him and he has used the budget papers. However, notably, he has not mentioned page V on Budget Paper No 3, where it tells us that the figures are readily available in a cash basis. I wonder if those figures are available to him?

Dr TOYNE: Are you talking output by output, or are you talking about agency ...

Mr DUNHAM: I was talking about the Treasurer's undertaking that whilst actual results for 2001-02 are available on a cash basis, they are available. I am asking you if you have them.

Dr TOYNE: Yes, I am informed that Treasury is the only one that could generate those figures. We have given you a picture of what has happened in Justice and Attorney-General's. There has been a major restructuring; there has been a move from inputs to outputs.

Mr DUNHAM: It is sufficient for you to say that they are not available.

Dr TOYNE: I could come up with some artificial comparison, but it would be very artificial.

Mr CHAIRMAN: There being no more questions, I believe that concludes consideration of this output, 0.03. We now move to output 1.01, Solicitor for the Northern Territory. There are a number of questions here. Over to you, member for Goyder.

Mr MALEY: Minister, in relation to question No 11. In your answer, you ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Question No 11 stands in the name of the member for Nelson.

Mr MALEY: I take that back.

Mr CHAIRMAN: You do have some questions there. It is a bit hard to read on mine. I think it is 470 and 476.

Mr WOOD: Mr Chairman, have we done output 01.00?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Nelson. I apologise to all present. I jumped an output, so keen am I to expedite the process here. I should have moved to output 01.00, legal services. There is one question 484, standing in the name of the member for Goyder. I apologise.

Mr MALEY: I have no supplementary questions relating to question 484.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay, so you agree that being tabled?

Mr MALEY: Yes.

Question 484 (Mr Maley): Under the heading 'Policy' at page 110 of Budget Paper No 3, Performance Measures have been estimated to determine how effectively the policy unit develops, reviews and implements legislative change and advises the Attorney-General and the Northern Territory government and provides ministerial support. (a) What was the cost of providing policy advice in the 1001-02 financial year? (b) Provide a copy of the policy standards which were used to estimate both the client's satisfaction and compliance of 90% contained in the table at page 100 of Budget Paper No 3. (c) What are the policy time line standards? (d) How many matters dealt with by the policy unit in the department complied with the policy timeliness standards in the year 2001-02? (e) How many lawyers were employed in the department on 18 August 2001 and how many are employed on 18 August 2002? (f) How many legal practitioners do you anticipate the department will employ by June 2003?

Answer:

(a) Combined salaries and operational expenditure for the Policy Division for 2001/02 was \$2.747m. (b) See attached. (c) See attached. (d) The policy timeliness standards have been developed for 2002-03 onwards. These were not measured (in any manner which would allow meaningful comparison) in 2001-02. (e) If the question relates to the number of legal practitioners employed who provide legal services to the Attorney-General and client agencies, the best measure is the number authorised to act in the name of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory. As at 11 September 2001

there were 24 persons, including the CEO, so authorised (six of these worked in the Policy division). (These dates reflect the publication of the NT *Gazette* closest to the dates requested in the question in which a schedule of officers authorised to act in the name of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory was published. These numbers do not take into account the number of judges, magistrates or legal practitioners in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. (f) If the question relates to the number of legal practitioners anticipated to be employed who provide legal services to the Attorney-General and client agencies, it is anticipated that the additional \$1.3m allocated to the Solicitor for the Northern Territory to undertake an increased role in the management of outsourced legal services and the performance of additional in-house legal services will result in the recruitment of an additional nine legal practitioners. Assuming five current vacancies are also filled, this would result in there being 44 legal practitioners authorised to act in the name of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory as at June 2003. It is anticipated that two of these additional legal practitioners will be employed in the Policy division during 2002.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I think the member for Araluen has a supplementary to that.

Ms CARNEY: My apologies, Mr Chairman and minister, it is just that having received so much paper work late last night it is difficult, given the system that the government has provided us with. So I apologise for a slight delay. I ask a supplementary question in relation to question 384 and from the outset I would be grateful if the minister would read the answer. I have gone through the documents provided to me on numerous occasions. I don't appear to have an answer to that question. I can assure the minister this is not a delaying tactic, but you have fallen short in providing us with adequate information. If you could read out the answer, please.

Dr TOYNE: So you did not receive a written version of it? Yes, quite happy to.

The budget allocation for 2002-03 for the Crimes (Victim Assistance) Scheme is \$4m as you will see in the papers. Amendments for the *Crimes (Victims Assistance) Act* were introduced in August and are expected to commence on 1 November 2002. The amendments will streamline court processes and make it simpler and easier for applicants. Offenders will be removed from the court process, a move supported by victim groups, as it reduces victims' levels of anxiety and distress. The amendments are expected to result in considerable savings in legal costs and will ensure that a higher percentage of the funding will go to the real victims.

A further \$50 000 has been allocated in the budget for clean up assistance of victims of break-ins. This is to assist such victims in cleaning up and temporarily securing their homes after they have been broken into.

In the last financial year the organisation Victims of Crime NT, formerly known as VOCAL, was given \$30 000 to administer the clean up the victims assistance project in the Darwin and Palmerston area. This funding will be \$50 000 to 2002-03 and is expected that some of that funding will be targeted to regional centres. The government also funds Victims of Crime NT to the level of \$80 000.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister. A further supplementary from the member for Araluen.

Ms CARNEY: Minister, I note that in the bill brought into the House in August that it was proposed to increase the Victims Assistance Levy from \$20 to \$60 from memory. Can you tell me how much revenue government receives from the levy at it is present rate of \$20 per annum?

Dr TOYNE: I will have to take that on notice. I can give you some information of the overall payments to victims and the payments associated with legal fees for these sort of cases, if that is of any assistance.

Ms CARNEY: No, thank you. I was interested in the levy because it seems to me that – well, I would have assumed that there would be a significant amount of money [inaudible] levy every year at it is current rate of \$20. Given that government plans to increase that levy from \$20 to \$60 it therefore

follows, doesn't it, that government will receive a significantly greater income and my question is can you outline what, if any, plans you have to expend those additional monies?

Dr TOYNE: We made it pretty clear that the purpose of collecting that money is to apply to the compensation of victims. We see, as a matter of policy, that levying offenders to help compensate victims is both very logical and very fair and that is where that money will be going.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you.

Solicitor for the Northern Territory

Mr CHAIRMAN: There being no more questions on output 01.00, Legal Services, I think all other questions are tabled and the written answers. I would like pass to output 01.01 Solicitor for the Northern Territory. Member for Goyder.

Mr MALEY: 01.01, is that correct Mr Chairman?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes. 1.01 Solicitor for the Northern Territory. You have two questions: one is 470 and I think the other one is 476.

Mr MALEY: I am actually missing the written response to 470 so if I could read the question on to the transcript and the minister can answer.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Sure, go right ahead.

Mr MALEY: Minister, the department is restructuring the way in which legal services are outsourced and also expanding its conduct management services, undertaking government-specific legal services in-house, and an additional \$1.3m has been provided for these functions. Can you please inform the Committee what legal services will now be provided in-house, how many full-time positions will be created for both support and legal practitioners in the department to provide for those services and, third, will any private legal firms lose existing files and, if so, how many?

Dr TOYNE: I did provide a fairly extended answer. You did not receive that?

Mr MALEY: There are a few of them that are out of order.

Dr TOYNE: I will read it out because that is probably the quickest way to deal with it.

Part A of the answer: Under the new policy, it is proposed that in-house legal services will be provided in respect of matters which might generally be described as core government legal matters. Whilst not capable of precise definition, core work might include matters that are sensitive in nature, matters that involve inter-government relations, matters that have strategic implications ...

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, perhaps I can - just to save time. I know that we really have to get to a particular area, I have no problem with that being tabled. It is not a particularly ...

Dr TOYNE: It has already been tabled.

Answer 470:

Under the new policy it is proposed that in-house legal services will be provided in respect of matters which might generally be described as "core" government legal matters. Whilst not capable of precise definition, core work might include matters which: are sensitive in nature; involve inter-government relations; have strategic implications; require a whole-of-government focus; having regard to in-house experience and expertise, can be more efficiently dealt with in-house; or are otherwise of

consequence.

Examples of core work might include: Northern Territory taxation matters; advice and co-ordination of advice in relation to major infrastructure projects; coronial inquests, particularly those involving deaths in custody; special categories of litigation, e.g. BTEC claims and land acquisitions; matters involving employee relations, EBAs employee discipline, executive and consultancy contracts; or mining matters. In addition, some 'bread and butter' work will be retained in-house to provide an appropriate range of matters for the purpose of training junior practitioners and to ensure that the office is always working to full capacity.

It is proposed that the following additional positions will be created to provide capacity over and above the current capacity of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory to provide the legal services in contemplation:

Executive Contract Legal Officers Grade 1:	3
Professional Legal Officers Grade 4:	3
Professional Legal Officers Grade 3:	3
Secretarial Supervisor Grade AO4:	1
Paralegal Secretaries Grade AO3:	2

However, some flexibility will need to be retained to fill some of the positions at higher or lower levels, depending on the nature and quality of the applications received. It is not proposed that any private firms will lose existing outsourced files.

Question 11 (Mr Wood): According to Budget Paper No 3, page 108, the Justice Department is restructuring the way in which legal services are outsourced. Can the minister say whether the outsourcing of legal services by the former CLP government resulting in savings for the taxpayer and/or more efficient service? Is the policy of outsourcing being wound back and, if so, will the department be rebuilding its in-house legal expertise?

Answer:

There is no empirical data to support a proposition that the outsourcing of government legal services resulted in savings to the taxpayer and/or more efficient legal services. However, there has been a good deal of dissatisfaction expressed by Agencies in relation to the cost and, on occasion, the quality of private legal services. A straight comparison of government expenditure pre and post outsourcing does not provide a reliable indicator, as government expenditure on legal services can generally be categorised as reactive, ie the government is usually the defendant in legal actions, not the plaintiff. Expenditure accordingly varies from year to year, depending on the nature and number of legal actions the government is required to defend. The outsourcing policy resulted in a dramatic reduction in the capacity of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory to conduct cases in its own right or to closely supervise matters outsourced to the private legal profession.

Under the newly approved policy in relation to outsourcing, budgeted to cost \$1.3m per year, government has authorised an increase in the capacity of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory: to provide legal services to government agencies; & to more effectively manage and supervise the outsourcing of legal services to the private legal profession.

It is proposed that the following additional positions will be created to provide capacity over and above the current capacity of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory to provide the legal services in contemplation:

Executive Contract Legal Officers Grade 1:	3
Professional Legal Officers Grade 4:	3
Professional Legal Officers Grade 3:	3
Secretarial Supervisor Grade AO4:	1

Paralegal Secretaries Grade AO3:

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Greater detail is provided in my response to question 470.

The objective of the policy is for the Solicitor for the Northern Territory to achieve better outcomes for the Territory in terms of cost savings and better accountability, a whole of government approach to major legal issues and a pro-active approach to early settlement of disputes through: the provision of high quality in house legal services in relation to core government legal matters; and an improved capacity to manage complex and sensitive outsourced matters, as well as more closely supervising straight forward outsourced matters.

Whilst not capable of precise definition, 'core government legal matters' comprise matters which: are sensitive in nature; involve inter-government relations; have strategic implications; require a whole-of-government focus; having regard to in-house experience and expertise, can be more efficiently dealt with in-house; or are otherwise of consequence. In addition, some 'bread and butter' work will be retained in-house to provide an appropriate range of matters for the purpose of training junior practitioners and to ensure that the office is always working to full capacity. Over time, the policy will result in an incremental shift of selected outsourced matters from the private profession to the solicitor for the Northern Territory.

Mr CHAIRMAN: The member for Nelson has the call. As a committee member, the member for Nelson has the call and then it goes to members.

Mr WOOD: A supplementary which is both to 11 and 470, just a clarification. This new role that you are taking on in-house, will that mean the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment will do its own legal work, for instance, in cases like land clearing breaches?

Dr TOYNE: I think one of the reasons that we decided to bring some of the legal capacity back in-house is that we were experiencing some problems in two regards within the government end of this arrangement. One was to provide adequate briefs to the private sector lawyers that were being brought in to do government service. We were losing the legal capacity to be able to do that effectively, and that was particularly so with individual lawyers that other agencies had taken on. There are a number of legal positions, say, with the police and with DIPE that are direct staff arrangements within their own department.

We want to use the new in-house capacity within DOJ to provide collegial advice and, if necessary, supervision of areas of specialists [inaudible] two lawyers that are stationed in other agencies around the Northern Territory government agencies. So I suppose my answer to your question is that while DIPE may well retain that staffing arrangement, there will be a relationship back to the main legal capacity that is held within DOJ.

Mr ELFERINK: Mr Chairman, I say at the outset it is a little bit difficult to formulate questions, as the member for Araluen said before, having three files full of paper dropped on our desk last night when the rules were changed on how this Committee was going to operate. Now, having to make our questions on the run, I apologise to the minister if the thread of my questions is a little bit awkward for him.

However, minister, I ask you in relation to question 189 relating to the Kenbi Land Claim, the thrust of the question basically is: how much has the government set aside for any negotiations on the Kenbi Land Claim? I am curious by the answer, and I will quote: 'Currently the government is negotiating with the Northern Land Council and the federal government to settle an agreed budget and timetable to support the settlement of negotiations'. How much money has been set aside in this year's budget in relation to the settlement of any claims at Kenbi?

Dr TOYNE: Let's get some framework around this. Yes, there are inevitably going to be costs associated with a negotiated process, but I have to point out that in the case of Kenbi we are looking at a process that has cost the Northern Territory taxpayer \$20m to date by going along the

unproductive route of litigation, so I think we have to see any costs associated with a negotiated process in the context of what the alternative is, which was an extraordinarily expensive legal process under the previous government.

As my answer to you indicates, that is under negotiation at the moment. There is no line item or allocation in the budget specifically for that. If there are costs involved in supporting the negotiated process, then those costs will have to be found within departmental budgets. Just by way of a parallel, the costs associated with the native title negotiations in Alice Springs, which is one of our more advanced processes, [inaudible] by the Chief Minister yesterday, and they are of the order of \$50 000 for secretarial support, and some office and vehicle support for the group, Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation.

That is the only direct cost that is involved in the native title negotiations in Alice Springs. The actual agreements that will come out of these negotiations are not seen in the light of a passive compensation payment to the native title holders or the traditional owners. We are looking for mutually beneficial, proactive agreements which will allow both the traditional owners and the community in general to gain benefit from the agreement. It is not a case of just saying: 'Here's a bag of money, now move aside and let other things happen'. If your question is aiming at what sort of compensation payments do we have in mind, you have got the wrong model.

Mr ELFERINK: I was not actually going down that path. The angle I am going down - let's say the process is negotiated out, and you expressed, as part of your policy platform, that this process will be negotiated out. As a consequence of that negotiation process, we are going to get results much quicker. If you get a result in this financial year, where's the money?

Dr TOYNE: Well, it depends on what the result is because, as I said, it is not a case of a bag of money, it is a case of some economic and social outcomes for the traditional owner group, and it is set against economic and social outcomes for the broader community. It may well be that you will see some programs initiated out of, could be quite a range of areas of government program delivery. It might be health, it might be education, it might be arts and heritage, or quite a number of places.

Mr ELFERINK: So where is the money in the health budget, where is the money in the education budget for these programs should that be the outcome this year?

Dr TOYNE: The simple answer is that the health budget is some \$500m. It is quite a dynamic process of implementing various elements of their programs. They are quite within their rights, if they receive news or details of an agreement that has been settled, to go back and look at their existing programs and expenditure and accommodate some new element in there. The fact of the matter is, and as my answer indicates, this is under negotiation. It is not something that we can talk about in dollar and cents terms, and certainly not something that we would be budgetting into the budget papers ahead of the outcome of an agreement negotiation.

Mr ELFERINK: This is even a more concerning answer, and I will tell you why, because what you have just told me is that health will have to make cuts if an agreement comes with a health outcome attached to it. Health will have to make cuts to other programs to satisfy the potential result over Kenbi. Do I understand you correctly?

Dr TOYNE: No. No, you have misunderstood me entirely. We have to assume, and I am sure you won't contest this, that the traditional owners of Kenbi are actually Territorians, along with ...

Mr ELFERINK: I am not contesting you at all, but what concerns me, minister ...

Dr TOYNE: Let me finish. It is beholden on any of our government agencies to accommodate an identified need or an identified initiative that has government approval within their general implementation of their programs. You are making an assumption that you are building a new program into a vacuum. It may well be simply accommodating, in this case, the traditional owner

group at Kenbi into some existing service deliver arrangements, to simply apply to that group in particular some areas of program delivery that have been put out to Territorians as a whole. What we are saying, though, is that we will want to have that as a mutually beneficial arrangement. In other words, whatever is in these agreements when they are culminated will be of benefit not only to the traditional owner group, but to Territorians as a whole.

Mr ELFERINK: I appreciate that, minister, but I am asking you specifically if a result is obtained this year if there is any money anywhere to accommodate and negotiate a result. The answer I am getting from you is effectively: 'No'. As a consequence I ask you this: are you expecting a result this year?

Dr TOYNE: I am certainly expecting a result in a lot shorter time than the CLP ever managed. I think the ...

Mr ELFERINK: Well, it is a pretty straightforward question, minister. Are you expecting a result this financial year?

Dr TOYNE: Well, I think you are misstating the position that I was putting to you. That is: yes, there are programs out there and, yes, there is expenditure out there, in all of our agencies. There are programs currently running and will be running right through the time that this negotiation proceeds - and not only that agreement, but other agreements that will be culminated throughout the Territory. At the time those agreements come to pass, there will then be a process by which all of our agencies - or all of the agencies that are relevant to the contents of the agreement - will be asked to look at their programs to accommodate the elements of those agreements.

That does not mean that you are taking money from existing programs targetted to other people; it means that those programs might have to be reshaped to take into account particulars of those agreements. In other words, we are building the interests of those traditional owner groups in particular into our service delivery arrangements in a specific way rather than in the general way of being simply members of the Territory population.

Mr ELFERINK: Well, minister, from what I have heard today, basically, you are going to reshape other government departments, if that is the nature of the agreement ...

Dr TOYNE: Programs.

Mr ELFERINK: Reshape other programs to accommodate the agreement with the traditional owners at Kenbi, and that there has been no financial planning at all structured to accommodate that.

Dr TOYNE: No. That is a very silly assertion. I think the ...

Mr ELFERINK: I do not think it is because, at the moment, you cannot point to a program or a fund or any amount of money at all that deals with the compensation package or whatever for the people who will end up owning the Kenbi land claim area.

Dr TOYNE: Let me explain why your assertion is rather silly. We have a \$2bn budget. All of our agencies, on a daily basis, are shaping programs to accommodate the defined needs of the Northern Territory population in their areas of responsibility. We are not disturbing or changing or lifting things out of that process. Over time, and in sequence as these agreements are culminated, we will feeding priorities into the agency programs that are being carried on a daily basis within that \$2bn budget to accommodate the elements of agreements.

That is no different from going out and consulting with a stakeholder group within any part of our community, identifying a need, and then going back to the agencies to have that need accommodated within the program implementations.

Mr ELFERINK: I would be interested to hear what the traditional owners of Kenbi have to say. Do they or you think that any agreement is reached between themselves and you is merely going to be a minor accommodation. The parallel that you drew with Alice Springs is the provision of some office space and a staff member. I am curious to know if you anticipate that a similar arrangement will be reached over Kenbi.

Dr TOYNE: Mr Chairman, I want to curtail this in ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I was going to end it. The member for Macdonell put his case very clearly. A number of times the minister has replied and I think ...

Mr ELFERINK: Very well, Mr Chairman, I will get on with it.

Mr CHAIRMAN: ...it is an important issue, but I know the member for Goyder has a number of questions.

Mr MALEY: I do have a supplementary in relation to the Kenbi matter. Minister, do you know or can you tell the committee how much money was spent by the government when it was the respondent to an appeal by the applicant from the decision of the Land Commissioner? To use in a cavalier fashion \$20m has been wasted, but can you say ...

Dr TOYNE: I just said it is spent.

Mr MALEY: Well, you said it has been spent. Can you say how much of that money was used in fighting that appeal by the applicant?

Dr TOYNE: I am informed by my CEO that records don't go back that far in terms of those sorts of details you are talking about. You are saying what is the exact amount of money expended beyond an approximation of \$20m, or are you talking about ...

Mr MALEY: I am saying I would expect if a legal bill has been incurred and the figures you are talking about, \$20m, you would at least be able to come before this committee and explain to the people of the Northern Territory, even in a general way, how the money was spent. It is different from being the applicant or plaintiff and incurring money in pursuing a matter as opposed to being a respondent to an appeal which is something largely out of your hands. I am asking – that can't be a difficult process, surely.

Dr TOYNE: Look, I think that this budget consists of the financial data on 2001-02 and 2002-03. If you want to explore the overall costs and ramifications of the Kenbi actions, I would suggest you bring on an MPI in parliament and I would be more than happy to debate it with you. But for the purpose of today's exercise, I think let's leave ...

Mr MALEY: You are the one who raised the \$20m.

Dr TOYNE: Yes, I raised it in the context of getting some comparison – very broad comparison with the negotiated process. That is the only reason I raised it - apart from giving you a hard time.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Goyder.

Mr MALEY: I have no other ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions to be asked within this output group? There being no more questions, I conclude considerations on this output group and any outstanding questions will be tabled. I would now like to move to Output 1.02 which is Agency Legal Services.

Agency Legal Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: The member for Goyder has got one question there, 478.

Question 478 (Mr Maley): Under the heading 'Agency Legal Services' the department has provided the estimated performance measures for overseeing the contracting out of litigation and commercial legal services to private practitioners. (a) How many new instructions were processed in the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What criteria was used to estimate the client satisfaction percentage for the 2002-03 financial year? (c) How many tax invoices were issued to the department in the 2001-02 financial year? (d) How many tax invoices were processed within five days and how many cheques issued to pay those tax invoices within 14 days of the tax invoice being given to the department in the 2001-02 financial year? (e) How many tax invoices were paid within 30 days of being issued to the department in the 2001-02 financial year? (f) How many tax invoices were paid within 90 days of being issued to the department in the 2001-02 financial year? (g) How many tax invoices remain unpaid for the 2001-02 financial year and would you provide the date that such invoice was served on the department and the quantum of the professional fees due and owing in respect of each and every outstanding invoice? (h) What was the cost per instruction processed for the 2001-02 financial year?

Answer:

- (a) There were 1319 new instructions processed in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (b) It is assumed that the 2001-02 financial year is meant by the question. Questionnaires are circulated annually to outsourced legal services providers and the client agencies. The questionnaires seek feedback on the respective performances of all of the stakeholders. Issues of quality and timeliness are central to the survey. Participants in the survey are requested to circle the most appropriate response (scale 0-7) and provide comments. The Instrument is attached.
- (c) It is assumed that invoices received by this department on behalf of client agencies is meant by the question. There were 3578 invoices issued to the department on behalf of client agencies in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (d) There were 1065 invoices processed within five days of receipt. The department is unable to advise as to the number of tax invoices which were paid within 14 days of receipt. The system of processing tax invoices issued to the department on behalf of client agencies for payment is:
- the outsourced legal services provider forwards its tax invoice to Agency Legal Services in the first instance.
 - Agency Legal Services checks that the tax invoices are GST compliant and in accordance with the terms of engagement. If satisfactory, the tax invoice is then sent to the client agency with an appropriate certification.
 - the client agency checks that the services charged for have been provided and, if satisfied, endorses the tax invoice as suitable for payment and forwards it to DCIS.
 - on receipt of the endorsed tax invoice, DCIS issues a cheque to the outsourced legal services provider for the amount billed.
- (e) This information is not available to the department – please see response to (d) above.
- (f) This information is not available to the department – please see response to (d) above.
- (g) All tax invoices for the 2001-02 financial year received by the department have been processed by Agency Legal Services in accordance with the system described in (d) above. The department is unable to definitively advise as to whether all 2001-02 tax invoices have been paid as this is the responsibility of DCIS. However, it is likely that all tax invoices have been paid as no complaints from outsourced legal services providers have been received by ALS in this respect.
- (h) It is not possible to advise as to the cost per instruction processed for the 2001-02 financial year as records of this nature are not kept. Note that, as described in the answer to (d) above, the process involves interaction between three agencies.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, I can indicate that I had just one brief supplementary in relation to this. Minister, were there any matters in the last financial year where a private law firm, a barrister or senior counsel were briefed to undertake a matter which was something – I will phrase that better - which is something that which would normally be dealt with in accordance with a contract between the government and the private legal firm but, rather than being sent to that particular legal entity, it was briefed to another counsel or a barrister?

Dr TOYNE: I would have to pass that to my department. Maybe my CEO could answer that.

Mr COATES: Do you mean that ...

Mr MALEY: I can give you a better example, Mr Coates, that might assist you. Were there any one-off matters which were briefed to a specific barrister who was not a barrister on the schedule or the panel of normal recipients under the tender for that particular subject matter?

Mr COATES: I am advised that we do not have a panel of barristers so ...

Mr MALEY: Okay. Well, not a panel of barristers. If you have a couple of legal firms which provide advice to the Power and Water Authority, and normally if you have a query it would go to those two – one of two or stay in-house - to deal with a particular issue from that client agency. Are there any situations where your department, minister, which you are ultimately are responsible for, have exercised discretion and given that legal work to someone outside ...

Mr COATES: Who is not on the panel?

Mr MALEY: Who is not on the panel. I know you don't have panels ...

Mr COATES: I am advised that the department has always reserved the right to go outside the panel and to engage a firm other than one of the panel solicitors. So that may have occurred in last year and it may have occurred in years previous to last year.

Mr MALEY: Are you able to say how much money was spent on engaging counsel outside what the usual panel would be last year?

Mr COATES: Solicitors?

Mr MALEY: Solicitors, barristers?

Mr COATES: Well, the barristers are not on the panel.

Mr MALEY: All right, but you said there are situations where the government may brief, for example, at short notice, a person. How much money was utilised in ...

Mr COATES: Or an agency may say that they have a particular ...

Mr MALEY: We don't want to use the contracted solicitor firm, we want to use so and so, or you just had a preference for someone you know.

Mr COATES: Because it is a particular problem. I imagine there would have been some of those cases and we could probably find out the amount if we get the question on notice.

Mr MALEY: Perhaps if I can just put it on notice, and ask for not only the amount, but also the name.

Mr COATES: I am advised that a common example would be where the firm is already conflicted, so the normal panel firm cannot take the instructions.

Mr MALEY: If the question goes on notice, perhaps if the question can be just setting aside exceptions where there is a conflict, but only situations where your department has exercised its discretion for whatever reason to engage a law practice or services of a particular barrister which is

outside the scope of the normal tender. So if I could have the names of those people and how much money was expended. That can go on notice.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay, there being no more questions, that concludes consideration of this output group. We now move to output number 1.03 which is Policy. There are once again a number of questions standing in the name of the member for Goyder.

Policy

Mr MALEY: I can indicate that those questions can be taken as read and the answers incorporated into *Hansard*.

Question 472 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Outputs and Appropriation at page 105 of Budget Paper No 3 there has been an increase of \$386 000 in the budget for the policy division of the Legal Services Group in the Department of Justice. (a) What will the \$386 000 be utilised for? (b) Will any extra staff be employed by the policy unit? Provide the number of extra support staff and professional staff, if any, which will be employed in the 2002-03 financial year.

Answer:

(a) The increase in allocation to the policy division of the Legal Services Output reflects both additional funding of \$150 000, as well as the consolidation into the policy unit of a number of staff (and associated allocation) from other functions transferred to the Department of Justice (for example Consumer and Business Affairs). The consolidation of these policy functions into the Policy unit will create efficiencies, which together with the increased allocation will substantially contribute to the government's policy review and development agenda. (b) Two additional professional staff will be employed. The policy officers from the other areas transferred to the Policy Division are already in place.

Question 481 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Policy Initiatives in the budget, you have allocated an extra \$150 000 in both the 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial years for the establishment of a community justice/mediation centre. (a) In which regional centres in the Northern Territory will be the community justice/mediation centres be established? (b) How is this money planned to be expended? (c) Is the funding for an individual or an organisation and, if so, what individual or organisation? (d) Will applications be sought publicly for this funding? (e) What criteria will be used in deciding how to allocate the funds to this project?

Answer:

(a) The trial will be held in Darwin although sessional mediators where available can be utilised in regional areas. (b) The funds are provided to employ two staff, set up costs, sessional mediators and administrative overheads that are contained because the trial will be managed from within the Department of Justice. (c) The funding is for the Department of Justice to manage a trial of Community Justice Centres. In future years, if the trial is evaluated successfully it may be that the service is outsourced. (e) The funds are limited during the trial to pay for two staff (one mediator and one administrative officer/booking officer), basic office accommodation and operational costs.

Mr CHAIRMAN: There being no more questions, that concludes consideration of this output group. I move now to output 1.04, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and a very long question - goodness me! It goes down to X, Y. Is there a Z? That is a very long question. No doubt it is a masterpiece. I will hand over to you, member for Goyder.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, my question is to the minister in relation to question number - I do not actually have a number. It has been photocopied off, but it is the first question I had relating to DPP.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Can you tell us the number of that question, Terry?

Mr HANLEY: [inaudible]

Mr MALEY: It is the first question relating to DPP, Mr Chairman.

Dr TOYNE: How many matters were concluded or...

Mr MALEY: No, no.

Mr CHAIRMAN: It is an extraordinary question. There is only one that we have had so far.

Dr TOYNE: 451.

Mr CHAIRMAN: What is it? 451. Thanks, minister.

Mr MALEY: Thank you minister, I appreciate that.

Question 451: Under the heading Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions at page 11 of Budget Paper No 3, a table particularises a number of estimates relating to quantity, quality, timeliness and cost for the 2002-03 financial year. (a) How many matters were completed in the 2001-02 year? (b) How many clients did the Director of Public Prosecutions service in the 2001-02 year? (c) How many matters were successfully committed to the Supreme Court in the 2001-02 year? (d) How many matters were heard and determined summarily in 2001-02? (e) In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, how many matters proceeded by way of a plea of guilty in the 2001-02 year? (f) In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, how many matter proceeded by way of hearing and how many of those hearings resulted in the conviction of the defendant on one or more of the charges in the 2001-02 year? (g) In the Supreme Court, how many matters proceeded by way of a plea of guilty in the 2001-02 year? (h) In the Supreme Court, how many matters resulted in a finding of guilty after the matter had proceeded by way of a trial in the 2001-02 year? (i) What criteria was used to estimate the client satisfaction for 2001-02? (j) How many matters proceeded by way of *ex officio* indictment or committal from the Coroner's Court to the Supreme Court in the 2001-02 year? (k) How many trials commenced in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in the 2001-02 year? (l) How many of those Supreme Court trials that occurred in 2001-02 were prosecuted by employees of the Director of Public Prosecutions? (m) How many of those Supreme Court trials were briefed to private counsel to have the care and conduct of the matter on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions in the 2001-02 year? (n) How many interstate counsel were briefed by the DPP on how many occasions in 2001-02? (o) What were the professional fees incurred by the Director of Public Prosecutions for briefing private counsel from interstate in 2001-02, how much was each counsel paid and what are the names of said counsel? (p) What were the professional fees incurred by briefing private counsel in the Northern Territory in the 2001-02 financial year? (q) Provide a copy of the criteria used to determine the estimate of client satisfaction for the year 2002-03. (r) How many committal briefs were not supplied to defence counsel within 14 days of the committal in the year 2001-02? (s) How many committal dates in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction were adjourned or vacated because the Director of Public Prosecutions had failed to make full and frank disclosure of all committal paperwork within sufficient time or within sufficient time to enable defence counsel to properly prepare their case in the year 2001-02? (t) If the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent statutory authority whose decision making process is not affected by wither the police or the government of the day, what criteria is used to determine its clients and what criteria was used to determine the 80% value attributed to meeting client time frames for 2002-03? (u) What was the average cost per completed matter in the 2001-02 financial year? (v) What was the average cost per client in the 2001-02 financial year? (w) How much of the budget for the Director of Public Prosecutions was utilised on overseas or interstate travel in the 2001-02 financial year? (x) If any funds were utilised for overseas or interstate travel during the 2001-02 financial year, would you kindly provide a breakdown of those costs, including the name of the person(s) who travelled, the length of time the person(s) were overseas or interstate and whether or not those person(s) were accompanied by a spouse? (y) Is any overseas travel anticipated for the 2002-03 financial year and, if so, who will be travelling and what is the estimated cost of that travel?

Answer:

(a) 518 matters. In addition, approximately 9,200 matters completed from Summary Prosecutions Darwin and 2,100 matters completed from Summary Prosecutions Alice Springs. The Office also has overall responsibility for matters dealt with in all other Territory courts for which no statistics are available. (b) The Victim Support Unit (VSU) serviced 567 clients in 2001-02. It is noted that the 'clients' are those identified as such by VSU. (c) 138 matters. (d) 191 matters [see also response to (a) above]. This also includes 35 matters which did not proceed due to the unavailability of witnesses, issues of fitness to plead or were otherwise withdrawn. (e) 106 matters. This relates only to matters prosecuted by non-summary prosecutors. They are in addition to matters prosecuted by Summary Prosecutions Darwin and Summary Prosecutions Alice Springs. Summary Prosecutions record case outcomes on the Police information system and the further information relevant to this response is not available to the DPP. (f) 50 matters, 43 guilty convictions [see also answer to (e) above]. (g) 164 matters. (h) 16 matters. (i) Victim Support Unit Survey. (j) 37 matters proceeded by way of *ex officio* indictment without a committal. No matters came from the Coroner's Court. (k) 28 trials. (l) 26 trials. (m) One. (n) Nil. However, in one sensitive matter a Crown Prosecutor from the Director of Public Prosecutions Office in NSW was briefed at a total cost of \$17 992.01. (o) Nil [see answer to (n)]. (p) \$34 351.09. (q) Same survey for 2001-02. Refer to (i). (r) The DPP does not keep a record of the number of cases where Defence Counsel waived their entitlement to receive the committal brief at least 14 days prior to the date on which the committal occurred. (s) Having regard to answer (r), it is not known how many committal dates were in fact adjourned because the DPP was unable to serve the committal brief on the Defence within the required time. The DPP did record that in 75 cases police investigators had failed to provide the appropriate paper work within the required time. (t) The police are not 'clients' of DPP. The 'clients' referred to in the Director of Public Prosecutions performance measures are those identified by VSU as victims of crime. Performance measure of 80% target was based on the statistics collected in the previous financial year 2001-02. Overwhelming positive responses to the survey indicated that the Office not only met the client's time frames but also provided exceptional client satisfaction. (u) \$9200.00 (v) \$970.00 per client. (w) Nil for the Director or staff in respect of overseas travel. \$9373.57. This figure only relates to interstate travel undertaken by the Director and staff. (x) Overseas travel – nil. Accompanied by spouse – Nil. Interstate travel (see below). (y) No.

Interstate Travel:

9/09/01-12/09/01– DNA Conference.
2/09/01–8/09/01– International Association of Prosecutors Conference.
14/09/01–17/09/01– High Court hearing.
31/10/01–3/11/01 - National DPP Executive Conference.
24/03/02-27/03/02 - Interstate Police Legal Conference.
28/04/02–1/05/02 - CADS Conference. (ie other Australian Directors of Public Prosecutions)
30/06/02–07/07/02 - Australian Association of Crown Prosecutors Conference (AACP).
29/06/02–06/07/02 - AACP Conference.

Mr MALEY: In relation to that question, there are a number of inquiries made about the number of matters dealt with and either completed or resolved in the Supreme Court and Magistrates Court by the DPP in a given year. Are you able to indicate - I cannot put my finger on it, but there was a reference to 50% being an acceptable goal in achieving convictions. My question is ...

Dr TOYNE: I think it is in Budget Paper No 3, Mr Chairman.

Mr MALEY: Are there any mechanisms or any budgetary structures put into place to increase that aim of 50% to something a bit higher?

Dr TOYNE: I am just ...

Mr MALEY: I am saying: why have you chosen 50%? Shouldn't you be aiming at trying to secure

convictions against all those people who are charged?

Dr TOYNE: I will ask the CEO to give us the reason for that level.

Mr COATES: I am advised that in setting these performance indicators, the Office of Strategic and Audit Assessment looked at what where appropriate figures in WA, 50% was the figure from WA. These are figures that are similar to figures used in other jurisdictions in Australia. These are figures which were set by the Office of Strategic and Audit Assessment.

Ms CARNEY: A supplementary question, Mr Chairman. Thank you for the advice as to where the figures came from. Notwithstanding the origin, I ask the minister whether he thinks that 50% is a reasonable figure in terms of convictions.

Dr TOYNE: You are asking me to comment on the circumstances of cases.

Ms CARNEY: No, minister, I am not asking you to comment on the circumstances of cases. As a general proposition, do you think a 50% conviction rate is reasonable?

Dr TOYNE: Well, if 50% deserve to be convicted, it is reasonable. If 70% deserve to be convicted, it is probably a bit low. It is hard to apply an exact assessment of that to this output performance measure other than to take advice on what is generally occurring in a larger system, which is the Western Australian one. Like all of our performance measures, that will be refined and monitored, and as we get some sense of the appropriateness, I guess, of that Western Australia benchmark to our particular cases, we will refine that measure. It may well go up, it may well stay where it is.

Ms CARNEY: If I may ask one more supplementary. After being in government for 12 months, the Minister for Justice thinks it is okay for justice to be attained 50% of the time. I say that is disgraceful, with respect.

Dr TOYNE: Well, hang on, you are basically saying that failure to get a conviction means that there has been an injustice. Basically, a conviction is ...

Ms CARNEY: 50% is extraordinarily low, minister.

Dr TOYNE: A conviction is simply an outcome of a court hearing. I certainly would not be asserting that failing to get a conviction means that there has been an unjust decision by court. We have to look at the detail of these cases between now and the next budget, and I am sure that if our experiences with prosecutions say that there is some need to change that level of measure - I point out that under our system, you are innocent until proven guilty. It is a fundamental principle, and it may well be that 50% of people are innocent when they are charged with something.

Mr ELFERINK: Pursuing this one step further. Minister, I presume that in the department there is a guideline that you will not proceed with a criminal matter unless the department feels that there is a very good chance of winning. Is there a guideline saying you will not proceed with weak cases?

Dr TOYNE: Yes. I have a lot of concern with your phrase of saying that I will proceed or not proceed. The DPP is an independent office ...

Mr ELFERINK: I appreciate that.

Dr TOYNE: We had a very protracted debate on that in parliament, and I have made very clear repeatedly that, as an independent officer, the DPP will decide whether they are in a position to carry through a prosecution or whether the evidence is insufficient to allow that. It is a *nolle prosequi*, dropping a case.

Ms CARNEY: Your Latin is coming on, minister.

Dr TOYNE: Going very well, yes.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are they all the questions related to that output area? Supplementaries? That being the case, I conclude consideration of that output area. I now move to Output Area 2.00 which is Court Services. There is question 456 standing in the name of the member for Goyder.

Court Services

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, I can indicate that question be taken as read and the answer as provided tabled.

Question 456 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Outputs and Appropriation for Court Services at page 105 of Budget Paper No 3, there is an increase in the Supreme Court's budget which includes jurisdictions such as the Motor Accidents Compensation Act, Supreme Court by \$232 000. At the same time, reduced the budget for the lower courts which includes the Court of Summary Jurisdiction and the Local Court by \$186 000. (a) How will the extra \$232 000 allocated to the higher courts be utilised and will the extra allocation result in the creation of new employment positions? (b) Since it is anticipated that the lower courts will deal with approximately 19 000 matters in 2002-03 while the higher court will deal with 708 matters in 2002-03, what aspect of the lower court and tribunals will receive a cut of \$186 000? (c) Will the cut of \$186 000 to the lower courts and tribunals for the 2002-03 budget result in any job losses in the public sector and if so, how many? (d) Have there been any adjustments to the budget of the Supreme Court Library and, if so, how much and for what reason?

Answer:

- a) Error! Bookmark not defined.all comparisons between 2001-02 Estimates and 2002-03 Budgets are compromised by the inclusion of Repairs and Maintenance funding in the 2002/03 figures and the different methodologies necessarily utilised in attributing departmental corporate expenditures between the two periods.
- b) Error! Bookmark not defined.all comparisons between 2001-02 Estimates and 2002-03 Budgets are compromised by the inclusion of Repairs and Maintenance funding in the 2002/03 figures and the different methodologies necessarily utilised in attributing departmental corporate expenditures between the two periods.
- c) all comparisons between 2001-02 Estimates and 2002-03 Budgets are compromised by the inclusion of Repairs and Maintenance funding in the 2002-03 figures and the different methodologies necessarily utilised in attributing departmental corporate expenditures between the two periods. However, it is not anticipated that the variation to the budget for the Lower Courts and Tribunals Output will result in any job losses.Error! Bookmark not defined.
- d) subject to the provisions of (a) and (b) above, Error! Bookmark not defined.the budget of Supreme Court Library for 2002-03 represents an increase of \$6000 on 2001-02 actual expenditure.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay. I believe that concludes consideration of this output group. I now move to Output No 2.01, output name Higher Courts. There is a question 464, quite a complex one, standing in the name of the shadow Attorney-General.

Higher Courts

Question 464 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Court Services at page 111 of the budget papers, your department stated that court services provide administrative and other support services to enable courts and tribunals to administer justice for the community in the Northern Territory:

- (a) What were the number of cases lodged in the higher courts in the 2001-02 year?
- (b) What were the jurisdictional entitlements and support costs in the 2001-02 financial year for the higher courts?
- (c) How many permanent Judges including the Master staffed the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in the 2001-02 year?
- (d) What is the expected number of permanent Judges including the Master required for the year

2002-03?

- (e) How many court hours did each Judge and the Master provide to the Northern Territory community in the 2001-02 year and will you include the names of the Judges and the average number of hours each sat in court in a week?
- (f) What, if any, funds were utilised by Judges or the Master to travel interstate and overseas for work related matters and the cost of that travel in the 2001-02 financial year?
- (g) What, if any, travel both interstate and overseas is scheduled to incur in the 2002-03 budget?
- (h) What criteria was used to determine the clients satisfaction of facilities and registry services for the 2002-03 year?
- (i) How many civil cases were finalised within 12 months?
- (j) What number of civil cases were resolved or finalised within 24 months?
- (k) Are there any civil cases that have not been finalised within three years of the matter commencing in the higher courts in the Northern Territory and, if so, what are the names of that case(s), and the presiding judge(s) and what is the explanation for such a delay?
- (l) How many civil matters are currently outstanding and await a pronouncement or judgement by a Judge or the Master in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory?
- (m) Would you provide the names of the Judges and the Master along with the number of matters which are currently awaiting Judgement on determination, for which they are responsible and the amount of time which has elapsed since the matter was argued in court before that Judge or Master;
- (n) How many criminal matters were commenced in the higher courts (Supreme Court) in the 2001-02 year;
- (o) How many criminal matters were finalised within 12 months by way of a jury trial?
- (p) How many matters proceeded by way of plea of guilty in the 2001-02 year?
- (q) What was the average cost per lodgement in the 2001-02 year?
- (r) Over the past eight years how has the workload on the Supreme Court changed and how has the average number of hours a Judge has sat in court changed over that eight year period?

Answer:

- (a) There were 321 criminal cases lodged and 552 civil cases lodged.
- (b) There are no such costs as 'jurisdictional entitlements and support costs' for the Higher Courts Output. Assuming the question refers to Judicial entitlements and support costs then for 2001-02 in the Higher Courts Output the amount is \$3.787m.
- (c) Error! Bookmark not defined. Six Supreme Court Judges and one Supreme Court Master.
- (d) Six Supreme Court Judges and one Supreme Court Master.
- (e) The number of hours a Judge sits in Court is not recorded as a performance measure by the department. Pursuant to arrangements with the Court reporting service to facilitate the preparation of transcripts, records are kept of the times when individual Judges are hearing a particular case. Although these records do, coincidentally provide information about Court sitting times they are not routinely submitted to the Judges to verify their accuracy. It is incorrect to assume that the only productive time of a Judge is that time which is spent in Court. In the Territory Magistrates spend a significant amount of time travelling to and from circuit courts; Judges are required to spend time researching the law and constructing judgements in relation to complex factual and legal issues. In any event the Chief Justice is responsible for apportioning the Court's workload between the Judges and any issue of judicial performance is, in accordance with the principles of judicial independence, a matter for the Chief Justice to address. My department will however be working with the Judiciary to provide them with the statistical information they need to properly evaluate their existing listing and case management systems to ensure that they have the tools necessary to make optimum use of available judicial resources.
- (f) Total funds utilised by Judges or the Master to travel interstate and overseas for work related matters and the cost of that travel in the 2001-02 financial year was \$60 594.
- (g) It is assumed that each Judge will consume her/his entitlement according to the terms and conditions of the appointment and as approved by the Chief Justice.
- (h) Actual client satisfaction has not yet been determined for the 2002-03 financial year. The quality performance measure at page 112 is an estimate (a benchmark target of the minimum aggregate satisfaction that the public should have with registry services and facilities). It is intended that the *Survey Method* - which seeks responses from a cross-section of Court users (or stakeholders) be used to gauge client satisfaction with registry services and facilities to aid service improvement. It is anticipated that the kind of criteria used to elicit responses includes satisfaction with the speed at

which staff responded, helpfulness of staff, politeness of staff, provision of accurate and clear information by staff; and facilities criteria could include signposting, adequacy of various facilities such as witness waiting areas and in remote areas, the Courthouse itself; safety and general facilities including general waiting areas, toilets, special needs services and facilities.

(i) In 2001-02 Civil cases finalised within 12 months were 117 (does not include appeals, Motor Accident Compensation Appeals Tribunal or Probate). In addition, 119 appeals were finalised under 12 months, 4 MACA matters were finalised under 12 months and 167 Probate cases were finalised

(j) In 2001-02 168 civil cases were finalised within 24 months. In addition, 124 appeals were finalised under 24 months and 12 MACA matters were finalised under 24 months. (k) Yes. There were 86 cases in this category of which 17 are being case managed by a Judge and the remainder by the Registrar. There are various reasons for the delay in finalisation of these cases all of which are attributable to the actions or inaction of one or more of the parties to the litigation. The ultimate responsibility for managing the case load lies with the Chief Justice.

(l) As at 13 September 2002, 331 civil matters were outstanding and awaiting pronouncement of judgement. (Civil 256 + 49 Justices Appeals (7 Alice Springs + 42 Darwin) + 9 Local Court Appeals + 17 Court of Appeals)

(m) The IJIS database does not currently record this information. It is the responsibility of the Chief Justice to manage the issue of outstanding judgements. Courts Administration could routinely present the Chief Justice and Judges with the details of their outstanding judgements provided standard codes are used when a matter is adjourned for decision.

(n) In 2001-02 there were 295 criminal matters commenced (lodged). This figure excludes 26 Court of Appeal matters.

(o) In 2001-02 16 criminal matters were finalised within 12 months by way of a jury trial.

(p) In the 2001-02 242 matters proceeded by way of plea of guilty.

(q) The average cost per lodgement in the 2001-2002 year was \$4724.

(r) See table below:

CRIMINAL REGISTRY

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Lodgements	257	296	319	227	250	305	313	295
Finalised	186	237	260	298	269	245	377	287
Trials	40	53	53	53	33	29	31	33
Pleas	129	179	190	210	205	182	321	242
	612	765	822	788	757	761	1042	857

CIVIL REGISTRY

1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Lodgements*	559	561	671	786	604	607	529552

* Does not include Legal Practitioner Admission files.

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Mr MALEY: Minister, there have been a number of comparisons drawn between our jurisdiction - that being the Supreme Court - and the population base that it deals with and the jurisdiction it covers, as compared to the Tasmanian jurisdiction. I do not have the statistics relating to the Tasmanian jurisdiction, but it seems, for whatever reason, the Supreme Court of Tasmania is significantly more efficient than our own Supreme Court. That is not to be taken as any reflection upon the judges who are distinguished and hard-working.

Do you have any initiatives, or are there any initiatives contained in this budget which will make that process a bit more efficient? That is a supplementary question and I want you to answer it in a general way. Have you considered any initiatives which would speed up the process?

Dr TOYNE: Yes. Let us put again a framework around the answer I want to give you. We have

already given you a fairly extended answer pointing out the view we are taking of it. The fundamental here is the principle of separation of powers. Any issue regarding the efficiency or otherwise of the Supreme Court and of the judiciary in the Northern Territory is a matter for the Chief Justice to take care of.

What we indicated to the Chief Justice is that we are prepared to offer tools to him - tools and information that may allow any changes to be made to the way the courts operate. If there are procedural and structural matters that information can throw light on, that will allow the Chief Justice to reform aspects of the way the courts operate, we are more than happy to provide that. We have indicated that to the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice, though, is the one who has the call on how these courts are going to operate in the future.

What I want to say very strongly, though, is that, just as you would not want to judge the productivity of members of parliament by how many days we sit a year, the measure of sitting hours that you sought in the questions to me is a very truncated way of looking at the professional work of a judge. There are a number of elements to the work of the Judges that do not involve sitting in the court. Interstate, attempts to assess productivity of judges on that basis have proved to be both very unpopular and very ineffective. What we want to do is respect the overall professional profile, the professional tasks that they perform, and provide as much administrative support and information to the Chief Justice to allow him to make whatever reforms he feels is appropriate.

Mr MALEY: I have a supplementary question. It relates to that, in a sense. That is question (e) I asked, and I reiterated the written response you gave me. Minister, isn't it a fair request - I am not drawing any inference and I am not saying that the number of hours a judge sits in a court is the only productive time that a judge sits and provides a service to the community - and you use the example of members of parliament, we sit for 30-odd days a year and that is a statistic which is quite openly available to people. Why is there a reluctance by you to provide what would seem on the face of it a fairly reasonable request as to how many hours the Supreme Court sits and the detail as to which particular judge seems to sit the most? Now, I am not drawing any inference from that. I am not saying it is the only yardstick by which you can determine the productive time of the judge, but it is an important function that these people provide and Territory people are quite justified in asking for and having that information available to them.

Dr TOYNE: If you have concerns in this area - and obviously if you are asking these questions you have some concern about the current performance of the court - if that is indeed your concern, I think there would be a huge difference in my mind as Attorney-General between you asking or seeking this type of information which quite clearly both in precedents set elsewhere around Australia and in the recent precedents of tension - and I think unwarranted tensions - between the justice system and our political arm of government in the Northern Territory, there are some very unfortunate recent events where I think the relationship was severely impaired. There is a major difference between you picking up one aspect of the role and performance of a judge and seeking that to be put on to the public record and perhaps if you, as an alternative, call for the Chief Justice himself to carry out an appropriate review of the courts and taking into account the full professional profile of what judges are supposed to do in an effective way. I have real concerns and that is why we are certainly not going to give you the sitting hours judge by judge and we are certainly not prepared ...

Mr MALEY: Even in a general way, the sitting hours of the court?

Dr TOYNE: We are simply not prepared to allow that parameter to be used in isolation from the general picture of the actual activities of our judges and of our courts. If there is to be a review of that, as I said, it has to be an holistic review under the control of the Chief Justice.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Do you have a supplementary, member for Araluen.

Ms CARNEY: No, I was noting the time, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes. What I will do is close off this output area if there are no further questions, which is output area 2.01 Higher Courts, and we will reconvene at 1.32 pm. Thank you.

Committee suspended.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Ladies and gentleman, I think it is near the time. I think it was 1.32 pm or thereabouts that I said we would resume. Welcome back to the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General. We were at output 2.02, Lower Courts and Tribunals. I hand over to the member for Goyder who is the shadow for this area.

Mr REED: Mr Chairman, just before we get to that, if I may advise the committee that I will be acting on behalf of the Opposition Leader. He has left for Canberra to have a meeting with the Prime Minister tomorrow on some matters of importance to the Northern Territory, gas and the patriation of the *Lands Rights Act* indeed. If the government is not interested in doing that, the opposition certainly considers it worth pursuing. He will be absent for the remainder of the proceedings. I wonder if I could just seek your clarification in terms of the program for the rest of today. Is it still the intention to resume in the House at 7 pm?

Mr CHAIRMAN: I will ask the Secretary to check this for me, but my understanding is that the House agreed to a motion to assemble again at 7 pm this evening.

Mr REED: That is correct. In fact, the House agreed to quite a lot of things in relation to the activities of this week which have been changed arbitrarily by the government, so I do take this opportunity to seek clarification that we will in fact be resuming in the Assembly at 7 pm. Does that mean, then, we will be breaking at 6 pm? Is there still to be the hour break this afternoon?

Mr CHAIRMAN: No. What I would like to do, and I suppose I should have discussed it with other Committee members, but my idea was that we would try and go until 6.30 pm and maybe finish our final report as rapidly as we can and then be ready for the House to resume at 7 pm.

Mr REED: When you say 'we' finish our final report, that is the PAC committee members?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, the core group of the Estimates Committee. But just so long as we are able to have that final report ready for the resumption of the House. There is one report that is outstanding which was for Minister Stirling, we haven't deliberated about that, and certainly we haven't deliberated about Minister Toyne. It was my intention when Minister Toyne finished his portfolios that we would go in to a deliberative session - they have been quite short and fairly efficient - to consider the major points there and then move into the next minister. So that could happen. I think the next minister to appear is Minister Henderson. Hopefully, we could expedite that, while he is coming and people are organising themselves at the table, in a very short break. That is my plan, maybe if necessary with about a 10 minute break so people can stretch their legs and do all those human sorts of things.

Mr REED: So it is break at 6.30 pm, essentially, and back into the Chamber at 7 pm?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, but the committee, the six members of the core Estimates Committee will be having a deliberative session, and depending on how we are going, I suppose – yes, that is the plan, yes.

Mr REED: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Mr WOOD: Mr Chairman, I should make it clear that the Estimates Committee has the power to extend if it wishes, that 7 pm is not fixed. That is a ruling from the Clerk.

Mr REED: That is so, I have to say. The member is correct.

Mr WOOD: I believe if you call a 6.30 pm closure, and as questions still happen, I think we should at least have the opportunity to debate, as a PAC, whether we do extend.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Obviously there are conflicting understandings here, member for Nelson, but the parliament has set the time as 7 pm to reassemble. I suppose the whole issue that we are examining here is whether there has been adequate time or whether there has been efficient use of that time. We could sit here for probably an hour or two and debate that issue, but at the rate we're going - I commend the opposition. Generally speaking, I welcome the move by the Leader of the Opposition earlier today to try and move through the business to try and focus on the major issues that were of concern to the opposition. I think there were some important issues raised there.

Mr REED: Well, don't get too happy with that, Mr Chairman, because it was only by necessity not by virtue of ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Please let me finish, member for Katherine.

Mr REED: ... the fact that there was time available. But I make the point.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Katherine! I wonder what would happen if I insulted you, member for Katherine, rather than ...

Mr REED: You won't insult me, Mr Chairman. Go for it.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I don't want to insult you. I am trying to be constructive here. I am saying even though we have picked up the pace of what we are doing - and I suppose we are a little bit diverted here - I doubt very much whether an extension of an hour or two hours is still not going to pull our - unless there is really rapid progress through our business, I doubt whether any extension is going to allow what the member for Nelson is talking about.

The way I understand it, the business before the House, we debate the report of the Estimates Committee. Then there is further discussion on the Appropriation Bill. Then there are other bills to go in behind that. My understanding is, even with the House resuming at 7 pm tonight, it is doubtful whether we are going to be finished our business between even before 1 am or 2 am tomorrow. Moreover, we do not even have the Leader of the Opposition for this process, or if we extend it into tomorrow, we do not have the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr REED: Well life can go on, Mr Chairman.

Mr WOOD: Mr Chairman, basically what I am saying is that there is a ruling that this PAC can vary the times. Now, if you do not agree - I have that from the Clerk. I believe that you should at least put that to the Speaker for a ruling so it is officially back here early. I am not saying we have to go on *ad infinitum*. It may be that we could extend it a little bit longer and finish everything. I think we at least need to have that flexibility. I should make it clear: it is not our fault that there is a whole heap of bills going through at this sitting of parliament. I have been the one who has continually said that this Estimates Committee should not have sat during the sittings of parliament. This a classic example of why it should not have, because now, in the last few hours of the day, we are going to jam everything in and come out at the end of this thing like a pack of zombies because we will be just dead and I think that is the fault of the system. Be that as it may, I am living with the system. However, I think you should get a ruling that if we need to extend - and I am not saying we do - if we need to extend, then we, as a PAC, can extend. That is all I am asking for.

Mr McADAM: Can I just suggest that we proceed and we will determine that issue at some time this afternoon. So let's just get on with it.

Dr LIM: I do not believe we can leave it hanging in the air, Mr Chairman.

Mr McADAM: We can. It is not a problem.

Dr LIM: Let me finish what I have to say, please. The Leader of Government Business, on Tuesday morning, moved the following:

Madam Speaker, I move that the Assembly in its rising adjourn until 7 pm on Thursday 19 September 2002 or such other time as notified by the Speaker with one hour's notice given to government and opposition whips and members by Madam Speaker or such other time and/or date as may be advised by the Speaker pursuant to a sessional order.

That was the motion that was carried in parliament, moved by the Leader of Government Business. It opens up flexibility, as was described by the Leader of Government Business.

Mr McADAM: What I am saying is that flexibility can occur, but let's proceed now and let's make the determination in respect to whether indeed we wish to extend at some time this afternoon. So let's start.

Mr REED: If I could speak to that suggestion, Mr Chairman. It is a ludicrous one in that if we are going to have additional time, now is the time to determine if we are going to have additional time and how much that might be in order that the intervening business between now and when we do return to the House at an altered time can be better managed. A distribution determined now in terms of the business that different members have of asking questions of ministers rather than leaving it to the last minute.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We are taking up a lot of the minister's time here. I will be quite honest: I do not feel partial to an extension of time. Let's look at it. We have had the Speaker and two ministers. I do not even know whether we are a quarter of the way through this minister here, and we have four ministers left. Now, what happens if we come to 7 pm? Maybe we will have another minister out of the way, that is still how many left? Three, four?

Mr REED: Well, even if it is only one extra, Mr Chairman, it will mean that that person can be questioned for a bit longer.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Will you be asking for a day's extension, after you have known for quite some time what the time parameters of this exercise have been?

Mr REED: Well then, can I ask you, Mr Chairman, if you will seek of the Clerk or the Speaker advice as to whether or not there is the ability of the committee to provide for an extension of time?

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, I think the member for Greatorrex has done the right thing. He has read out the motion. I think all the members here and people in the public gallery, and people listening to the broadcast, it is very clear, it is 7 pm or as otherwise determined. I have just told you why I am against an extension of time. Over the past two nights we have sat later than we should have. I was trying to be fair to the process in terms of time that was used up when we had a deliberative session last night and various breaks during the day, and I have tried to be fair, but we find ourselves bogged down, not even half way through the process.

Mr REED: Well, your interpretation, Mr Chairman, is that it is bogged down. Our interpretation is that, as the elected representatives of the people of the Northern Territory, we are pursuing business on their behalf. You are entitled to your view. There are at least two members sitting at this table, Mr Wood and myself and, indeed, other opposition members here, who are of the belief that there should be an extension of time. Are you then going to rule that there will not be because that is your view, or will you take into account the feelings of other members of parliament and seek advice from the Clerk and the Speaker as to whether or not there is potential to extend the time?

Mr CHAIRMAN: I believe the member for Barkly has put it very aptly. Let us progress. We still have that flexibility; there is provision, as the member for Grotter said, to ask for an extension. The Speaker needs to know an hour before the resumption of parliament, which is approximately 6 pm. It is now 1.45 pm. I suggest that we progress. We will probably be having a deliberative session of the committee after we deal with Minister Toyne, and I think the committee will discuss this matter then, in terms of how we are going for time. All right then, member for Katherine? If we could resume on output 2.02, Lower Courts and Tribunals. Once again, the member for Goyder has asked a number of questions here, and I ask him to ...

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, in light of that indication, I can put on record that there is clearly not sufficient time to go through all the questions I have for this minister and his portfolios, having regard to the fact there are four ministers to follow. It is simply not good enough, from a systemic point of view, this process, and I have real reservations that I am doing justice to the committee and the reasonable inquiries that Territory people have, given the confidence they have placed on me to probe this particular portfolio, remembering that there are four ministers to follow. With that observation I can continue.

Lower Courts and Tribunals

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, continue, please.

Question 455 (Mr Maley): The introduction of Labor's drug courts has received an allocation of \$150 000 in the 2002-03 budget at page 108 of Budget Paper No 3. (a) What is the anticipated cost of the establishment and introduction of a drug court in 2003-04? (b) What is the anticipated cost for the establishment and introduction of a drug court in 2004-05? (c) How many extra public service jobs will be created to operate drug courts? (d) What will be the cost of operating a permanent drug court in the Northern Territory?

Answer:

(a) The anticipated cost of the establishment and introduction of a drug court in 2003-04 is \$300 000. (b) The anticipated cost for the establishment and introduction of a drug court in 2004-05 is \$300 000. (c) It is anticipated that the Department of Justice will employ three additional staff to operate the drug courts. (d) The cost of operating a permanent drug court in the Northern Territory is anticipated to be \$150 000 in the first year and \$300 000 per year thereafter.

Mr MALEY: Minister, question 455 relates to the introduction and establishment of a drug court. There has been much hype in the media - most of it, of course, propagated by the government - regaling the effect this revolutionary court is going to have. I take it from the answer that you have provided that the cost of operating a permanent drug court in the Northern Territory is anticipated at \$150 000 in the first year, and \$300 000 per year thereafter. You say there will be three extra staff in the Department of Justice. There is not going to be a specialised magistrate having the care and conduct of that drug court?

Dr TOYNE: Well, at the ...

Mr MALEY: There is no allocation for it in the budget.

Dr TOYNE: Well, no. It is not a budgetary matter; it is an operational matter for the Chief Magistrate to determine. He has indicated that he will be identifying one or more of his current magistrates to take on this role, and that the drug court will operate as a set of bail arrangements within selected cases where drug addiction has been identified as a basis of an offence. It will operate very similarly to schemes in Victoria and New South Wales.

Mr MALEY: In some of the press releases issued by the government - not you personally, but certainly the government - dealt with counselling services and alternative programs. There is no reference to costs associated with those extra services in this particular ...

Dr TOYNE: No. You will have to ask the Minister for Health and Community Services; that is where ...

Mr MALEY: Different, okay. So you are saying allocations have been made for that ...

Dr TOYNE: Yes.

Mr MALEY: ... but it is not within your portfolio?

Dr TOYNE: No. Health and Community Services.

Mr MALEY: And there is not going to be a separate structure in terms of drug house court; it is going to be the Darwin Magistrates Court?

Dr TOYNE: Correct.

Mr MALEY: Okay.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Any other questions in this output area?

Mr MALEY: No other questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: There being no other questions in this output area, I say that all outstanding questions be tabled and the written answers be incorporated in the *Hansard*.

Question 459 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Lower Courts and Tribunals at page 112 of Budget Paper No 3, your department provide the budget for the processing of appropriate cash case-flow management and enforcement of Judgements of the lower courts, tribunals and other Statutory Officers: -

- (a) What were the number of cases lodged in the lower courts and tribunals in the 2001-02 year?
- (b) What were the jurisdictional entitlements and support costs in the 2001-02 financial year for the lower courts and tribunals ?
- (c) How many Magistrates staffed the lower courts of the Northern Territory in the 2001-02 year?
- (d) What is the expected number of Magistrates required for the year 2002-03?
- (e) How many court hours did each Magistrate provide to the Northern Territory community in the 2001-02 year and will you include the names of the Magistrates and the average number of hours each sat as a court in a week?
- (f) What, if any, funds were utilised by Magistrates to travel interstate and overseas for work related matters and the cost of that travel in the 2001-02 financial year and the names of those Magistrates?
- (g) What, if any, travel both interstate and overseas is scheduled to incur in the 2002-03 budget?
- (h) What criteria was used to determine the clients satisfaction of facilities and registry services for the 2002-03 year?
- (i) How many civil cases were finalised within 12 months?
- (j) What number of civil cases were resolved or finalised within 24 months?
- (k) Are there any cases that have not been finalised within 3 years of the matter commencing in the lower courts in the Northern Territory and, if so, what are the names of that case/s, the presiding Magistrate and is there any explanation for such a delay?
- (l) How many civil matters are currently outstanding and await a determination or judgement by a Magistrate in the lower courts of the Northern Territory?
- (m) Provide the names of the Magistrates along with the number of matters which are currently awaiting Judgement and the amount of time which has elapsed since the matter was argued in court before that Magistrate;
- (n) How many criminal matters were commenced in the lower courts and tribunals in the 2001-02 year;
- (o) How many criminal matters were finalised within 12 months by way of a jury trial?
- (p) How many matters proceeded by way of plea of guilty in the 2001-02 year?

- (q) How much travel allowance was paid to each Northern Territory Magistrate, including the Coroner, in 2001-02?
- (r) How many conferences, both interstate and overseas, did each Magistrate, including the Coroner, attend in 2001-02?
- (s) How many court days were lost by Magistrates attending seminars, conferences, monthly meetings etc in 2001-02?
- (t) How much money did the Coroners Court spend on briefing private Counsel to assist the Coroners Court in 2001-02 and what were the names of the Counsel/s and how much were each of them paid in total over that period?

Answer:

- (a) The number of cases lodged in the lower courts in the 2001-02 year was 19 024 (excluding Coroner's Court and Tribunals). The number of cases lodged in the Northern Territory Coroner's Court in the 2001-02 year was Error! Bookmark not defined.309. The number of cases lodged in the Lands and Mining Tribunal in the 2001-02 year was 16. The number of cases lodged in the Mental Health Review Tribunal in the 2001-02 year was 543.
- (b) There are no such costs as 'jurisdictional entitlements and support costs' for the Lower Courts and Tribunals Output. Assuming the question refers to Magistrates entitlements and support costs then for 2001-02 in the Lower Courts and Tribunals Output the amount is \$2.601m.
- (c) 12.
- (d) 12.
- (e) Number of hours a Magistrate sits in Court is not recorded as a performance measure by the department. Pursuant to arrangements with the Court reporting service to facilitate the preparation of transcripts, records are kept of the times when individual Magistrates are hearing a particular case. Although these records do, coincidentally provide information about Court sitting times they are not routinely submitted to the Magistrates to verify their accuracy. It is incorrect to assume that the only productive time of a Magistrate is that time which is spent in Court. In the Territory Magistrates spend a significant amount of time travelling to and from circuit courts; Magistrates are required to spend time researching the law and constructing judgements in relation to complex factual and legal issues. In any event the Chief Magistrate is responsible for apportioning the Court's workload between the Magistrates and any issue of judicial performance is, in accordance with the principles of judicial independence, a matter for the Chief Magistrate to address. My department will however be working with the Magistracy to provide them with the statistical information they need to properly evaluate their existing listing and case management systems to ensure that they have the tools necessary to make optimum use of available judicial resources.
- (f) Interstate and overseas work related travel costs in the 2001/02 financial year for the Magistrates were \$41 605.
- (g) No such plans have been decided at this time however within the determination of remuneration, allowances and terms and conditions of Stipendiary Magistrates (dated 12 December 2001) provides for each Stipendiary Magistrate to attend, in a financial year, one relevant interstate conference, if the Chief Magistrate approves the attendance of the Magistrate at the conference. It is assumed the full entitlement will be consumed.
- (h) Actual client satisfaction has not yet been *determined* for the 2002/2003 financial year. The quality performance measure at page 112 is an estimate (a benchmark target of the minimum aggregate satisfaction that the public should have with registry services and facilities). It is intended that the *Survey Method* - which seeks responses from a cross-section of Court users (or stakeholders) be used to gauge client satisfaction with registry services and facilities to aid service improvement. It is anticipated that the kind of criteria used to elicit responses includes satisfaction with the speed at which staff responded, helpfulness of staff, politeness of staff, provision of accurate and clear information by staff; and facilities criteria could include signposting, adequacy of various facilities such as witness waiting areas and in remote areas, the Courthouse itself; safety and general facilities including general waiting areas, toilets, special needs services and facilities.
- (i) In 2001-02 1685 were finalised within 12 months.
- (j) In 2001-02 1829 were resolved or finalised within 24 months.
- (k) Yes. Criminal cases are treated as finalised once a warrant of apprehension issues following the non-appearance of a defendant. On that basis there are no criminal cases which have not been finalised within three years. There are a number of civil cases that are recorded in the IJIS system as not having been finalised within three years of the case commencing. The data available in relation to these cases, some of which date back to 1992, is unreliable and it is unlikely that any of these cases are still active. There are various reasons for the delay in finalisation of these cases including the use

of inappropriate coding by registry staff and the actions or inaction of one or more of the parties to the litigation. The responsibility for managing the case load of the court lies with the Chief Magistrate.

(l) As at close of business 12 September 2002, 1832.

(m) The IJIS database does not currently record this information. It is the responsibility of the Chief Magistrate to manage the issue of outstanding judgements. Courts Administration could routinely present the Chief Magistrate and the Magistrates with details of their outstanding judgements provided standard codes are used by them when a case is adjourned for decision.

(n) 14 226 criminal matters were commenced in the lower courts and tribunals in the 2001/2002 year.

(o) There are no criminal matters finalised by way of jury trial in the Lower Court

(p) Such data as sought in this question is not available by matter from the IJIS database but rather by offence. In 2001-02 there were 8416 pleas recorded.

(q) Travel allowances paid to Magistrates, including the Coroner, in 2001/02, totalled \$53 239.

(r) The number of interstate and overseas conferences attended was 15. Overseas conferences Nil

(s) The number of days invested in interstate conferences was 41. There are no time records kept by Courts Administration of Magistrates internal management meetings etcetera.

(t)

Date Inquest commenced Counsel Counsel fee

12 June 2001 Mr Jon Tippet \$12 740

4 March 2002 Mr Martin Carter \$ 4 000

TOTAL \$16 740

Correctional Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: That brings us to output 03.00, Correctional Services. I am not sure who the shadow minister is. Member for Araluen.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Dr TOYNE: Mr Chairman, I introduce Mr David Moore, our Commissioner.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Commissioner Moore. You heard the instruction before. The questions are directed through the minister and you should identify yourself if he wants you to answer.

CMSR MOORE: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Ms CARNEY: Minister, I hope you are at least interested in the fact that I had a number of questions - I know that late last night we received the written answers. A number of supplementary questions I intended to put, as I did indeed in relation to some of the outputs that we have dealt with already. However, due to the constraints of time and because of the utterly botched system that this government introduced and assured us all that I would have an opportunity to explore a number of issues, a number of questions, and despite now changing the goal posts midstream, that is at 7.00 pm last night, I am in a position where, as a matter of courtesy to my colleagues, I will not be asking supplementary questions.

I apologise to the Commissioner that he has had to come in here today and waste his very valuable time. No doubt, once the government reassesses this ridiculous system that it has invented, with luck, perhaps next year, Commissioner, I might be able to ask you some questions. I am actively prevented from exploring issues that are very important. Law and order issues are very important to all Territorians. It is an outrage, it is unfair and it is oppressive that I am essentially denied that opportunity. That is my response, Mr Chairman, and I am reasonably unhappy for the questions to be contained in *Hansard*.

Mr CHAIRMAN: The member for Araluen has put her feelings on the record. As gently as I can, I would like to say that it is on record that the Chief Minister appeared before this committee for 14.5 hours. Two hours of that was on the Office of the Auditor-General which has four staff and an

appropriation of possibly \$1.7m. I think it was a matter also of the opposition organising its time, organising its questions, strategising. All that I saw today, and I place ...

Ms CARNEY: Mr Chairman, can I say that I take exception to that?

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, no. You can take exception.

Ms CARNEY: One question yesterday was ruled inadmissible. That is all. We did nothing wrong.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Araluen, I let you have your say, and I ask you to give me the courtesy to do the same. We are in this position - and I think what we witnessed this morning, the Leader of the Opposition wanted to start to expedite the process, but there seemed to be disarray on your side where members kept asking questions. I noticed some very heavy messages going back and forth. I do not think you have the capacity to really organise your own business. I think you really have to take a long, square, hard look at yourselves. But I take it that there are no further questions so that concludes consideration of output group 03.00, Correctional Services.

Question 467 (Ms Carney): In 2001-02, how much overtime was paid to (a) prison officers, and (b) community corrections officers? What is the budget allocation for 2002-03?

Answer:

(a) Actual 2001-02 Prison Officer Overtime

Alice Springs Correctional Centre \$573 209
Darwin Correctional Centre \$981 374

(b) Actual 2001-02 Community Corrections Overtime - ALL \$43 046

The Overtime Budgets for 2002-03 are:

Alice Springs Correctional Centre \$452 000
Darwin Correctional Centre \$711 000
Community Corrections \$ 44 500

Question 469 (Ms Carney): How many people performed Community Service Orders in 2001-02 in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy, Jabiru, Katherine, Darwin and Palmerston?

Answer:

- Community Service Orders are called Community Work Orders since the legislative amendment to the *Sentencing Act* in October 2001.
 - Community Work projects are available throughout the Northern Territory including most Aboriginal Communities.
 - In the Northern Territory in 2001-02, 568 adults and 30 juveniles completed Community Work Orders (CWOs) and Community Service Orders.
 - As at 30 June 2002, 259 adults and 43 juveniles were undertaking CWOs in the regions concerned.
- The breakdown by region is:

Adults:

Alice Springs 100
Casuarina/Darwin 35
Palmerston 02
Jabiru 15
Tennant Creek 23
Katherine 84

Juveniles:

Alice Springs 2
Casuarina/Darwin 21
Palmerston -
Jabiru 01
Tennant Creek 08
Katherine 11

Question 480 (Ms Carney): What was the average cost per day in 2001-02 for each inmate in each correctional centre, including the Don Dale Juvenile Centre, and what is the estimated cost for 2002-03? For 2001-02, what was the occupancy rate of each centre?

Answer:

Question 1: 2001-02 Average Prisoner Cost/Day

DCC \$154.61

ASCC \$140.69

Average Juvenile Detainee Cost/Day \$546.54 (all Juvenile Centres)

2002-03 Average projected Prisoner Cost/Day

DCC/ASCC \$153.00

Average Juvenile Detainee Cost/Day \$502.00 (all Juvenile Centres)

Question 2 - Monthly Daily Average Nos - Occupancy Against Design Capacity

Darwin Correctional Centre 87.47%

Alice Springs Correctional Centre 80.28%

Don Dale Centre 53.56%

Wilderness Work Camp 11.7%

Alice Springs Juvenile Holding Facility 0.3%

Question 483 (Ms Carney): For 2002-03, has consideration been given to outsource, contract out or privatise any functions traditionally carried out by the agency in 2002-03 and, if so, provide details.

Answer:

No consideration has been given to outsource, contract out or privatise any functions traditionally carried out by the Agency in 2002-03.

Question 486 (Ms Carney): For 2001-02, what has been the expenditure on legal expenses? Provide details on the matters, designate which ones are finalised, which ones are ongoing, the amount paid by matter, the amount paid to each law firm engaged.

Answer:

Correctional Services spent \$108 911.19 on legal services in 2001-02. Details of particular matters remain confidential, however matters included: representation at Coronial inquiries; representation on Court challenges; professional legal advice and opinions.

Mr WOOD: I need to ask a supplementary, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, member for Nelson.

Mr WOOD: Question 480, minister. Could you succinctly tell us why it costs so much more to detain a

juvenile? The figures here are \$546 roughly compared to, I presume, an adult around about the \$150 mark.

Dr TOYNE: Yes, I can give you some information on that, member for Nelson. Costs have risen because juvenile numbers have been very low in recent times. To give you some examples, the 6.5 was the daily monthly average for June 2001; 16.68 was the daily monthly average for December 2001; 23.4 was the daily monthly average for June 2002. As we increased numbers closer to the capacity of our juvenile centres, which stands at 55 currently, costs per juvenile actually decrease. These costs include all costs associated with the provision of services, repairs and maintenance, capital, including staff costs, casuals and permanent. So that is the make up of the costs and the structure.

Mr WOOD: Thank you.

Custodial Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: There being no more issues or questions in that output area, I would like to move to output 3.01 which is Custodial Services. Are there any questions? There being no questions in this output area, we conclude consideration and those answers will be tabled.

Question 473 (Ms Carney): Under the heading Outputs and Appropriation – Correctional Services at page 105 of Budget Paper No 3 there has been a significant increase in the budget for custodial services for the 2002-03 budget of \$2 833 000. (a) What services will the extra \$2 833 000 provide? (b) If the \$2 833 000 is to provide programs for prison inmates provide particulars of those programs and their cost; (c) Will any contractors, individuals or organisations outside the Department the Correctional Services provide those extra custodial services to inmates in 2002-03 financial year and, if so, provide the names of those individuals or organisations and the anticipated cost of the services they will provide to Correctional Services? (d) Will the extra \$2 833 000 result in the creation of either full time or part time positions within Correctional Services and, if so, how many positions?

Answer:

The \$2 833 000 variation to the 2001-02 Custodial Services budget is a result of a number of factors including the different treatment of corporate on-costs which are now, as a result of the move to accrual accounting, dispersed across the three Correctional Services outputs, one of which is Custodial Services. Further, the Custodial Services 2001-02 estimate does not include Repairs and Maintenance whereas the 2002-03 allocation includes this item to the amount of \$1 623 000. Note 75% of the Custodial Services allocation was quarantined in the mini-budget of 2001-02 and when added to the CPI and wage parameter increases, this resulted in a nett increase to the Operations and Personnel Budget (Custodial Service) without an associated increase in service resources.

(a) The additional \$2 833 000 does not represent an increase – instead it represents a maintenance of existing services. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable. (d) No.

Community Corrections

Mr CHAIRMAN: Moving to output 3.02, Community Corrections. Are there any questions? There being no questions, that concludes consideration. The questions will be placed on the *Hansard* record.

Question 490 (Ms Carney): How many Correctional Services officers are currently employed to supervise Community Service Orders in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Palmerston, Nhulunbuy, Jabiru and Darwin, and will more staff be employed from the 2002-03 budget allocation?

Answer:

Community Service Orders are called Community Work Orders since the legislative amendment in October 2001. Correctional Services officers employed as Probation and Parole Officers administer

the Community Work Order scheme. Community Work Orders are generally supervised by volunteers provided by non-profit organisations, who supervise offenders working on approved Community Work Projects. Community Work Projects are approved by Regional Community Work Project Advisory Committees whose members are voluntary. In Darwin there are two people employed on a casual basis to supervise clients performing community work for the specific project at Marrara Stadium. No other people are employed to supervise community work order offenders in the Northern Territory. There are no plans to employ more staff to supervise Community Work Orders in 2002-03 year.

Registrar-General

Mr CHAIRMAN: Output 4.01, Registrar-General. There is a question there standing in the name of Mr Wood.

Question 1 (Mr Wood): Can the minister explain the decision to place the Land Titles Office and its budget in the Justice Department rather than in DIPE?

Answer:

The Land Titles Office has always been part of the Registrar-General's Office under the umbrella of the Attorney-General and funded accordingly. It has never been part of DIPE.

Mr WOOD: Mr Chairman, I sort of stuffed that question up, if you have seen the answer. What I think we were trying to ask is: Why is it in the Justice Department and why is it not in the DIPE?

Dr TOYNE: I will have my CEO answer that.

Mr COATES: Member for Nelson, I think every other state has moved to put land titles with the Lands Department. The Northern Territory and the ACT are still the only ones who have it within Justice. There are some particular issues as to why it should possibly stay in Justice. The scope of the Lands Department here concerns development issues and there are arguments that it is not appropriate for them to be dealing with titles. The other issue is that because of our size it is a combined function with Births, Deaths and Marriages, so they are run out of the one organisation.

Mr WOOD: I could argue that you have Mapping upstairs and Place Names. So, maybe you might reconsider it later on.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay. If there are no further questions related to 4.01 that concludes consideration.
Anti-Discrimination, Trading and Public Awareness

Mr CHAIRMAN: Moving to 4.03, Anti-Discrimination, Trading and Public Awareness. I have a circle around that for some reason. Member for Araluen, I don't believe you have asked that question, but there is a series of questions in there ...

Ms CARNEY: Why don't you believe I have asked that question, Mr Chairman?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Because I have put a circle around it, but I might have been mistaken. I have been 98% right during the last 2.5 days.

Question 214 (Ms Carney): Given that government's efforts are among other things focussed on abolishing all discrimination against women by legislative means where possible and by education and employment programs as stated in the budget paper entitled Building Our Community at page 3, why is there a reduction of \$74 000 to the Anti-Discrimination Commission in Training and Public Awareness for 2002-03?

Answer:

The 2001-02 final allocation for the Anti-Discrimination Commission's outputs of Complaints and Investigations and Training and Public Awareness were both affected by one off costs. These included \$180 000 for hearing and appeal costs and unbudgeted personnel and desktop outsourcing costs totalling \$154 000 that were funded from Treasurers' Advance. It is not expected that the same level of hearing activity will occur during 2002-03, and as a consequence, provision has not been made in the 2002-03 budget, partly accounting for the apparent reduction. Also comparisons between 2001-02 estimates and 2002-03 budgets are compromised by the inclusion of repairs and maintenance funding in the 2002-03 figures, and the different methodologies utilised in apportioning departmental corporate expenditures between the two periods. The appropriation for the Anti-Discrimination Commission's outputs (Complaints and Investigations and Training and Public Awareness) for 2002-03 is a marginal increase on the prior year, and will be adequate for the Commission to meet its objectives.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I call for any questions within this output area. There being no questions, I will close consideration of this output area. We will move on, Minister Toyne, into the Department of Corporate and Information Services.

Office of Crime Prevention

Dr TOYNE: Do we have the Office of Crime Prevention? I have it as 4.05 here. I don't want to deny ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I am sorry. The eyes are getting a little bit tired, thankfully in some instances. 4.05, Office of Crime Prevention. Are there any questions under this Output Area?

Question 274 (Mr Kiely): The new Office of Crime Prevention has been allocated over \$2.3m in the 2002-03 budget. How will this allocation be used to deliver the government's crime prevention initiatives?

Answer:

The Office of Crime Prevention has two major components to its budget. An amount of \$400 000 to fund local community programs or activities aimed at addressing local law and order issues. The remaining \$1.9m will fund 15 positions, and associated operational costs, tasked with the meeting the strategic objectives of: providing evidenced based advice to government and the community; developing and supporting effective crime prevention activities; and supporting community partnerships and initiatives. Key activities of the Office over the next 12 months include:

- The development of a Territory wide crime prevention strategy;
- The development and publication of quarterly crime and justice statistics that will inform the community;
- The development and publication of an annual statistical report on crime and justice issues within a broad social framework;
- The provision of policy, statistical and research advice to NT Public Sector Agencies and Regional Councils involved in crime prevention;
- The funding of a range of community based crime prevention initiatives, which will be announced first quarter 2003;
- The establishment of Regional Crime Prevention Councils;
- An audit of crime prevention programs currently run by NT Public Sector Agencies;
- Exploring crime prevention partnership opportunities with for example, the Commonwealth and Local Governments, ATSIC, the Australian Institute of Criminology and private foundations; and
- The coordination of emerging crime prevention initiatives that span multiple NT Public Sector Agencies.

Question 326 (Mr Burke): Have any funds been provided to support the Palmerston Crime Prevention Committee in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

This government has made provision for \$400 000 in the 2002-03 budget of the Office of Crime Prevention to fund community based crime prevention activities across the Territory. At this time no funds have been specifically allocated to the Palmerston Crime Prevention Committee. However, the Committee has the opportunity to submit an application for funding from this year's budget allocation.

Question 487 (Mr Maley): How much did government spend on promoting its new drug laws and its six point plan, which included full page newspaper advertising in the Northern Territory News and other metropolitan papers in the Northern Territory and a mail out to all people living in the Northern Territory? (a) What is the total cost of the promotional campaign? (b) Which company or companies are carrying out the (i) Qualitative and (ii) Quantitative research for this campaign, and what is the cost of the respective research? (c) Who will have access to the results of this research? (d) What are the costs of the advertising placements? (e) What is the duration of the campaign? (f) Will there be a mail out to seniors as part of this campaign and if so detail the costs? (g) Will there be radio advertising, if so, please detail the costs; (h) Will there be any other type of advertising or promotion used in this campaign, if so, (i) what type, and (ii) what will be the cost?

Answer:

(a) Printing of pamphlet \$22 352.58. Design of pamphlet \$1188. Design and production of display boards \$4238. (b) There is no such research being undertaken. (c) Not applicable – see (b). (d) There was no advertising placements made by the minister's office or the Department of Justice. (e) The 'campaign' consisted of a mail out of an information brochure. That mail out has taken place. (f) No. (g) No. (h) No.

Community Services

Question 583 (Mr Maley): Provide funding allocations in the 2002-03 budget for the production and distribution of the discussion paper on Commercial Tenancy Legislation. When will the discussion paper be released?

Answer:

No specific allocation is made for the production and distribution of a discussion paper on Commercial Tenancy Legislation. Costs will be met from general Policy Division allocation. The discussion paper, together with draft legislation, is expected to be released before the end of 2002.

Mr CHAIRMAN: There being no verbal questions, that concludes consideration. I thank the staff from the Department of Justice.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Mr CHAIRMAN: I think now we move into the Department of Corporate and Information Services. If officers from DCIS could take their seats, please. I welcome the Minister for Corporate and Information Services and invite you to introduce the officials accompanying you, and if you so desire to make an opening statement on behalf of the department. Over to you minister.

Dr TOYNE: I introduce Sarah Butterworth, my CEO, and Nick Pellissier, Director of Budgets and Commercial. I do not really want to say much more than I did at the start of the Justice and Attorney-General's division, other than to say that DCIS, although it did undergo some changes during the public service restructure, it has been able, in answer to some of the questions of comparisons between the 2001-02 and 2002-03 budgets, to give some calibration between the expenditure in areas, because there has been a bit less disruption of the output areas in the case of DCIS, and I am sure Sarah would argue that they are really nifty at doing this sort of work as well. With those very few comments, let's get through the questions.

Involves More Than One Output Group

Mr CHAIRMAN: I believe the member for Grotorex is the shadow here, so it is over to you member

for Greateorex, the first output group, which involves more than one output group.

Dr LIM: Thank you, Mr Chairman. Before I commence with my questions, I would like to advise that I sent to the minister the order of the questions that I would have preferred to give to the minister to allow a logical sequence of questions and answers for the questions relating to Corporate and Information Services. I believe that it is important that the sequence of questions were asked in the order that I have established. Unfortunately, when the questions were sent to the Secretariat, the order was completely disrupted, and we now have the questions in an order that has no relevance and no logical sequence to it.

I have re-established the order of the questions for output 00.03, output 01.01, and output 01.05. I have arranged the numbers in the list that I would prefer, and I request that, if it is at all possible, *Hansard* arrange the questions and answers in the order per this list which I am prepared to leave with the Secretariat. Otherwise I ask that you ask the Secretariat what happened to the logical sequence of questions that I had which were disrupted in the preparation.

Mr KIELY: It was only logical to you.

Dr LIM: It does not matter whose logic it is, I believe it is the most logical for me. It was important for that to occur ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Greateorex, you have the freedom within an output area to choose whatever order that you like.

Dr LIM: Correct.

Mr CHAIRMAN: So if you just proceed. You have that freedom, member for Greateorex.

Dr LIM: For the record then I ask that output number ...

Dr TOYNE: Let's just do it in the your order and we will go through that.

Dr LIM: Let me put it this way, then, minister. If I can ask *Hansard* to arrange the output no 00.03 questions and answers be put in the order as 505, 1105, 511, 503, 1106, 1107, 1112, 508, 499, 498, 1113, 1108, 1109, 1110 and 501.

Mr CHAIRMAN: In asking your questions, member for Greateorex, I hope you will bear with the minister, because now as you ask them in this order, he will be trying to sift from one to the other.

Dr LIM: I will make it very simple and easy for the minister.

Mr CHAIRMAN: That is very kind of you, member for Greateorex, so if you could please proceed with that.

Dr LIM: May I give this to the Secretariat, so it makes it easier for him to follow. Minister, I know time is pressing and I will not hold you up for too long.

Question 505 (Dr Lim): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference, is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or Treasurer's office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? and (iii) Where there is a difference, did the agency undertake to advise its minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

No.

Question 1105 (Dr Lim): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable to the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

The department has only one Activity.

	Mini-budget	Excludes R&M, depreciation
Output	2001-02 Budget \$000	2001-02 Actuals \$000 2002-03 cash \$000 2002-03 accruals \$000
Financial & Accounting Services	20 534	21 62620 18420 515
Tender & Contract Services to NT Government	2696	301428442844
Human Resource Services	22 618	25 26624 08724 087
Archives & Records Management Services	3026	331734373437
Information Technology & Communication Services	11 131	15 58987548754
Property Management	34 181	35 19736 68437 050
TOTAL	94 186	104 00995 99096 687

Question 511 (Dr Lim): Explain what the entry 'Expenses relating to prior year receipts' or, in the case of some agencies 'receipts relating to prior year expenses' means. Detail the amounts listed against this entry for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

DCIS will sometimes receive revenue, particularly from the Commonwealth, close to the end of a financial year (ie 2001-02), but will not spend against that revenue until the following year (ie 2002-03). Appropriation is not required for these expenses as the prior year's revenue is still in the Agency's operating account, and should be utilised for this purpose. Therefore the item 'expenses relating to prior year receipts' identifies the amounts available for use from the operating account, and reduces the requirement for appropriation. The items relating to the carryover of balances from 2000-01 to 2001-02 and 2001-02 to 2002-03 are:

	2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
	1372	1250
Carryover of Library operational grants to Community Councils due to a review of the grant funding methodology and acquittal issues.	298	
Carryover of the Library Replacement System due to the legal ramifications	135	

resulting from the collapse of the original supplier Altarama.		
Transfer of OCSAT balances as a result of the Administrative Restructure.	714	
Funds devoted to normal operations	225	
Carryover from 2001-02 to 2002-03 for Communication projects that were programmed by not achieved due to delays in funding from the Commonwealth.	0	1250

Question 503 (Dr Lim): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office, (b) by the minister's department or agency, and (c) by the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

Advertising and promotional activities funded by Minister Toyne's Office include: general advertising in relation to community events, special messages and other information of interest to the community; the printing of business cards, and the purchase flowers, photographic supplies, and design work for the *Getting Tough on Drugs* display. Total expenditure for Minister Toyne's Office on advertising and promotional activities from 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002 was \$8315. This figure is broken down as follows:

Advertising \$1926
Marketing and Promotion \$5019
Document Production (50%) \$1370

NOTE: 50% of document production costs is included to capture the cost of printing promotional material. The remaining printing relates to office supplies, such as envelopes.

(b) Nil.

(c) I am required to account to the Australian Taxation Office and to my constituents for spending in my electorate office.

Question 1106 (Dr Lim): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The number of staff employed in DCIS, as at 29 August 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment. The data for 2001 reflects the staffing associated with the responsibilities assigned to DCIS at that time. DCIS staffing reduced in line with revised responsibilities resulting from the November 2001 restructure of government. DCIS staffing for November 2001 has also been included as requested but it should be noted that the actual transfer of staff was not effected until January 2002.

Information is not provided by 'Activity', as this term has no particular meaning under the new financial framework. Neither is information provided by output, as DCIS outputs do not align with its organisational structure.

Staffing	29/08/01	13/11/01	29/08/02
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	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
- Permanent a	668	28	6522653920
- Temporary b	111	4	1186702
Casual		21	224
	779	53	7705460926
Total Staff	832	824	635

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes executive contracts as well as staff on temporary contracts.

Question 1107 (Dr Lim): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on its behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

\$165 805.01 was expended by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment for DCIS.

Question 1112 (Dr Lim): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason. How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason.

Answer:

\$2 938 040 was spent on consulting services in 2001-02. A list of the consultancies, their cost and the nature of the service will be tabled. This list details all consultancies in excess of \$10,000. A similar amount is likely to be spent on consultancies in 2002-03. Expenditure to date is included in the tabled list.

Consultants Costs – 2001-02	
*COMPUTER SUPPORT & MAINTENAN+NT Govt Electronic Directory Strategy	21 240
*COMPUTER SUPPORT & MAINTENAN+Benchmarking Project	8150
*NETWORK AUSTRALIA CONSULTING+DCIS staff survey & Winlaw services	16 972
90EAST (ASIA PACIFIC) PTY LTDSecurity Audit – Communications network	28 361
ACTION ENTERPRISESCourse – Ministerial correspondence briefing program	14 096
APP STRATEGIC PARTNERS PTY LTDOSH&S review	30 454
ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS PTY +PIPS and GAS programmers	594 869
BANDT GATTER & ASSOCIATESWorkshop - HR for managers, Management Skills program.	21 810
BID MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONALReview of Panel of Contract Procedures	61 835
CATALYST CONSULTING INTERNATI+Review of CAPS	13 200
CHUBB FIRECourse - Fire training	16 208
CLEAR CONSULTINGDiscovery program	43 036
COMPUTER ASSOCIATES PTY LTDWizards	171 495
CONVERGENCE E-BUSINESS SOLUTI+NTN Submission	25 837

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DMR CONSULTING GROUP (AUST) P+	MYHR	650 000
DMR CONSULTING GROUP AUSTRALI+	Strategic Information Plan	10 475
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE SERVICE N+	Workshop and Counselling Sessions, onsite support services	116 148
FELDMAN & ASSOCIATES	Workshops and career learning programs	30 095
FLEXIBLE RESOURCE	Negotiations of Industry Development agreement for desktop contract	20 641
GIBSON QUAI PTY LTD	ACS Audit - 2001 Benchmark (\$13K) Telecommunication Cons. – Remote (\$23K)	42 374
INDUSTRIES SERVICES TRAINING	Delivery of procurement training	46 537
INFOTECH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	Workshop - Retirement planning	10 689
MAJOR TRAINING SERVICES PTY L+	Output Management, Accrual Accounting - Hurrell D, Mackney G.	61 468
MANAGEMENT IMPACT AUSTRALIA	Workshop - Developing & Implementing projects	11 052
MCIVOR MANAGEMENT GROUP PTY L+	Course - Investigations officer	15 336
PAUL JONES & ASSOCIATES	Course - Leadership & Middle Management	22 689
SAVANT PTY LTD	Electronic Outback Project	107 919
SPHERION RECRUITMENT SOLUTION+	GAS programmer	177 282
SSA GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES (AUST+	Modify BAS repository & AA preparation	26 477
ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA	Course - Snr First Aid & Refresher	16 032
SUMO SERVICES PTY LTD	PIPS programmer	96 440
TAVERNER MINDS	Course – Navigator	17 785
TERRITORY INFORMATION PROFESS+	IT Strategic advice	33 788
Other Consultants < \$10K		163 067
Grand Total		2 938 040

Consultants costs – 2002-03 as at 10 Sept 2002

ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS PTY +PIPS/GAS programmers	108 589
DIALOG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Wizards	16 967
GIBSON QUAI PTY LTD ACS & eMAG Audits	25 873
KPMG CONSULTING AUSTRALIA PTY+CSC Interim Review	29 793
SPHERION RECRUITMENT SOLUTION+GAS programmer	39 502
SSA GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES (AUST+BAS, A/A implementation, projects)	59 173
SUMO SERVICES PTY LTD PIPS programmer	17 200
Other Consultants < \$10K	47 126
Grand Total	344 223

Question 508 (Dr Lim): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

In 2001-02, payroll tax cost DCIS \$2.2m and this year is estimated to be similar.

Question 499 (Dr Lim): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03?

Answer:

	2001-02 Actual \$000	2002-03 Budget \$000
Financial & Accounting Services	20 633	19 370
Tender & Contract Services to NT Government	2889	2712
Human Resource Services	24 393	23 141
Archives & Records Management Services	3194	3349
Information Technology & Communication Services	15 324	8578
Property Management	35 148	36 640
CSO - Fleet M/V	228	0
TOTAL	101 809	93 790

	2001-02 Actual \$000	2002-03 Budget \$000
Total Operating Expenses	104 009	96 687
Less State Taxes	2200	2200
Less Repairs & Maintenance		366
Less Depreciation		331
TOTAL	101 809	93 790

Question 498 (Dr Lim): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies

Question 1113 (Dr Lim): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03 and what are the sources of that revenue.

Answer:

Source of Revenue		2001-02	2002-03	Note
		\$000	\$000	

Capital Grants and Subsidies		3387	1165	1
Other Agency Revenue		12 331	10 224	2
Interest Received		84	0	3
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets		166	170	4
Total Receipts		102 573	95 106	

1. The reduction reflects reduced Capital Grants for Communications projects where the majority of work was funded in 2001-02 and only \$882K is funded in 2002-03. The balance of the revenue in 2001-02 and 2002-03 is Commonwealth funding for apprentices and trainees.

2. Revenue from other agencies has dropped due to PowerWater Corp installing their own financial system. DCIS no longer provides financial services to the corporation, hence the reduction in revenue.

3. Interest earned by the NTG on the balance of Commonwealth grants moneys held. Originally it was expected that Commonwealth funds would be expended by the end of 2001-02 and so no revenue would be earned on the balance of Grants funds in 2002-03. Due to the rollover of funds, there may be a small income against this item.

4. The budget level is similar to last year with only a minor adjustment to reflect CPI movement.

Question 1108 (Dr Lim): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

There are no budgeted amounts to be transferred between agencies in the DCIS budget. DCIS does pay other government entities for services provided, these payments include:

- ITMS for mainframe and mid range server services,
- NT Fleet for vehicles leased,
- Construction Division for R&M management services,
- the Central Holding Authority for assuming our Long Service Leave liability and for assuming the superannuation liability for NTGPASS and Commonwealth Superannuation employees,
- PowerWater Corp for electricity/water/sewerage,
- Government Printer for printing.

The amounts will vary with the level of services required. DCIS similarly receives payment from GBDs for the services we deliver to them. Both the payments and the revenue are treated under normal accrual accounting procedures as expenditure incurred or revenue earned. In 2001-02 inter agency payments totalled \$10.2m, it is expected in 2002-03 that inter agency payments will total \$10.8m, with \$600K being paid to Central Holding Authority for Long Service Leave Provision.

Question 1109 (Dr Lim): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

The budget provides for DCIS to receive \$10.224m in payments from other government entities. Payments to other government entities will vary depending on the level of services received, for example cars leased, power consumed, staff employed earning superannuation and long service leave liability, etcetera. This cannot be forecast this early in the year but including payroll tax payments is estimated to be about \$10.8m

Question 1110 (Dr Lim): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02? How much did that amount to? Was it achieved – in total and by output and activity?

Answer:

In 2001-02 the department's reduction was \$1.87m which is 1.73% of our total final budget. The reduction was not applied to specific outputs, just to the one Activity – DCIS: General Services. It is only possible to apply the reduction to the discretionary portions of the agency's budget; this tends to be only personnel costs and the associated operational costs. In 2002-03 the improvement target is \$2.044m which is 2.11% of our total budget. The reduction was not applied to specific outputs, just to the one activity – DCIS: General Services. The reductions imposed by the budget improvement cuts are reflected in the budget ie. the budget for 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been reduced by the effect of the cuts.

Question 501 (Dr Lim): How many staff are employed by the minister in his ministerial office, including Alice Springs or any other centre? How many of these staff are paid for by the Department of the Chief Minister and how many are paid for by the minister's agency or department?

Answer:

Six staff are employed in my ministerial office in Darwin. All are paid by the Department of Chief Minister and none by DCIS.

Dr LIM: Many of your responses are very fulsome, and I thank you for that. Many of the answers also have led to more questions in my head. I will draw you to question No 1107. The question was: what was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor? You have provided me with the answer. However, I draw your attention to the second page of that, which is also 1107, in which you give an different answer. So, minister, which is the right answer and which is not?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Maybe it would help, member for Greateorex, if you enumerated what the difference was.

Dr LIM: It is on two sheets of paper. I am sure the minister is able to read for himself.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Is it an amount of money, is it a policy?

Dr LIM: An amount of money, and the answer ...

Dr TOYNE: There is no problem. My CEO can give you an explanation for that.

Ms BUTTERWORTH: You should only have one answer. The correct answer is \$165 805.

Dr LIM: Is the right answer?

Ms BUTTERWORTH: Is the correct answer.

Dr LIM: So the answer \$122 000 is the wrong answer?

Ms BUTTERWORTH: Is the wrong answer, yes. It was corrected with further information from the department of Infrastructure.

Dr LIM: All right. The figure \$165 805.01 - I cannot find the reference to that anywhere in the Budget Paper No 3, page 129. However, I do note that there is also a figure of \$366 000 for 2002-03. Where does this figure come from and where should it have been in this budget book?

Dr TOYNE: I think you would have to look in DIPE's budget for last year to see the expenditure that you are looking for because it was not on our budget during the last financial year. I point out that you have just indicated quite a major increase in the budget for DCIS, which I welcome as minister.

Dr LIM: Thank you. For output 00.03 I have no other questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right. Are there any other questions in relation to this output area? There being no other questions, all the remaining questions are tabled and the answers incorporated into *Hansard*. We move on to output no 1.01.

Dr LIM: Can I have your assurance, Mr Chairman, that the questions will be ordered in the way that I have requested?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, but it will probably take *Hansard* a bit of time to cut and paste them and get them in your order. But you are a very understanding person, member for Greateorex, and I suppose it could make the *Hansard* process a little longer, but we will try. Will we undertake to do that, Mr Secretary?

Dr LIM: I appreciate your consideration, Mr Chairman. Thank you very much.

Mr CHAIRMAN: It is my pleasure, member for Greateorex.

Financial and Accounting Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: If we could move to output 1.01, Financial and Accounting Services. Is there a mix-up in the sequence here as well, member for Greateorex?

Dr LIM: Yes, I do have a note to the Secretary about it. That is sorted out for output 01.02. The questions should be in the order of 1111 and 507.

Mr CHAIRMAN: That is the order that they are in.

Dr LIM: Well that is fine, that is good.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Fantastic! We got something right.

Question 1111 (Dr Lim): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

DCIS has been involved in accrual accounting at two levels:

1. Whole of Government.

During 2001-02 there were direct costs associated with the move to accrual accounting, and these include:

- the development of a Purchase Order Wizard to try and improve the utilization of this module across government as a key tool in accrual accounting;
- modifying the Business Activity Statement repository for full accrual returns to the ATO;
- developing accrual reporting for whole of government;
- introducing automated reconciliations between subsidiary ledgers and the general ledger as required under accrual accounting;
- transition costs for year end processing;
- modification of Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable wizards for accrual accounting.

An additional \$320 000 was accessed for these purposes. In addition a number of these modifications were already in progress following GST implementation which was funded separately. Many other costs were met from existing resources within the Financial Service Division of DCIS. These include:

- the re-writing of all agencies ledger to accrual;
- elements of report development costs;
- posting of accrual entries; and
- transferring data to the new accrual ledgers.

In relation to future costs the data storage required by the Government Accounting System has increased from 695 000 tracks to 938 000 tracks as a result of the move to accrual ledgers. This will impact the charges for mainframe services, but not until next financial year as the 2002-03 charges are based on last years usage. Costs are likely to increase by some \$200 000 per year.

2. Departmental Level

DCIS provided an intensive educational program for all staff focussing on accrual accounting and Working for Outcomes. The costs of \$7000 were allocated from the DCIS training budget.

Question 507 (Dr Lim): Budget Paper No 3 at page 127 indicates that there are 15 300 paid employees for 2002-03. Adding the totals from each agency within each output area, the total is 13 833. Please explain the difference and the significance of the other categories under Human Resource Services.

Answer:

The figure of 15 300 is the estimated number of paid employees on the NTG PIPS system in 2002-03 it is the number of staff paid on the system at any given point in time, and is based on the historical data for 2001-02. The number of 13 833 arrived at by tallying agency staffing numbers from output areas in the Budget Paper does not correspond with the 15 300 for the following reasons:

- The estimate of 15 300 includes a number of agencies DCIS provide a service to that are excluded from the Budget Paper (PowerWater Corp, NT Legal Aid and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education).
- The figure of 13 833 is based on full-time-equivalent (FTE) and does not reflect the actual number of staff paid (that is, does not make allowance for part-time, casual, etcetera).

Significance of the other categories under Human Resource Services:

Commencements Processed – Commencements processed is a cost-driver for the Payroll Product Line. It relates to the number of employees whose salary payments are expected to be commenced or terminated on the NTG PIPS system by DCIS Payroll operatives during 2002-03. Estimation is based on 2001-02 data.

Pay Variations Processed – Pay variations are a cost-driver for the Payroll Product Line. These are transactions processed in respect of NTPS employees salary entitlements. Examples include:

- Payment of overtime, penalties and allowances;
- Amendments to banking arrangements and payroll deductions;
- Updating employee information records.

Estimation is based on 2001-02 data.

Vacancies processed – Vacancies processed is a cost-driver for Recruitment Product Line. This relates to the number of vacancies that DCIS Recruitment operatives processed for client agencies. This number does not relate directly to the number of Commencements Processed (refer above) due to:

- DCIS does not process recruitment for all agencies however all Payroll entitlements on PIPS are generated by DCIS.
- Not all new starters on PIPS result from individual formal recruitment action (that is, intake of medical officers, nurses, etcetera)
- The Commencements figure actually includes both commencement and termination actions in PIPS

Estimation is based on 2001-02 data.

System Services - System Services relates to the provision of the whole-of-government PIPS Human Resource Information System for which DCIS are the corporate 'owner'. This system is maintained and supported by the DCIS HR Division. Estimation is based on 2001-02 actual costs.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions in there ...

Dr LIM: No, I do not have any supplementary questions.

Information and Community Technology Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: If there are no other questions there, that concludes consideration of this output group and those questions will be incorporated into *Hansard*. Moving to output 1.05, Information and Community Technology Services. Over to you, member for Greatorex.

Dr LIM: I request that the order for that be 504, 506, 509, 512, 530, 513, 515, 519 and 525.

Question 504 (Dr Lim): DCIS has been the subject of a review for nearly 12 months. When will this review be completed and in what department will OCSAT sit? What are the intended roles of DCIS and OCSAT?

Answer:

It is not understood to what review the member is referring in this question. However, the following information is provided in regards to the respective roles of DCIS and OCSAT. OCSAT was abolished as part of the New Public Sector Agency Arrangements on 13 November 2001. The communications function, including remote communications, was transferred to DCIS, and the knowledge and innovation function was transferred to the new Office of Territory Development in the Department of the Chief Minister. The communications function has been incorporated into a new Information Communications Technology unit in DCIS, which is headed by an Executive Director and reports directly to the CEO. The unit has responsibility for:

- Coordination of remote telecommunications matters, including funding submissions,
- Implementation of the ICT strategy in Building a Better Territory, including assisting the development of the local ICT industry, and
- Whole-of-government ICT strategy, policy, standards and security.

Question 506 (Dr Lim): What funding for 2002-03 has been provided to ensure that DCIS applies adequate levels of supervision of services provided by outsourcing contractors?

Answer:

DCIS provides a comprehensive service to ensure that the services provided by outsourcing contractors conform to agreed service levels and that they comply with their contractual obligations. The 2002-03 budget for the IT Service Management (ITSM) unit that provides this service is \$4 535 000. This figure is in the order of 6% of the \$73.5m annual cost of the outsourced services which is in line with the 7% management figure suggested as an industry standard by the Meta Group, who are internationally recognised IT analysts and outsourcing commentators.

The ITSM group consists of 40 senior staff who manage the outsourcing contracts and monitor the quality of the service delivery. There has been a recent review of the unit and the definition of specific roles strengthened to ensure contractor accountability and that the government receives value for money. The new roles mean that there are 15 officers involved in contract management and directly responsible for:

- ensuring that costs to government are contained;
- service performance is monitored against agreed service levels;
- and that contractors meet all their obligations under the terms of the various outsourcing contracts.

In addition to the contract management function, the ITSM unit has 25 staff who are outposted to agencies as IT Managers and Directors. These staff oversee the delivery of IT services into agencies from all the outsourced providers. They maintain a productive relationship between all parties and directly monitor contractor performance to ensure that an agency's business requirements are being effectively serviced. To ensure that regional IT Services are being delivered there is an IT Manager in the Katherine region and a further two in Alice Springs to support the Southern region.

Question 509 (Dr Lim): Budget Paper No 3 at page 128 shows that Information and Communication Technology Services has a target of 60% satisfaction rate among its users. What is the agency doing about the 40% of its clients who are not satisfied with the level of service provided?

Answer:

The 60% target shown in the budget papers is the level of satisfaction of all customers for the ICT product. A 60% rating equates to 'needing minor improvement' on the scale provided in the DCIS customer survey. DCIS undertakes a formal annual survey which allows this to be measured.

Question 512 (Dr Lim): Under the outsourcing contract arrangements with Computer Services Corporation, a support role was included for Connected Solutions Group in that consortium. Is the CSG still participating at the original level in the outsourcing contract?

Answer:

Connected Solutions Group is a major consortium partner of the Computer Sciences Corporation contract to provide Desktop/LAN and Help desk services. The contract specifies Connected Solutions Group share of the revenue and number of jobs on an annual basis for each year of the 5 year contract. Similar metrics apply to other local participants in the contract. The contract also includes sanctions should these targets not be met.

Revenue to Connected Solutions Group exceeded the contract level by more than 10% in the first 12 months of the contract. Also Connected Solutions Group has achieved 20% more local employment than that specified in the contract. Other contractual obligations by CSC have been demonstrated by, for example, the up-skilling of the Connected Solutions Group technical staff; business processes and the co-location of many CSG staff into the CSC facilities and operational sites.

Question 530 (Dr Lim): The program of outsourcing through the contract with CSC was for desktop and local area network services. What other services have since been outsourced and at what cost?

Answer:

The CSC contract is for Desktop/LAN services and IT Service Centre Services or otherwise referred to as Help desk, which represents the single largest package of the outsourcing strategy. There has been no further outsourcing of services since 1 July 2001.

Question 513 (Dr Lim): It is understood that a number of SCIS IT staff are taking extended leave of up to six months at a time. How many staff have taken leave in excess of three months in 2001-02?

Answer:

Four IT staff took leave in excess of three months during 2001-02.

Question 515 (Dr Lim): Have agencies been provided with increased funding to meet the increased cost of IT services and maintenance for 2002-03 applied by DCIS?

Answer:

Agencies have received increased funding of \$4.2m for 2002-03, which is specifically targeted for Desktop/LAN Services and Helpdesk Services only. There have been no additional requests by agencies for ICT funding to meet other contract costs.

Question 519 (Dr Lim): What charges will government agencies pay for each outsourced service and for each service provided directly by DCIS in 2002-03 (for example, emails, mainframe maintenance, desktop maintenance, etcetera)?

Answer:

1. The only IT services provided directly by DCIS are mainframe and mid-range services delivered by ITMS. In 2002-03 revenue from these services is expected to be \$18.904m. In 2001-02 agencies paid \$21m for these services.

2. The charges to government agencies in 2001-02 by each of the outsourced service providers was as follows:

Service/Contract	2001-02 Cost
Communications – Voice, Data and Internet Services provided by Optus	\$24m
Messaging and Groupware – provided by Computer Support and Maintenance	\$4m
Mainframe Applications – provided by DMR Consulting	\$4m
Non-Mainframe Applications – provided through a Panel comprising of 19 companies	\$3m

Desktop/LAN and Helpdesk Services – provided through CSC Australia.	\$39m
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The level of expenditure for 2002-03 for outsourced contracts is expected to be at similar levels.

Question 525 (Dr Lim): What allocation is provided in 2002-03 for outsourcing IT services? Provide cost by outsourced item, eg desk top systems, local area networks, LATIS, etcetera. What were the amounts for the same activities for 2001-02?

Answer:

\$171 000 for outstanding transition work not completed by 30 June 2002, will be expended by ITMS in 2002-03. This amount is for the desktop/LAN and helpdesk contract. \$6.84m was allocated to DCIS in 2001-02 to reimburse ITMS for costs incurred on outsourcing the desktop/LAN and help desk contract.

Question 14 (Mr Wood): Can the minister tell us if there has been any study to determine whether the taxpayer is getting value for money from the outsourcing of many of the government's IT functions?

Answer:

The cost of IT outsourcing, and whether the government is getting value for money is an issue about which I have been particularly concerned since taking on the portfolio of Corporate and Information Services over a year ago. When this government took office, the last of the outsourcing contracts for desktop, LAN and helpdesk had been in operation for less than two months. Performance was far from satisfactory, and I can say without fear of contradiction that the transition period, which ended up lasting a full 12 months, was a difficult and trying time for agencies, DCIS and the contractor, CSC Australia. Within a couple of months of being in office, concerns started to be raised that the costs under the contract were much higher than had previously been the case and several agencies claimed to have insufficient budget to meet the monthly service charges.

This government directed that a full review be undertaken and the result was that Cabinet had to allocate an additional \$5.3m last year to cover the shortfall in agency budgets. This on top of the \$126m black hole that had already been discovered in the CLP budget for 2001-02. A similar review of agency costs for 2002-03 has resulted in a further \$4.18m being allocated in this budget. Whether there is a need for an allocation next year will depend on agency usage of the services. If they are used at the same rate as estimated for this year, we could be looking at another \$3m next year.

Given this scenario, I have some difficulty in confidently responding to this question that yes, we are getting value for money. I have talked about a \$10m cost over-run and as you can see from these figures, it could in fact be greater than this. I am advised that over the last two months CSC Australia is now meeting its contracted service levels on a whole-of-government basis. I am also advised that an independent review by KPMG, concluded that pricing under the contract was competitive with Sydney and Melbourne. However, I remain unconvinced, and will continue to closely monitor the contract to achieve the best outcome for taxpayers.

Outsourcing contracts are also in place for telecommunications, messaging, consulting and applications maintenance and development. The first two of these, telecommunications and messaging, are required to undergo a benchmarking study on an annual basis. Results to date have indicated that the taxpayer is getting value for money from these contracts compared with similar services interstate. Both contracts are also meeting their contracted service levels on a whole-of-government basis.

The second part of the question related to costs of IT services before and after outsourcing. This is a vexed question. DCIS released an Industry Information Paper in December 1999, which indicated that the then cost of the services, which have now been outsourced, was \$86.5m. The cost last year of

these outsourced services was \$73.5m, but this reflects a significant reduction in discretionary work on application development and maintenance rather than significant savings on the three major service contracts. This reduced level of activity is of major concern to the participants on the panel contract for this type of work.

I would like to table the cost comparison I have just described. However, I must draw particular attention to the fact that agencies required a top-up for desktop, LAN and helpdesk services of \$5.3m in order to meet the \$39m cost in 2001-02, which would imply that the pre-outsourcing cost for this service was less than \$34m. This is indicated in the column headed 'assessed budget capacity'. In summary, the difference in cost of desktop/LAN/helpdesk pre-outsourcing compared with post outsourcing was \$5.3m in 2001-02.

COMPARISON OF IT COSTS PRE- AND POST-OUTSOURCING

	Pre- Outsourcing 1999 \$m	Assessed budget capacity 2001-02 \$m	Actual expenditure 2001-02 \$m
Deskto/LAN Help desk	39.1 3.1	33.7	39.0
Project management/consulting Apps development and MTCE	7.0 14.3	6.5	6.5
Voice/data/internet	20.0	24.0	24.0
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Messaging	3.0	4.0	4.0
Outsourced services	86.5	68.2	73.5
Data Centre	17.6	21.5	21.5
Other	NA	37.0	37.0
Total	104	126.7	132

Dr LIM: At this stage, I do not have any supplementary questions for the ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there other questions ...

Dr LIM: Hang on!

Mr CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, member for Greateorex.

Dr LIM: I asked whether the minister would give me an undertaking that if I wrote him the supplementary questions he will take them on notice and provide me with the answers?

Dr TOYNE: Obviously, I will give you answers if the supplementary questions are relevant to the debate.

Dr LIM: Of course.

Dr TOYNE: Yes.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that, minister, and thank you for being so accommodating to the member for Greateorex. Are there other questions under this heading 1.05 that members would want to ask? There being no other questions ...

Mr WOOD: 1.05, yes. Just quickly on the first question ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Number 14?

Mr WOOD: Number 14, yes. Because of the outsourcing of IT you have added \$5.3m last year, is that right? And you had to add another \$4.18m this year. Do you still see that going up next year?

Dr TOYNE: It is hard to predict because from now on, it depends on the level of actual use by the agencies. We have certainly projected some further need for top-up money, but we will have to get into the actual uptake to see what that might be.

Mr WOOD: When this was all outsourced, was there a budget set out in theory as to how much it would cost out over the following five years?

Dr TOYNE: Yes.

Mr WOOD: And this is not matching that?

Dr TOYNE: I will ask my CEO to give you a broad overview of the way it is set up.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Dr TOYNE: We are just answering this one.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I see.

Ms BUTTERWORTH: The expectation at the time was that the costs would be approximately the same as they had been in the past and there would not be a requirement for an increase.

Mr WOOD: Thank you.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions relating to output group 1.05? There being no other question that concludes consideration of this output group. All other questions will be placed on the *Hansard* record.

In the order that I have it, that brings us to ITMS or Information Technology Management Services output 1.01, output name Data Centre Management. I am not sure who is handling it from your side.

Data Centre Management

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman, I advise the minister that we accept his written responses to be incorporated and have no supplementary questions.

Question 514 (Ms Carney): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

The information presented for all Government Business Divisions (GBDs) in the 2002-03 budget is directly comparable with that presented in the November mini-budget as ITMS has been presented on

an accrual basis since 1994-95.

Question 516 (Dr Lim): Refer to Budget Paper No. 3 at pages 135-6. This Business Unit, which has only Northern Territory government agencies as its clients, is budgeted in 2002-03 to achieve an Operating Surplus of \$1.570m from which it will pay \$471 000 'income tax' and \$550 000 'dividends'. In 2001-02, the comparable figures were \$3.92m, \$538 000 and \$1.692m respectively. Does the operation of this Business Unit at a significant albeit declining surplus indicate that agencies are being charged too much for their mainframe computer services? Could the minister tell us the rationale for the tax and dividend payments and where they will end up?

Answer:

The published 2001-02 figure has an overstated profit due to a request to reduce our cash expenditure being misinterpreted and the accrual expenses allocation being reduced by \$1.197m instead. This meant profit is over-estimated in the budget papers by \$1.197m. Financial statements are currently being audited and the actual profit is likely to be \$2.927m with a tax of \$0.234m and dividend of \$1.346m.

The 2001-02 figures produce a significant profit as Treasury chose to provide funding for outsourcing costs as revenue, as some of the costs had been expended in the previous financial year there was expected to be a profit and a dividend on the revenue provided. The high profit therefore comes from only one client (Treasury) who recover that profit through the tax and dividend, no client is being charged too much. These factors were taken into consideration when determining the appropriate amount of funding. 2002-03 sees a return to a normal year with an anticipated profit before tax and dividend of \$1.570m, which is about 8% of turnover and considered modest and in line with National Competition principles.

The tax and dividend payments are both made to NT Treasury as part of the normal GBD policies and are in line with the National Competition policies.

Question 517 (Ms Carney): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the Budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) The figures shown in respect of the 2002-03 Budget are correct. However, a difference of \$1.197m exists between the ITMS estimated outcome and the estimated outcome shown in Budget Paper No 3. The difference has arisen because a correction identified by ITMS was advised to Treasury, but too late to be included in the Budget Papers.

(ii) Treasury has advised that a correction will be included in the outcome document (Treasurer's Annual Financial Report) that will be prepared later in 2002.

(iii) The minister was advised of the difference, although it has no effect on the allocation for 2002-03.

Question 518 (Ms Carney): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

ITMS have been a GBD since 1994-95 financial year and have worked under accrual accounting. There is no need for additional continuing costs or staff.

Question 520 (Ms Carney): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03 and what are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The differences between 2001-02 agency revenue and 2002-03 is a drop of \$6.358m. It is largely explained as follows:

- 2001-02 contained \$6.84m received to cover the cost of outsourcing;
- 2001-02 contained \$440 000 from PowerWater Corp for removing MIMS from the mainframe in 2002-03;
- 2002-03 \$200K Storage Area Network (SAN) storage, \$170K SAN connections, \$400K increased server admin including PowerWater Corp new FMS, \$100K increased remote backup of servers, \$60K increased Oracle data base admin.

The source of the revenue is charges to agencies for services provided by ITMS, predominantly these are for mainframe and mid range services.

Question 521 (Ms Carney): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future Budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's Budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

In 2001-02 the budget improvement target was \$670 000 which was 2.4%. The reduction was applied across the discretionary areas of the operations and affected operational costs and some personnel costs. ITMS has only one output.

In 2002-03 the budget improvement target is \$1 340 000 which is 6.6%. The reduction has been accommodated through the finalisation of a lease on the mainframe and revising resourcing in line with reduced client demand which enable the mini-budget target to be met.

The budget for ITMS has had the budget improvement removed. That is, the expenditure capacity has been reduced to reflect the new target.

Question 522 (Ms Carney): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

\$18 904 000 of the agency's revenue is attributable to payments from other government agencies. The level of purchases from other government agencies depends on usage and includes payments to PowerWater, NT Fleet, DCIS, GPO, etcetera and is estimated at \$1.5m based on previous years experience.

Question 523 (Ms Carney): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-2002? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-2003 and how much has been expended so

far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

\$5 673 580 was spent on consultancies in 2001-02 by ITMS. The majority of this is the employment of contract IT staff to support the Data Centre rather than permanent employees. This has been a deliberate strategy while there was no clear decision on the possible outsourcing of the Data Centre. A list of the consultants paid in both 2001-02 and 2002-03 will be tabled. This list details consultancies over \$10 000 and shows the estimated spend on similar consultancies in 2002-03. Expenditure to 12 Sept 02 is \$846 673.

Vendor	2001-02	2002-03	Comments
*COMPUTER SUPPORT & MAINTENAN+	143 037	124 600	Lotus notes Contractor
A & T CONSULTANCY PTY LTD	218 777	231 044	2Xmainframe System programmers
AARON WK YEUNG & ASSOCIATES	112 548	107 690	Mainframe System programmer
ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS PTY +	139 421	156 640	Performance Management
ASTEROIDEA PTY LTD	23 613	-	Mainframe System programmer
CHOW & CHOW CONSULTING PTY LTD	148 335	35 200	DB2 Data Base Support
DAGA CONSULTING PTY LTD	93 338	122 375	Mainframe System programmer
DEVIL COMPUTING	76 816	97 900	Server Support
DIALOG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	129 624	117 480	Server Support
DMR CONSULTING GROUP (AUST) P+	673 636	398 453	2 X Data Centre Operators & System programmer
ERAZAL PTY LTD	56 925	107 690	Data Centre Operator
FERNHILL COMPUTER SERVICES PTY	79 870	-	Operations Support
GREYLINE IT CONSULTING PTY LTD	331 120	332 860	2x Mainframe System programmers
HEVJON CONSULTING PTY LTD	120 745	244 750	Data Centre Operator & Operations Support
ICON RECRUITMENT PTY LTD	219 124	220 578	2X Data Centre Operators
INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS INTEGRATO+	69 748	142 400	Mainframe System programmer
LEE CONSULTANCY SERVICES	23 227	-	Product Support Officer
MANPOWER SERVICES	95 767	160 556	DB2 Data Base Support
MASTECH ASIA PACIFIC PTY LTD	454 120	465 025	3 X Data Centre Operators & Performance management
NASSCO CONSULTANCY SERVICES	14 678	-	DB2 Data Base Support
PLATINUM CONSULTING SERVICES	151,679	166 430	DB2 Data Base Support
QUOLL SYSTEMS PTY LTD	333 805	385 516	3 X Server Support
RYAL (NT) PTY LTD	158,370	166 430	Mainframe System programmer
SAGE IT CONSULTING PTY LTD	316 820	313 280	DB2 Data Base Support & Server Support
SINARTEK PTY LTD	102,695	-	Data Centre Operator

SPHERION RECRUITMENT SOLUTION+	524 445	210 096	SLA Management & Operations Support
SRA CONTRACTING	128,569	-	Server Support
SYSPROG SERVICES PTY LTD	152 520	176 896	Mainframe System programmer
TERRITORY INFORMATION PROFESS+	205 858	-	SLA Management
W S CONSULTING SERVICES PTY L+	104 439	156 640	Product Support Officer
ZENULTRA PTY LTD	5 233 914	4 227 086	Mainframe System programmer
Grand Total	5 637 580	4 867 615	

Question 524 (Ms Carney): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency. How they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures?

Answer:

ITMS predominantly earns its revenue by charging government agencies. Nearly all revenue including interest revenue is paid by agencies estimated to be \$18.904m in 2002-03. ITMS makes payments to agencies for services they provide, this includes accounting, HR services and accommodation from DCIS, PowerWater services, printing from GPO and vehicles from NT Fleet, estimated at \$1.5m in 2002-03. In all instances these payments or receipts are dealt with in accordance with accrual accounting standards.

Question 526 (Ms Carney): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

ITMS do not own any buildings and therefore expenditure on ITMS' behalf on R&M by DIPE is nil.

Question 528 (Ms Carney): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The number of staff employed in ITMS as at 29 August 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment. The data for 2001 reflects the staffing associated with the responsibilities assigned to ITMS at that time. ITMS staffing was not affected by the mini-budget. Information is not provided by 'Activity', as this term has no particular meaning under the new financial framework. ITMS has only one Output and so the data is by Output.

Staffing	29/08/01	13/11/01	29/08/02
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
- Permanent a	26	2	262262
- Temporary b	4	0	4030
Casual	0	0	0000

	30	2	302292
Total Staff	32	32	31

Notes:

- a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie. staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).
b) Figure includes executive contracts as well as staff on temporary contracts.

Question 531 (Ms Carney): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

ITMS has one output and will spend \$16.099m in 2002-03 excluding state taxes and fees, R&M and depreciation and amortisation. In 2001-02 the figure was \$18.812m although excluding one-off costs for outsourcing the comparable amount was \$16.710m.

	2001-02 Actual \$000	2003-03 Budget \$000
Operational Budget	\$21 487	\$17 494
State taxes	\$202	\$138
Depreciation/ Amortisation	\$2 473	\$1257
R&M	\$0	\$0
Balance for spending	\$18 812	\$16 099

Question 533 (Ms Carney): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government? Where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 535 (Ms Carney): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

	2001-02	2002-03
Payroll Tax	\$202 000	\$138 000
Income Tax	\$234 000	\$471 000
Dividend	\$1 346 000	\$550 000

Question 536 (Ms Carney): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) the minister's

electorate office.

Answer:

A. Advertising and promotional activities funded by Minister Toyne's Office include:

- general advertising in relation to community events, special messages and other information of interest to the community;
- the printing of business cards;
- the purchase of flowers, photographic supplies, and design work for the Getting Tough on Drugs display.

Total expenditure for Minister Toyne's Office on advertising and promotional activities from 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002 was \$8315. This figure is broken down as follows:

- Advertising \$1926
- Marketing and Promotion \$5019
- Document Production (50%) \$1370

NOTE: 50% of document production costs is included to capture the cost of printing promotional material. The remaining printing relates to office supplies, such as envelopes.

B. Nil.

C. I am required to account to the Australian Taxation Office and to my constituents for spending in my electorate office.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other further questions about ITMS output number 1.01? There being no other questions, that concludes consideration of this output group and all questions and answers incorporated into *Hansard*.

We move on now to the Government Printing Office, output 0.03, Printing and Publication Services. I believe the member for Greateorex is the shadow here.

Printing and Publication Services

Dr LIM: Thank you, Mr Chairman. My comments in regards to DCIS also apply to Government Printing Office and with respect to time I will restrict my supplementary questions to the barest minimum. I accept the minister's written responses on face value. I request, however, that again the order of the questions that I put to the minister in regards to this output 0.03 be ordered accordingly and they are as follows: Question 491, 471, 493, 477, 479, 492, 482, 495, 496, 494, 474, 485, 489, and 488. That will allow the reader of *Hansard* a logical sequence of questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Greateorex.

Dr LIM: No, I have not completed.

Mr CHAIRMAN: You have supplementaries?

Dr LIM: Yes, I do.

Question 491 (Dr Lim): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) No, (ii) no and (iii) no.

Question 471 (Dr Lim): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

The information presented for all Government Business Divisions (GBDs) in the 2002-03 Budget is directly comparable with that presented in the November mini-budget as the GPO has been presented on an accrual basis since 1979.

Question 493 (Dr Lim): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) the minister's electorate office.

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B. Nil.

C. I am required to account to the Australian Taxation Office and to my constituents for spending in my electorate office.

Question 477 (Dr Lim): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The number of staff employed in GPO, as at 29 August 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment. The data for 2001 reflects the staffing associated with the responsibilities assigned to GPO at that time. GPO staffing was not effected by the November 2001 restructure of government. Information is not provided by 'Activity', as this term has no particular meaning under the new financial framework. As GPO has only one Output the information provided is by Output.

Staffing	29/08/01	13/11/01	29/08/02
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
- Permanent a	39	4	384364
- Temporary b	6	0	6020
Casual	0	0	0000
	45	4	444384
Total Staff	49	48	42

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie. staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes executive contracts as well as staff on temporary contracts.

Question 479 (Dr Lim): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

GPO did not own any buildings and therefore expenditure on GPO's behalf on R&M by DIPE is nil.

Question 492 (Dr Lim): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-2002? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-2003 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

\$7254.25 was spent on consulting services in 2001-2002. The individual contracts were:

- Asset Management System Pty Ltd - \$6435 – Subscription Database upgrade
- Territory Information Professionals - \$55 per hour – PRISM Support Services

It is estimated that \$3600 will be spent on consulting services in 2002-2003. So far this financial year \$0 has been expended. The individual contracts are:

- Territory Information Professionals - \$55 per hour – PRISM Support Services

Question 482 (Dr Lim): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

The GPO inter-agency revenue earned from all Government Agencies who are provided services by GPO, is estimated to be \$5.197m.

Payments made by GPO to other government entities include:

- PowerWater utilities charges
- NT Fleet charges
- DCIS General bureau services and property charges
- Information Technology Management Services charges

In 2002-03 these are estimated to cost \$550 000. All revenue and expense items are treated under normal accrual accounting standards.

Question 495 (Dr Lim): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03. How much was paid in 2001-02?

Answer:

	2001-02	2002-03
Payroll Tax:	\$108 717.58	\$123 480.20
Stamp Duty:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Equivalent Regime:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dividends:	\$0.00	\$57 385.00

Question 496 (Dr Lim): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

1. \$5 356 365 for 02-03
2. \$5 356 365for 02-03
3. \$5 440 317 for 01-02

	2001-02 Actual \$000	2002-03 Budget \$000
Operational Expenses	\$6010	\$6013
State Taxes	\$109	\$181
Depreciation	\$322	\$335
R&M	\$139	\$141
Balance to spend	\$5440	\$5356

Question 494 (Dr Lim): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question for all agencies.

Question 474 (Dr Lim): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The difference in the 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03 is the application of the 3% Consumer Price Index increases. Source of revenue is sales of print products and printing services to government agencies.

Question 485 (Dr Lim): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

The GPO inter-agency revenue earned from all Government Agencies who are provided services by GPO, are estimated to be \$5.197m. Payments made by GPO to other government entities include:

- PowerWater utilities charges
- NT Fleet charges
- DCIS General bureau services and property charges
- Information Technology Management Services charges

In 2002-03 these are estimated to cost \$550 000. All revenue and expense items are treated under normal accrual accounting standards.

Question 489 (Dr Lim): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's Budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

In 2001-02 the reduction was \$94 000 which was a 1.4% reduction in expenditure. As it is necessary to incur costs to print jobs and raise revenue the reduction was applied to the areas of personnel costs and associated operational costs. There is only one Output and activity for GPO.

In 2002-03 the reduction is \$188 000 which is a 2.5% reduction. There is only one Output and activity for GPO. The cuts resulting from the budget improvement have been removed from the agency's budget. That is, the budget is reduced to reflect the cuts.

Question 488 (Dr Lim): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

Nil. GPO has operated on an accrual basis since being established in 1979.

Question 502 (Dr Lim): 'The Government Printing Office applies commercial practices in the delivery of printing services for the whole of government. Government agencies are committed to using the GPO for the supply of their core printing and publishing needs.' Extracted from Budget Paper No 3, page 129. Could the minister advise: (a) Whether the cost and price of the Business Unit's products are benchmarked against alternative private sector printers, and if so, what are the comparisons? (b) How he anticipates accommodating the principles of the National Competition Policy? (c) How the Office will adjust to the increasing inroads into its business by electronic production and distribution of information within the public sector?

Answer:

A. The GPO uses a basket of products approach to benchmarking and also random sampling to compare in-house prices with the private sector. Benchmarking Survey Prices vary significantly and demonstrate not only the volatility of the local print market but also local printers' ability to determine whether the GPO is genuine in its call for project prices OR is in fact conducting a benchmarking survey. Notwithstanding survey outcomes do not reflect the very different political environment and traditional marketplaces of the GPO and the private sector. Comparisons are indicative only. Apples are not always apples.

· Benchmarking results show that apart from full colour printing, the GPO's prices for single colour work are competitive with private sector prices. It is to be noted that due to previous government policy, the GPO has been restricted to 2 colour presses and is significantly disadvantaged because of the additional press time required to print and varnish multi-colour print jobs.

B. The GPO accommodates all the principles of National Competition Policy and pays commercial rates for all services it receives.

C. Desktop technology and the Internet have emerged as alternative and competitive communication mediums to print products across the industry. The extent of the transfer to electronic media will take several more years to determine whether this leakage rate is a continuing trend or the trend has bottomed.

· The GPO strategy has been to reduce relative operational costs, be more relevant in its product services to the client and consider digital alternatives to traditional offset printing, eg print on demand, short run products. The GPO employed an electronic publishing officer 3 years ago to provide web based services to clients as alternatives to print communication products.

· The GPO NT will address its digital direction this financial year when it replaces its two 6 year old Xerox Docutech 135 high-speed black and white photocopiers. These machines, are limited in their photocopying applications. Replacement copiers will offer multi-functional high volume copiers to meet client demand for personalisation, variable data, on demand printing and other sophisticated graphic communication services, including remote data capture software that allows clients at their desktops, to determine cost advantages of printing in-house or using the GPO.

Dr LIM: I now draw the minister's attention to question 502. I do not think there is any need for me to read out the question, and the answer is quite lengthy. I just ask the minister as a supplementary: what were the costs and dates of completion of work performed by the Government Printing Office for ministers and ministerial officers?

Dr TOYNE: We will not have that detail here.

Dr LIM: Can you please take that on notice?

Dr TOYNE: I really question whether that is a budget question, anyway. This is ...

Dr LIM: It is, in terms of what the Government Printing Office is doing and it ...

Dr TOYNE: Yes, and details of the overall financial performance of the GPO are available in the budget papers as a global figure. There are issues that are basically operational detail that is the GPO's business. It is not a budget question.

Dr LIM: I will take your comments on board, minister. My other supplementary is: is there any intention to privatise part or all of the Government Printing Office?

Dr TOYNE: No.

Dr LIM: Thank you.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions in relation to this output area which is 0.03, Government Printing Office, Printing and Publication Services? There being no further questions, we will conclude consideration of this output. All other written questions will be incorporated in the *Hansard* with the answers in the order that the member for Greateorex has specified.

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman, there is a further output, 01.01.

Mr CHAIRMAN: On there? I'm sorry, member for Greateorex. Yes, you are right, 1.01, Printing and Publication Services.

Dr LIM: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: It's just that I'd sort of ...

Dr LIM: Yes, that's right. You mock me as you like and find out you are the one in the wrong.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I never suggested that, member for Greateorex. I have been warm towards you.

Dr LIM: I put that in output number 1.01, the question order be 500 and 502. I do not have any supplementary questions.

Question 500 (Dr Lim): (1) Is the market share or overall market of the Government Printing Office declining? (2) If the market is in decline, why is the Government Printing Office budgeted to receive more income in 2002-03? (3) How much of the printing output of government agencies is done in-house? (4) What plans has the government to ensure the continued viability of the Government Printing Office? (5) Do these plans include outsourcing or reduction of the staff and resources of the Government Printing Office?

Answer:

1. Although we have no way of determining the value of the printing market in the NT the GPO is a member of the Printing Industries Association and their bulletins advise that nationally general business expectations in the printing industry were at a 5 year low in December 2000. The February 2002 Overview reports confirmed that the 2000-01 year showed a sharp fall in industry gross. Similarly the GPO experienced a sharp decline in revenue in 2001/2002 reflecting the overall decline in the printing market that year. The "market" for the GPO is predominantly restricted to government agencies and its share of this market continues to be 100% with the exception of the Tourist Commission, which has a specific exemption. Last year the GPOs revenue levelled out and a similar

result is expected this year.

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Total Revenue	\$7 335 000	\$7 002 508	\$5 848 544	\$5 865 771
% variation	Base Year	-4.53%	-16.48%	0.29%

2. The initial GPO Budget income for 2002-03 was based on a similar size and quantity of work achieved in 2001-02 with a marginal 3% CPI increase applied. The published budget figures will be reviewed during the October Budget Review based on 2001-02 actual performance and current year trends.

3. Under the procurement guidelines agencies are required to submit all printing and publication jobs, with the exception of the Northern Territory Tourist Commission which has an exemption from the guidelines, to GPO. However we are aware that there is a large amount of in-house copying taking place. I have initiated a survey to assess the in-house resources and volumes.

4. GPO regularly reviews the ongoing demand for services and the emerging technologies to ensure it remains viable in this changing market.

5. The GPO budget has been prepared on the basis that it is an ongoing business with no plans to outsource the services.

Question 502 (Dr Lim): See above.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right. Thanks for that correction, member for Grotorex. There being no further questions, that concludes consideration of this output group. Any outstanding questions will be incorporated into *Hansard*.

NT Fleet

Mr CHAIRMAN: We come now to NT Fleet, output number 0.03, Management of the Government Vehicle Fleet. There are a number of questions standing in the member for Katherine's name.

Mr REED: Thank you, Mr Chairman. In terms of those questions, I note that some questions have been responded to by the minister. Because of the time constraints that face us today, we will not have time to further pursue those matters, but we will take the opportunity to do that in future parliamentary sittings. It is just another reflection of the constraints that have been placed on this Committee and members' opportunities to fully scrutinise the budget.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that comment, member for Katherine.

Question 946 (Mr Reed): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the Budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

No.

Question 953 (Mr Reed): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

NT Fleet has been using accrual methods of accounting since 1994. There is no additional costs associated or a need for additional staff.

Question 960 (Mr Reed): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and, if so, how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

In 2001-02 the reduction was \$300 000 which was 1.5% of budget. NT Fleet only has one output and the reduction was applied to the discretionary element of the output. The improvement target for 2002-03 is \$600 000 which is 2.9% of budget. NT Fleet only has one output. The budget improvement reductions have been actioned in the budget ie. the budget has been reduced to reflect the improvement sought

Question 967 (Mr Reed): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

Inter-agency receipts of \$26.526m will be received from all agencies who are provided services by NT Fleet. Inter-agency payments will be made to DIPE for registration, DCIS for corporate support and accommodation, PowerWater for utilities, Treasury for taxes, leave and superannuation liability, ITMS for mainframe charges and some other agencies for minor services. In 2002-03 these are estimated to cost about \$3m.

Question 969 (Mr Reed): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

Inter-agency payments will be made to DIPE for registration, DCIS for corporate support and accommodation, PowerWater for utilities, Treasury for taxes, leave and superannuation liability, ITMS for mainframe charges and some other agencies for minor services. In 2002-03 these are estimated to cost about \$3m. Inter-agency receipts of \$26.526m will be received from all agencies who are provided services by NT Fleet. The inter-agency transfers are treated under normal accrual accounting rules as either revenue or expense.

Question 972 (Mr Reed): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

NT Fleet do not own any buildings and therefore expenditure on NT Fleet's behalf on R&M by DIPE is

nil.

Question 981 (Mr Reed): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The number of staff employed in NT Fleet, as at 29 August 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment. The data for 2001 reflects the staffing associated with the responsibilities assigned to NT Fleet at that time. NT Fleet staffing did not reduced resulting from the November 2001 restructure of government. Information is not provided by 'Activity', as this term has no particular meaning under the new financial framework. As NT Fleet has only one Output the information is by Output.

Staffing	29/08/01	13/11/01	29/08/02
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
- Permanent a	30	0	330320
- Temporary b	3	0	1010
Casual	0	0	0000
	33	0	340330
Total Staff	33	34	33

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie. staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes executive contracts as well as staff on temporary contracts.

Question 986 (Mr Reed): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

The information presented for all Government Business Divisions (GBDs) in the 2002-03 budget is directly comparable with that presented in the November mini-budget as NT Fleet has been presented on an accrual basis since 1994.

Question 990 (Mr Reed): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The difference in agency revenue is an increase in revenue of \$57 000 which is the nett result of several issues:

1. From 2001-02 to 2002-03 there has been a decline in vehicle numbers from 2281 to 2145 however, as rental rates move with the predicted purchase price and resale values, new cars mean more

money is tied up and so some increase in charges will occur.

2. Interest revenue is expected to be lower based on a budget lower balance of cash in bank.

3. No provision has been made for this minor item in 2002-03.

4. 2001-02 had an anomaly identified where accessories had not been expended against sale of assets and the \$1.05m item is now recognised as negative revenue

Operating Revenue	2001-02 Estimate \$000	2002-03 Budget \$000	Variation \$000	Note
Other Agency Revenue	27 445	26 526	-919	1
Interest Received	176	134	-42	2
Other Revenue	33		-33	3
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	-1051		1051	4
	26 603	26 660	57	

Question 996 (Mr Reed): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-2002? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-2003 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

In 2001-02 NT Fleet spent \$21 000 on consultants of which \$10 193 was paid to Catalyst Consulting for facilitating business planning workshops. Other payments were minor. A similar commitment would be expected in 2002-03.

Question 1000 (Mr Reed): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

	2001-02 Actual \$000	2002-03 Budget \$000
Total Operating Budget	21 338	20 136
Less:		
Registration fees	1 486	1 482
Hire Duty	444	421
Repairs & Maintenance	4 000	4 000
Depreciation	9 951	9 864
Payroll Tax	82	61
	5 375	4 308
Plus Capital purchases	28 000	28 000
TOTAL	33 375	32 308

Question 1003 (Mr Reed): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the

changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 1007 (Mr Reed): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

Tax Paid	2001-2002 \$000	2002-2003 \$000
Payroll tax	82	61
Hire Duty	444	421
Tax equivalent Payment	2256	1589
Dividend	2189	1853
Registration Fees	1486	1482
Total	6457	5406

It is not possible to extract from the registration charge the amounts that relate to registration fees, the \$90 levy, the administration fee charged by MVR and the compulsory third party insurance payable to TIO, therefore the whole of this charge is included under a state tax or fee.

Question 1013 (Mr Reed): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) by the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

Nil expenditure on (b).

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions related to this output area? There being no further questions, that concludes consideration and any outstanding questions ...

Mr WOOD: Output 01.01.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Oh, look, I am just trying to gallop ahead; I am getting into the spirit of it now. So that was output 0.03. We move now to output 1.01, Management of the Government Vehicle Fleet.

Management of the Government Vehicle Fleet

Once again, a single question standing in the name of the member for Katherine. Do you want to do likewise with that question, member for Katherine?

Mr REED: Ditto, Mr Chairman.

Question 1062 (Mr Reed): How many vehicles were in the Northern Territory Government fleet on 31 June 2001? How many were in the fleet on 30 June 2002?

Answer:

Total of Light and Heavy vehicles and Plant at 30 June 2001-02 was 2589. Total of Light and Heavy vehicles and Plant at 30 June 2002-03 was 2432.

Mr WOOD: I don't want to ask a supplementary. I want to ask an oral question, please, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, of course. That is your right.

Mr WOOD: It is urgent because I only became aware of this issue this week, in fact on Monday, and it relates to some vehicles that are used by Soil Conservation. I need to make an explanation because I think this question will go to two departments. Soil Conservation is a very small unit. It works under the DIPE. It has two vehicles and those vehicles are used for fairly specific work, and that is soil erosion control. The people who use them are basically people skilled in that area, and they do work for Parks and Wildlife, out in Arnhem land Aboriginal communities, on boat ramps and they do work for private people where such work is required.

I gather they have two vehicles: one is about a 30 year old loader and the other is about an eight or nine year old truck. The 30 year old loader is being charged at \$1800 per month rental and the eight to nine year old truck is being charged at around \$1000 per month. I am asking the minister why are these being charged at such a rental, considering at least the loader would have been paid for by now and possibly never been owned by NT Fleet? It was probably part of the department's fleet at one stage.

Is it true that matters like replacement of tyres for this vehicle have not been paid for by NT Fleet, but by Soil Conservation themselves? The reason I am asking these questions, so that you can get it in context, is that I believe DIPE is going to withdraw the amount of money required to pay this rent which will be basically the end of the Soil Conservation Unit except if they wish to sit in front of a computer. I realise this is one side and it needs to go to another department as well.

Dr TOYNE: I will begin an answer. My CEO might have some other detail. Essentially, it appears there has been a decision made by DIPE regarding this matter. It is certainly not a decision that would have been brought on by our department or by NT Fleet. It is up to each agency as to whether they retain a leasing arrangement on particular vehicles, and that is always in a state of flux.

In terms of the age of the vehicle, it sounds a bit out of line with the general fleet provisions for handling of vehicles and turning them off at certain ages, but I do not know the detail for the loader. We have only got that detail for the truck. So unless my CEO has any other detail that is probably all - I commend that you ask the minister for DIPE.

Mr WOOD: Through you, Mr Chairman, the reason I am asking, of course, is if these rentals are much higher than perhaps should be, or even if I may query whether they even have a rental if the Soil Conservation is saying: 'Well we are paying the maintenance. We fix the tyres up and that' because if DIPE is saying: 'Well, we cannot afford to keep it', I am probably asking, on one hand, should they be paying a rental at all, so we can basically keep these things going? I found this out on Monday. It is very disappointing. It is a very basic function of government, soil conservation, and it would be appreciated if I could find out whether those figures I have given are accurate ...

Dr TOYNE: I can give you an undertaking here and now that we will certainly look into it from the aspect of any decisions on the NT Fleet side. We do not have jurisdiction over what DIPE might be doing in terms of its decisions. To whatever extent the actions of NT Fleet have contributed to that situation, we will get back to you.

Mr WOOD: And you can see why I was hoping that we have some flexibility in time. DIPE is last.

Dr TOYNE: You can still collar the minister.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Dr TOYNE: My CEO just wants to add something to this.

Ms BUTTERWORTH: Just an additional comment. NT Fleet operates as a Government Business Division and is required to operate on commercial principles, so it must charge for the hire. All the vehicles were transferred to the fleet at the time of its establishment.

Mr WOOD: Probably the question I am getting at is: do they have to belong to NT Fleet? They are that old ...

Ms BUTTERWORTH: Well, yes.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions on this output area? There being no further questions, that concludes consideration of this output area, and any questions outstanding to be placed on the *Hansard*.

I would like to thank the minister and his staff from DCIS for coming along. That concludes our consideration of your portfolios, minister. The next minister is minister Henderson. While they are taking up there places, I would like to call the committee into a short deliberative session to do our reports on the last two ministers. Hopefully, that will only take five minutes or so, and then we will be back to hear minister Henderson.

Committee suspended.

MINISTER HENDERSON

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr CHAIRMAN : Time is of the essence, as it has been right throughout this process, and I would like to welcome the Minister for Business, Industry and Resource Development. I welcome you to the committee and invite you to introduce the officials accompanying you and if you so desire to make an opening statement on behalf of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development. I would just let witnesses know that questions are directed through the minister, the minister may decide to re-direct them to you, and you should identify yourselves for *Hansard* purposes. Minister.

Mr HENDERSON: Thank you very much, Mr Chairman, and it is ...

Dr LIM: Before we commence, Mr Chairman

Mr BALDWIN: Richard! Sorry, minister. Before we commence, you gave an undertaking in that deliberation of the Estimates Committee to come back and tell us about what the structure of the next hours are leading up to the determination by parliament ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: It was agreed by consensus that we should try and move. We have minister Henderson and minister Ah Kit, and then we will review it after that to see how we are going for time. If we could bury in and start the process. Minister Henderson.

Mr HENDERSON: In the spirit of trying to expedite the process, I won't make an opening statement. We will go straight to it. I would just like to introduce Peter Blake, CEO for DBIRD, and Chief Financial Officer Phil Vivian who are with me at the table. I have other staff at the back from specific areas if we need them.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right. Most of the questions stand in the name of the shadow, the member for Goyder. We are talking about output 0.03 which involves more than one group, starting with question 545.

Mr MALEY: Minister, through the Chairman, I can indicate that I have already put this on the record, but the same applies to your portfolio. There are a number of reasonable inquiries that should be made on behalf of the Territory public in this Committee to examine the budget, but time constraints being what they are, they won't all be able to be examined. The answers that you and your department provided are, to a large extent, fulsome and I appreciate that.

[Editor's note: incorporated questions across a range of outputs appear in numerical order.]

Question 98 (Mr Burke): How much money did the Northern Territory government spend on planning, organising and conducting the Territory Economic Development Summit in November 2001?

Answer:

A total of \$243 471.30 was expended for the planning, organisation and running of the Northern Territory Economic Development Summit.

Question 112 (Mr Wood): In your budget speech to parliament, minister, you said your department would be focussing on improving business management capabilities and delivering direct financial assistance to improve the performance of existing Territory businesses. The budget allocation is \$6.1m. Could the minister explain what is meant by 'direct' financial assistance? If it means that selected companies will receive funding, how does the government determine which businesses will receive the direct financial assistance? Will the process of determining which companies will receive help be transparent, and include an explanation of why they were selected?

Answer:

The \$6.1m is the cost of output 2 – not the amount of financial assistance. Direct financial assistance is generally paid to a business that is seeking to expand its operation in the NT, or a business which is making a new investment in the NT, neither of which is in direct competition with an existing business or is a business eligible for assistance under a specific program.

The provision of assistance under Output 2 includes a variety of programs for which there are clearly defined and publicised criteria. These programs include Pastoral Water Enhancement Scheme, Fertiliser Freight Subsidy Scheme, Export Market Enhancement Scheme, Renewable Remote Power Generation and Business Growth.

Support provided to businesses outside of these specific program is done so under terms and conditions that deliver long term benefits to the Territory through the creation of new jobs, introduction of new technology or the implementation of modern work practices.

The details regarding the terms and conditions of any financial support provided are generally commercial in confidence but do include performance milestones to provide a mechanism by which a businesses performance can be monitored.

My department's annual report carries a full list of those businesses that have received financial

support through business development programs.

Question 113 (Mr Wood): Minister, in your budget speech to parliament, you said that the Territory's International Trade Strategy will form the cornerstone of Asian Relations and Trade policy development into the future. You list the strategic elements as building NT trade capacity, developing market awareness and overseas markets, securing international investment, expanding AustralAsia trade groups and capitalising on links and services. The former CLP government placed particular emphasis on building international trade over more than two decades, with mixed success – some might say limited success. How does this strategy and approach differ from that of the former government?

Answer:

The International Trade Strategy, being finalised now, differs from the approach taken by the previous government. The previous government did not have a declared strategy for the growth of international trade. *Building Stronger Territory Trade* will be a first for the NT. This circumstance makes pointing out the differences somewhat difficult. To the extent that is possible, our approach differs in a number of key ways which I detail as follows:

- The strategy brings all of the key elements – industry capability, supply capacity, trade skills and knowledge, market development and intelligence, international investment, trade routes and government capabilities and links together in a coherent manner.

Question 210 (Ms Carney): Given that government has abolished the Business Women's Consultative Council, what initiatives in the 2002-03 budget exist to ensure that the voice of Territory business women is heard by government?

Answer:

The Business Round Table (BRT) has been established to enable discussion and direct communication about business development issues between business and government. The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development ensures there is wide representation from various groups within the business community at each meeting, including women, youth and indigenous representation. The initiative was announced by the Chief Minister on 7 September 2001. Participants in the Business Round Tables cover all tiers of business. Particular attention has been paid to gender. The department has contact with the Business and Professional Women's Association and is working with the Women's Advisory Council about businesswomen attending Round Table meetings. The Women's Advisory Council recently included a half page feature and invitation in its June 2002 newsletter, calling for expressions of interest from businesswomen who might wish to participate at future Round Table meetings.

The Department of Business Industry and Resource Development remains closely linked to a number of key Business Women's Groups, including the Business and Professional Women (BPW) Group, Women in Agriculture, Telstra, and Westpac with its Women in Business Program in the Territory. As recently as yesterday I was pleased to represent the Chief Minister and participate in the 2002 Telstra Business Women of the Year Awards ceremony which was held in Darwin.

The department has a budgetary allocation of \$10 000 committed to the continuation of Women in Business Networking seminars and workshops that have in the past been one of the most popular. It continues to support the Young Business and Professional Women's Award to the value of \$1000 and initiatives of the former BWCC.

A Women in Business event is planned for Monday October 7 in Alice Springs as a part of October Business Month. The event will feature Ms Catherine DeVyre, former Australian Executive Woman of the Year, Keynote speaker and Author of *Good Service is Good Business*. The department is working in conjunction with BPW to co-ordinate this event.

The Farmbis program, which is delivered by the department, has as one of its target market groups women involved in agriculture in the NT. The program's State Planning group has as its Chair Ms Anne Stanes, a pastoralist from Central Australia who actively promotes women's involvement in programs delivered by the department.

Question 435 (Mr Kiely): Minister, I refer to the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, Business Trade and Development Services. What initiatives are funded in this budget to provide meaningful assistance to small businesses in the Northern Territory in terms of training, business development assistance and access to government services?

Answer:

The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development provides a range of services aimed at developing small business in the NT and improving access to government services. Two of these services in particular are initiatives of this government:

Business Skills Workshops: in line with the Northern Territory government's commitment to small business, the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) has funded a series of 'free' workshops to be delivered by a consortium of local consulting firms. Training is provided in the following areas.

- Marketing
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Information Management

These workshops are held throughout the NT. In addition, the department will provide 'specific topic' seminars, also delivered by local business consultants. The most recent example is the Public Liability Insurance and Risk Management seminars held throughout the Territory. An additional \$260k has been allocated in 02-03 to provide this service (plus carry over of \$130k from 01-02).

Case Manager Network - \$250k has been approved in 2002-03 to develop the Case Manager Network. The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) is the lead agency representing an across-government taskforce charged with implementing the Case Manager Network. The Case Manager Network will provide businesses with the opportunity to access a 'front door' to government services and reduce the valuable time spent searching for the right area they need. This single pathway approach reinforces the direction the government has been taking through the Territory Business Centres, which is to reduce as much red tape for business as possible.

Businesses will be able to access a Case Manager system which taps into all resources of the public sector, but with an emphasis on serving the particular needs of the business and industry sector.

Specific business development services provided by the department are the:

- 'Introduction to Small Business' workshops through the Business Enterprise Centre
- Business Growth - Enterprise Improvement Program
- eBusiness information and referral services
- Business Consultation Service
- Farmbis
- Territory Business Centres, and, as mentioned above,
- The Case Manager Network

I will now provide you with a brief outline of these programs

Business Enterprise Centre - the department provides funding to the Business Enterprise Centre which offers a range of business assistance services including business workshops and seminars which cover a wide range of topics such as: Starting a Business, Introduction to Bookkeeping,

Taxation and Marketing. The BEC also provides a referral service to appropriate agencies or organisations. In addition, a variety of seminars are held the by department throughout the year, many of which specifically target people who are thinking about starting a new business.

Business Growth - Enterprise Improvement Program - the Business Growth program offers information, funding and development services to established businesses to enhance business performance, profitability, employment levels and market penetration. The Business Growth program offers Territory businesses the opportunity to work closely with highly skilled business improvement consultants to achieve better business growth. The program provides assistance to Territory businesses to engage suitably qualified consultants to deliver a range of programs.

eBusiness - The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development is committed to assisting Northern Territory businesses to become more competitive in the world market, by providing programs and assistance to develop awareness of eBusiness and to increase the uptake of eBusiness tools by NT businesses.

Business Consultation Service - The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development offers a free and confidential business information service to new and existing businesses. Business owners and those wishing to get started in business can access a wide range of information by talking to the Department's Client Managers. Information can be provided on many areas of business including business planning, insurances, licences and permits, marketing, business structures, intellectual property, taxation, sourcing finance and much more.

FarmBis - FarmBis provides support for primary producers, land managers and those in the fishing industries to participate in learning activities focused on improving their personal and business management skills. FarmBis provides financial assistance for people attending eligible management training activities. Eligible training activities include: general business management, natural resource management, human resource management, production management, and financial services. The scheme is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and NT governments and is administered by the NT Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development.

Territory Business Centres - the Territory Business Centres (TBCs) are located in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs and have now been operating for three years. The Centres are the first contact and referral point for many services and products provided by government departments, including business planning assistance, general business advisory services and links to departmental assistance programs. TBCs provide a high standard of customer service and deliver a comprehensive range of business related functions, including business name searches, registering business names, determining relevant licences and permits for establishing a business in the Northern Territory, issuing and processing a variety of licences, and providing direct referral for business information and assistance.

Question 436 (Mr Kiely): Minister, I refer to the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, Fisheries Resource Management. What initiatives are funded in this budget to assist recreational fishers in Sanderson to enjoy their fishing and to ensure the sustainability of our fishing resources?

Answer:

Thank you to the member for Sanderson for this timely question. The Territory's recreational fishing community recently responded to a public notice in which I asked for views on the annual expenditure of \$500 000, which is allocated to recreational fishing infrastructure (through DIPE's Works Program). The result of this consultation is a decision to expend \$300 000 per year over two years on enhancement of the Dinah Beach boat ramp and car park while \$200 000 will be allocated this year toward the installation of security measures for vehicles and trailers left at the Buffalo Creek boat ramp while their owners are out fishing.

In addition, there have been new navigation aids installed recently to help identify approach channels through the mouths of Buffalo and Leaders Creeks and supplementary material, in the form of a concrete yacht hull, added to the popular truck tipper artificial reef near Lee Point to enhance its fish aggregating properties. There are three artificial reefs in the vicinity of Lee Point and legislation is currently being drafted to protect them from commercial fishing.

Other programs being implemented by my Fisheries Group to benefit recreational fishers, albeit not exclusively those living in Sanderson, include:

- The establishment of access agreements between anglers, Aboriginal land owners and other land holders;
- A boat ramp security working party has been established to look at security issues across all boat ramps in the Darwin/Palmerston area. Representatives include DBIRD (Fisheries), DIPE, Palmerston City Council, Darwin City Council, Defence Department, Police and AFANT.
- The appointment of a Fisheries advisory committee which brings stakeholders from the commercial, recreational and traditional fishing sectors together to canvass high level Fisheries issues;
- Increasing the government's annual grant to AFANT, the head office of which is located in the Malak Shopping Square in Sanderson, to \$140 000;
- The stocking of Manton Dam with barramundi;
- The commencement of a River Watch Program, which will be based on the Neighbourhood Watch concept; and
- The implementation of a program of Indigenous Community Fisheries Officers (ICFOs) who are tasked with reporting infringements and conveying ethical fishing practices to the public in their regions. To date, ICFOs have been appointed on the Tiwi Islands and at Borroloola.

In terms of sustainability of fish populations, a reduction of the personal fish possession limit was introduced in January (30 fish total), together with specific possession limits for golden snapper (5), tropical rock lobsters (10) and molluscs (10 litres).

Question 437 (Mr McAdam): Minister, I refer to the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, Fisheries Resource Management. What initiatives are funded in this budget to assist the management of fishing resources in the Territory and to provide employment and training opportunities for indigenous Territorians?

Answer:

Funds have been provided in this budget for the Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association to employ Marine Rangers in the Gulf Region and also provides for a boat and tow vehicle. The Marine Rangers have undergone training with the Northern Territory Police as to the extent of their duties.

Funds have been provided to the Tiwi Land Council to assist the Tiwi Marine Ranger program. Funds have also been provided for the continuation of the Aboriginal Fisheries Consultative Committees. This includes the employment of an Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the Fisheries Group.

Funding in this budget has been allocated in the implementation of Aquaculture Planning in the East Arnhem Land and Groote Eylandt Regions. The Aquaculture Planning will provide Indigenous Territorians with the foundations to negotiate partnership deals for various aquaculture ventures within their traditional areas.

Additional Information on Marine Rangers:

- The program was implemented to provide an opportunity for Indigenous Territorians to actively participate in management and protection of marine resources.
- This is the first of five programs to be funded over the next three years.
- Fisheries Group, in consultation with the Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association, has played a key role in coordinating this program. Staff from the Fisheries Group have made regular visits to Borroloola as part of the consultation and planning process.

- Funds and equipment up to the value of \$90 000 have been allocated to the Mabunji Marine Ranger program. Ongoing funding support for Mabunji from the NT government is \$55 000 per year. In addition, the Fisheries Group will fund further programs from NT government allocations of \$270 000 in 2003-04 and \$450 000 in 2004-05 for this and other Marine Ranger programs.
- Mabunji have leveraged NT government dollars from other funding sources to enable the employment of four part time rangers.
- Marine Rangers will not have enforcement powers, but will carry out surveillance and monitoring work within the Police framework.

Marine Rangers will also carry out an education role for visitors to the area.

Question 438 (Mr McAdam): Minister, I refer to the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, Business Trade and Development Services, output Animal and Plant Industry Production services. Can you please outline the key initiatives funded in the budget to develop the pastoral, horticultural and agricultural industries in the Territory, and how these initiatives will assist the Barkly region?

Answer:

Key initiatives funded in the budget to develop the pastoral and horticultural industries in the Barkly region total \$0.63m for industry-driven training and research programs to:

- improve cattle production and increase its value;
- improve management of pastoral lands;
- facilitate market access for Territory livestock and livestock products; and
- develop a horticulture industry in the region by establishing a research block and identifying and releasing arable land with suitable water. This initiative reflects the Barkly Blueprint's goal of broadening the region's economic base.

Specifically, this includes:

- working with the Centrefarm organisation established by the Central Land Council to promote horticulture on Aboriginal land;
- trialling of crops in the Tennant Creek area on the DBIRD primary industry block at Tennant Creek;
- continuing the pastoral extension program including the successful Barkly Rangeland Management Course and continuing the Head Stockmen's Workshop Tour of major properties in the region. The latter has just commenced and is proving equally successful;
- continuing disease management and surveillance with the only flying stock inspector in the Northern Territory and probably Australia.

The initiatives will assist the Barkly region by strengthening and promoting further growth in well established cattle industry, and identifying opportunities for new industries in the horticultural sector.

Question 439 (Mr McAdam): Minister, I refer to the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, Resource Management Services, output Mining and Petroleum Management and Regulation Services. What progress has been made in opening up land for mining exploration over the past 12 months, and what benefits will increased mining activity bring to the Territory?

Answer:

The government continues to encourage mineral exploration as it recognises that private sector exploration expenditure does lead to discovery, even if sometimes the lead times to discovery are long. To this end, the government has provided an additional \$4million for the continued production of new-generation geoscientific information that is designed to stimulate private-sector mineral exploration. This work involves high-resolution geophysical surveys and a new program of collating geochemical datasets of mineral provinces. Also, for the first time land seismic surveys will be done

on the Batten Trough in the McArthur River area with a specific focus on mineral exploration. These programs have had an immediate impact on stimulating mineral exploration, as shown in the dramatic increase in applications for Exploration Licences.

In tandem with this exploration initiative, the department continues to streamline the procedures associated with putting exploration licence applications through the Commonwealth *Native Title Act* procedures. Significant progress has been made in this area with some 645 titles advertised up to the end of the last financial year. Additionally, 228 licences were granted last year, which is almost double the number granted in the previous year.

Increased mining activity is of benefit to the Territory in that it provides employment and also work for local businesses through the supply of goods and services.

Question 538 (Mr Maley): What impact on the 2002-03 budget will the restructuring of the Territory's International Representative offices have? (a) Which offices and how will these offices be restructured? (b) How will this restructure enhance the development of the Territory trade and investment?

Answer:

The restructuring of the NT government Representatives Offices in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand was largely completed in 2001-02 financial year when the basis for contracts was renegotiated. Therefore the full-year effect appears in the 2002-03 budget, with a saving of over \$550 000 over the full-year costs under the previous government.

(a) The NT government Representative Offices are maintained in Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and East Timor. The office in Sabah was closed in February 2002, with an arrangement for using the former Representative as a consultant as required. The contracting basis in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand was changed from a fee plus expenses to a fixed retainer plus funding for approved projects. The offices now operate under a written Business Plan and are subject to performance assessment.

(b) The Offices continue to be open for business. Targetted and more specialist services will also now be provided through the Offices. For instance, the Indonesian, Philippines and Thailand Offices are currently identifying the actual companies, their prime contact and the volume and timing of specific freight which might be commanded by the AustralAsia Railway in the specific categories. An increased business focus will enhance Territory trade and investment.

Question 540 (Mr Maley): Provide details of funding allocation in the 2002-03 budget for implementing the Asian Engagement Plan. (a) Is its preparation on time? (b) Detail whole-of-government costs to implement this plan in 2002-03.

Answer:

There is no specific funding allocation in the 2002-03 budget for implementing the Asian Engagement Plan. This is a plan for all government agencies and for business and is still being considered in draft form. This Plan may result in a re-distribution of resources or new initiatives when it is complete.

I expect that its finalisation will result in clarity about policy issues concerning engagement with Asia, such as the NT's role in regional groupings, better coordination of engagement, and the role of the NT government representative offices in Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and East Timor. It will also identify priority areas where engagement will be focussed. The suggested strategic objectives are for increased trade and investment, linked development of all sectors in the region and harmonious relations with the neighbourhood.

(a) The preparation is on time. Our Economic Development Strategy calls for it to be complete by December 2002.

(b) Whole-of-government costs cannot be identified since the allocation for these activities will be encompassed broadly across all outputs of many government agencies when the plan is adopted.

Question 541 (Mr Maley): Provide details of the funding allocation in the 2002-03 budget for positioning Darwin as an offshore gas service and supply base. What strategies are being implemented?

Answer:

The Defence Petroleum and Mining Support Division budget allocation for positioning Darwin supply and service base is approximately \$590 000. This provides four full time equivalent (FTE) staff. The Division supports delivery of the following services:

- Provide facilitation, information and advisory services to enhance the capability of Territory business and industry to win petroleum related work
- Promote the Territory as an attractive location for petroleum exploration and production support activities and infrastructure and market the Territory's economic and business capabilities.

Strategies being implemented under the divisions work programs include:

- Define and communicate Bayu Undan project opportunities in conjunction with NTISO
- Monitor other new project opportunities
- Monitor local content in existing Timor Sea operations and identify & communicate opportunities in conjunction with NTISO
- Develop marketing material focused on local industrial capability
- Encourage establishment of regional & operational headquarters in Darwin
- Input to infrastructure and transport planning – inc. Casting Basin Technical Feasibility study
- Generic marketing of Darwin as a supply / service centre & operations base.
- Foster alliances with interstate and o/s companies, in order to enhance local capabilities and fill gaps.
- Build strategic regional links
- Prepare, agree and implement in consultation with other agencies and industry a strategy targeting regional mining and petroleum projects
- Promote NT supply and service capabilities to potential Singapore based markets and partners.
- Facilitate local petroleum industry training in NT in conjunction with DEET & OTD

Question 545 (Mr Maley): Externally funded projects have been reduced for 2002-03 by \$3.3m. (a) Provide full details of projects and (b) provide details of why the programs have ceased or changed.

Answer:

Allocation currently included in 2002-03 budget for a number of externally funded projects is lower than 2001-02. The projects/programs are: Renewable Remote Power Generation Program lower by \$630 000; the Photovoltaic Rebate Program lower by \$63 000; the Regional Mineral Study lower by \$152 000; and the Natural Heritage Trust was lower by \$431 000. Various other Research Corporations and Industry Funding was lower by \$1.971m. However, it is expected that much of this fall in the current funding estimate for external projects will be reversed during the course of the year as various funding agreements are approved.

The 2002-03 budget for the Renewable Remote Power Generation Program and ongoing projected budget for these grants only include management fees associated with the project. There is no estimation included for the specific level of funding as they vary significantly from year to year and it is

impossible to predict the dollar amounts and size of projects that will be approved. The 2002/03 budget will be increased during the course of the year as new projects are approved within the scheme and additional funding is received from the Commonwealth.

The 2002-03 budget for the Photovoltaic Rebate Program will be increased during the course of the year as new projects are approved within the scheme and additional funding is received from the Commonwealth.

There is no projection in future years for approved projects as they vary significantly from year to year and it is impossible to predict the dollar amounts and size of projects that will be approved.

The Regional Mineral Study was a one off grant in 2001-02.

\$431 000 of the reduction in funding from Natural Heritage Trust relates to the transfer of the Weeds Management Branch to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment, this included major projects relating to Weeds of National Significance and *Mimosa Pigra* Research.

The estimate in the 2002-03 for commonwealth funding for the Tuberculosis Freedom Assurance Program is lower by \$53 000, however DBIRD staff are currently negotiating a new agreement for further funding past December 2002.

The various other Research Corporations and Industry Funding which came to a total reduction of \$1.971m included:

- approximately \$200 000 transferred to DIPE as part of the Weeds Management Branch transfer. This relates to estimated funding from the Indigenous Land Corporation for Weeds Management.
- during the course of the year one off funding arrangements are entered into with various Research Corporations and Industry sectors. Because it is not possible to predict the amount of funding that will be received from these various organisations, the 2002-03 budget allocation is not increased until the dollar amounts are known.

Examples of the larger amounts of funding received for other research corporations and industry funding in 2001-02 but not included in 2002-03 include:

- \$125 000 for industry contribution Panama Disease Facility
- \$32 000 for research into Spanish mackerel (FRDC)
- \$42 000 for research into snapper stocks (ACIAR)
- \$186 000 for research into cotton farming (CRC)
- \$80 000 for research into horticulture Industry (RIRDC)
- \$380 000 for research into mud crabs (FRDC).

Question 547 (Mr Maley): Detail the 2002-03 budget allocation for the implementation of the program to encourage Skills Development in the Business Sector. (a) Provide details of the program. And (b) when did the program begin?

Answer:

A budget of \$390 000 has been allocated for the 2002-03 financial year to conduct Business Skills and Specific Topic workshops.

A. In line with the Northern Territory government's commitment to small business, and with survey results conducted by the Small Business Ministerial Council, the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) has provided small business across the Territory with access to essential business information through a series of free workshops and one on one training sessions. DBIRD has contracted a number of experienced Business Consultants from the Territory to deliver workshops and training in the following areas:

- Marketing
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Information Management

The workshops consist of a three-hour training workshop with the opportunity for participants to arrange for an on-site visit by the consultant to discuss issues in a one on one mentoring scenario.

In addition to these Business Skills workshops, Specific Topic Seminars may also be conducted. Workshops may be put together to address topical business issues. A recent example of these workshops was a series of Public Liability and Risk Management workshops. The 3 hour workshops were designed to meet the needs of both business and non-profit organisations.

B. Both initiatives were commenced on 1 July 2002.

Question 549 (Mr Maley): Business assistance programs are available through the department. (a) How many businesses have been assisted in 2001-02? (b) Through which programs? And (c) at what cost? List individually.

Answer:

In 2001-02, 265 businesses received financial assistance through the following:

- Industry Development Grants
- Export Marketing Assistance Scheme
- Business Growth
- Fertiliser Freight Subsidy
- Pastoral Water Enhancement Scheme
- Renewable Remote Power Generation Program
- Tuberculosis Freedom Assurance Program
- Weeds Subsidies

A further 68 individuals and 27 groups of individuals involved in the Primary Industry sector were assisted through the FarmBis program. The total amount expended on business assistance programs was \$2 798 000. The department's Annual report will contain full details of recipients of financial assistance.

Question 552 (Mr Maley): What funds have been allocated in the 2002-03 budget for business assistance and is this an increase or decrease on 2001-02 in cash terms?

Answer:

BIRD's Output No 2 - Business, Trade and Industry Assistance Services, captures the business assistance services provided by the department. The budget for this output for 2002-03 is \$6.091m and the estimate for 2001-02 is \$6.048m. In 2002-03 there is an increase in funding for Business Skills Workshops from \$260 000 to \$390 000 and a new initiative of Business Case Managers which has an allocation of \$250 000 this year. Some of the business support programs and activities are:

- Business Skills Workshops
- Business Enterprise Centre Workshops
- eBusiness
- Youth Desk
- October Business Month
- Business Consultation Service
- Business Case Managers

The programs that provide financial assistance to business have been funded at an amount similar to 2001/02. These programs are:

- Industry Development Grants
- Industry Association Grants
- Sponsorships
- Business Awards
- Business Growth Grants
- FarmBis
- Export Marketing Assistance Scheme
- Pastoral Water Enhancement Scheme
- Fertiliser Freight Subsidy

Question 553 (Mr Maley): How many young people have been assisted through start-up grants in 2001-02? What were the outcomes?

Answer:

The previous Youth Grant program entitled Getting Started – A Business Assistance Scheme for Youth was discontinued during the year due to the lack of successful applicants over the life of the program. There were no payments made. As a result the department proposed that the scheme should be discontinued and resources re-allocated to a number of initiatives, both existing and new, which would provide more accessible programs to young Northern Territory business people. Existing grant funds are to be re-allocated to the following programs:

Young Achievement Australia (New) - Young Achievement Australia (YAA) is an enterprise education program within schools who create and operate a business with guidance from a mentoring firm. YAA has gained excellent participation rates nationally and will be initiating a series of enterprise education programs in the NT in 2003 spread widely across school years 8 to 12, with a focus on indigenous participation.

Young Business Network (Existing) - A need was established for a regular networking opportunity for young people in business and those investigating starting a business. A network provides a supportive environment for informal mentoring, an opportunity for knowledge enhancement and facilitation of business. Territory Business People could nominate as mentors to develop enterprise amongst young people.

The funds would allow the Youth Desk to sponsor eight formal networking events per year, to be held in Darwin and Alice Springs. So far events have been held in October 2001 and July 2002.

Skills Development Initiatives – Business Growth (New) - Young people in business have specific training and development needs and find it particularly difficult to achieve business growth due to their limited experience and finances. The majority of 'Youth' businesses would not meet the criteria of the department's current Business Growth programs. Youth businesses need targeted business growth skills development.

Youth Desk re-branding (New) - An appropriate re-branding of the Youth Desk will be determined prior to the implementation of the proposed programs. Current steps are being taken to re-brand the Youth Desk within the department's corporate look. As the program was discontinued there are no outcomes as such.

Question 554 (Mr Maley): What funds have been allocated to provide youth business assistance in the 2002-03 budget? Is this an increase or decrease over 2001-02 in cash terms?

Answer:

\$44 000 has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget for specific Youth programs. In addition a Youth Desk Client Manager delivers the Youth Desk programs along with other departmental duties. Youth Desk activities take approximately 40% of their time. The 2002-03 'Youth Desk' budget has not changed in cash terms.

Question 557 (Mr Reed): How many staff - part-time, full-time or contract - were employed in the agency's Katherine office in 2001-02? How many are employed now? What is the current staffing establishment for the office?

Answer:

There were 56 staff employed in the Katherine office of the Department of Business Industry and Resource Development in 2001-02, as at 30/01/02 following the transfer of a total of three staff from the former Department of Industries and Business. Two of these were transferred to DEET and one to NT Treasury. There are currently 53 staff employed in the Katherine office of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development. Current staffing establishment for the office is 53. PIPS data as at 28/08/02 indicated that there were 38 permanent full-time staff, 10 temporary full-time staff, four part-time casual staff, and one permanent part-time staff member which brings to total to 53.

Effective 01/07/02 the Weeds Branch, comprising six staff in the region, transferred to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment remaining in Katherine. This represents a nett increase of three positions for the functions now managed by the department in the region.

Question 559 (Mr Maley): Page 154 of budget paper states that amongst the services provided by the department in its 2002-03 budget will be the development of economic impact studies. (a) How many economic impact studies were developed by the department during the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What were the names of those economic impact studies and the approximate cost incurred by the department in the production of that material? (c) How many economic impact studies will be developed by the department during the 2002-03 financial year? (d) What will be the topics of those economic impact studies and the approximate cost incurred by your department in the production of that material? And (e) will any consultants be utilised and how much will they cost the Northern Territory taxpayer?

Answer:

(a) Eight

(b) Names:

- Economic Impact of a Proposed Aluminium Smelter
- Impact of Weeds on Pastoral Production
- Benefit-Cost Analysis of a Proposed Post Entry Quarantine Facility
- Impact of Floods on the Performance of Gold Mines in the Tanami
- Economic Benefits to the Territory from Laminaria-Corallina
- Input Output Multipliers for the Northern Territory
- Economic Outlook for Rural and Fishing
- Economic Outlook for Minerals and Energy

Approximate cost: \$73 000

(c) Not known at this stage of 2002-03. Some studies have commenced, but others will be determined according to need during the year.

(d) Studies commenced in 2002-03 to date are:

- Fruit Fly Eradication Southern Region
- Economic Linkages
- Sector analyses
- Manufacturing impacts
- Agribusiness schemes impacts
- Economic Outlook for Rural and Fishing
- Economic Outlook for Minerals and Energy
- Impacts of government policy initiatives

Costs are expected to be similar to 2001-02 but will depend on demand during the year.

(e) Only one small consultancy has been identified to date in 2002-03 with an estimated cost of \$7000.

Question 562 (Mr Maley): Page 154 of Budget Paper No 3 states that amongst the services provided by your department in its 2002-03 budget are the development of economic policies and strategies.

(a) How many economic policies and strategies were developed by the department during the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What were the names of those economic policies and strategies and the approximate cost incurred by your department in the production of that material? (c) How many economic policies and strategies are expected to be developed by your department during the 2002-03 financial year? (d) What are the names of those economic policies and strategies and the approximate cost for the production of that material? (e) Will any consultants be used to assist the Northern Territory government in developing economic policies and strategies in 2002-03 and what is the anticipated cost of these consultants? (f) How much money did government spend on consultants in developing economic policies and strategies in 2001-02, and what was the cost and names of these consultants?

Answer:

The department is involved in the development of a variety of economic policies and strategies, some of which are about specific issues and many are general and advisory in nature. The principal economic policy area pursued by the department in 2001-02 was actioning areas of the Economic Development Summit and the subsequent substantial input to the Economic Development Strategy *Building a Better Territory*. Following the preparation of this document the department commenced work on several policies and strategies. In 2001-02 work commenced on a very substantial trade strategy, the first of its kind for the NT government, a new local content policy and sectoral industry development plans. This work was carried out internally within the department and was not specifically costed. The reference to these policies and strategies on page 154 relates to performance measures which are being established for the first time in 2002-03.

Several economic policies and strategies will be developed by the department in 2002-03 as the needs are identified. The International Trade Strategy and a revised Local Content Policy will be completed, along with others including a manufacturing sector strategy, an Asian engagement plan, sustainable fishing strategies developed in conjunction with stakeholders and sectoral plans for primary industries and others will be identified as the year progresses. The cost of these will be predominantly by use of internal resources, but in consultation with industry and community groups and other government agencies. No specific costing is available at this stage of the year, as these services are included within the broader allocations for strategic services within the department. No specific consultancies identified at this stage and accordingly no cost commitment to date. Nil to identify/list for 2001-02.

Question 565 (Mr Maley): Under the heading of Operating Expenses in the Statement of Financial Performance at page 158 of Budget Paper No 3, the estimate of administrative expenses for the purchase of goods and services for the 2001-02 financial year is \$30 217 000. For 2002-03 it is reduced to \$27 356 000. What are the goods and services which the department will not be purchasing in the 2002-03 financial year to make the required savings?

Answer:

There are no specific items that the agency is 'not purchasing'. The major variations in the 'Purchases of Goods and Services' are for specific programs that have been completed or the commencement of new programs. The three principle impacts on our budget affecting the purchase of goods and services are the transfer of Weeds Branch to DIPE, the achievement of budget improvement targets and the current lower estimates for external funding. Other specific changes are:

- reduced expenditure on IT outsourcing of \$200 000;
- savings on one off expenditure last year, for example, the economic summit of \$250 000;
- reductions in funding for Banana Black Sigatoka and Red Imported Fire Ant eradication programs of \$221 000, and
- BTEC legal costs reduced by \$500 000.

Question 567 (Mr Maley): List any business assistance that was provided to any business in relation to work on the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway in the 2001-02 period.

Answer:

Dedicated DBIRD Railway Project Officers assisted businesses in Alice Springs (July to November 2001) and Darwin/Katherine (July 2001 to June 2002). The Project Officers worked with local businesses to maximise their capacity to win work on the project and its support operations. The Project Officers provided a key link between ADrail, its contractors, NTISO, Aboriginal organisations and NT businesses. They:

- analysed, collated and distributed information from these groups with respect to commercial opportunities to NT enterprises,
- assisted businesses in understanding and working with ADrail's procurement process,
- generally ensured that commercial opportunities for NT businesses in connection with rail construction were maximised.

DBIRD also provided funding for a series of workshops which assisted businesses interested in tendering for major projects such as the Railway. The last of these was a Cost, Quoting and Contracting Workshop in Darwin in August 2001, which covered:

- Preparing quotes and tenders
- Identifying variable and fixed costs
- Determining labour charge-out rates
- Understanding terms and conditions
- Understanding cash flow and credit management.

Question 569 (Mr Maley): What work will be undertaken by the department during 2002-03 to engage Territory businesses in the Defence work proposed for the location of two helicopter squadrons in Darwin?

Answer:

The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development has been working collaboratively with Defence and prime contractor Eurocopter International Pacific since the Commonwealth government signed on 21 December 2001 a \$1.3 billion dollar contract with Eurocopter for supply to the Australian Army of 22 'Tiger' Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters. The Army intends to locate 17 of these aircraft at Robertson Barracks.

The purpose of DBIRD's collaboration with Defence and Eurocopter has been to maximise opportunities for Northern Territory business participation in all phases of the project. This work is ongoing and will continue into the foreseeable future. Earlier this year the department participated in

the launch of the Australian defence industry intellectual property audit and training seminar specifically for these helicopters and as recently as last week hosted a visit to Darwin by Eurocopter's Australian industry involvement manager, introducing him to members of the local business community and to representatives of peak industry bodies including the NTCCI, NTISO and AIDN-NT.

It is Army's intention that the 1st Aviation Regiment be restructured to accept the new helicopters and to be co-located with the 1st Brigade at Robertson Barracks. However, it should be noted that approval to proceed with location of these aircraft at Robertson Barracks is subject to endorsement by the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) for expenditure of \$75m on capital works required for the relocation and co-location of the 1st Aviation Regiment with Army's 1st Brigade.

Once final approval has been given, the proposed \$75m of capital works will be undertaken through the traditional project management approach with a number of discrete packages of work, executed under head contracts. Preliminary planning indicates there will be a minimum of four head contracts. The planned completion date for these infrastructure works is December 2004. This would allow the 1st Aviation Regiment to co-locate with the 1st Brigade and develop its operational and administrative procedures prior introduction into operational service of the new helicopters.

In addition to facilitating discussions and activities leading up to the PWC hearing later this year – for which a date has not yet been set – the department is actively engaged with Defence and Eurocopter in identifying potential opportunities for Northern Territory businesses to participate in the proposed infrastructure works at Robertson Barracks as well as longer term opportunities for maintenance and through-life support of the helicopters, particularly in the areas of avionics, communications equipment and ground support.

Question 571 (Mr Maley): Provide detail of all work undertaken by the Defence Support Unit to assist Territory businesses during 2001-02.

Answer:

I am pleased to report that during the period 2001-02 the Defence Support Unit assisted business to maximise its participation in expenditure of about \$500m by the Australian Defence Force in the Northern Territory. This \$500m does not include the estimated \$300m defence spent on salaries and wages in the Northern Territory during the period, of which the retail sector was a major beneficiary. In addition to assisting business to participate in the Australian Defence Force's estimated \$500m expenditure activity during 2001-02, the Defence Support Unit facilitated access to commercial support opportunities worth an estimated \$20m presented by visiting foreign defence forces.

Particulars of work undertaken by the Defence Support Unit include facilitating business contact and liaison with key defence establishments throughout the Northern Territory including Headquarters Northern Command, Headquarters 1 Brigade, HMAS Coonawarra, Darwin Naval Base, RAAF Base Darwin, RAAF Base Tindal, Mount Bundy Training Area, Delamere Electronic Warfare Air Weapons Range and the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap. During 2001-02 the Defence Support Unit also worked very closely with the defence prime contractors and the Defence Materiel Organisation's Joint Logistic Unit (North) because of the critical role these organisations have in achieving facilities maintenance, catering, recreational support, defence materiel service and repair objectives.

In November 2001 an officer of the Defence Support Unit accompanied Darwin Ship Repair & Engineering Pty Ltd on its first visit to United States Navy's Regional Contracting Centre in Singapore since the Defence Support Unit facilitated award to the company in 1999 of a United States Navy Master Ship Repair Agreement, and used this visit to discuss with US defence officials ways in which the Northern Territory might improve its support of US Navy ships visiting Port Darwin. Closer to home, the Defence Support Unit, in association with Defence, worked collaboratively with traditional owners and other stakeholders in Bradshaw Station to maximise local participation in construction of the access bridge across the Victoria River at Timber Creek and through-life support of the Bradshaw Field Training Area.

Throughout 2001-02 the Defence Support Unit continued its proactive involvement in facilitating Northern Territory business participation in the Army Presence in the North (APIN) Project and the associated \$450m Defence Housing Project to relocate and house 1 Brigade in the Top End, and will continue this involvement in view of Army's intention to restructure 1 Aviation Regiment and co-locate it with the 1st Brigade at Robertson Barracks. Subject to PWC approval, the project to restructure 1 Aviation Regiment and co-locate it with the 1st Brigade is expected to precipitate \$75m in capital works expenditure at Robertson Barracks over the next two years and increase Australian Defence Force presence in the Northern Territory by about 200 personnel, of whom approximately half will require married accommodation. As with other ongoing activities, the Defence Support Unit is monitoring the situation and, subject to the usual protocols, informing business as commercial support opportunities unfold.

Question 573 (Mr Maley): What is the 2002-03 budget allocation for the Defence Support Unit? Is this an increase or decrease on 2002-03 in cash terms?

Answer:

The Defence Petroleum and Mining Support Division has a budget allocation of \$292 000 to Defence work programs. This provides the equivalent of approximately three full time equivalent (FTE) staff. The budget supports the delivery of the following services:

- Provide facilitation, information and advisory services to enhance the capability of Territory business and industry to win Defence work.
- Promote the Territory as an attractive location for Defence activities and infrastructure and market the Territory's economic and business capability.

The budget allocation has been maintained at 2001-02 levels, but with the additional staffing flexibility provided by the establishment in March 2002 of the combined Defence, Petroleum and Mining Support Division. The division also continues to provide secretariat support to Australian Defence Industry Network-NT and work closely with NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry, NTISO and Defence Material Organisation to broker and promote local business opportunities.

Question 577 (Mr Maley): Under the heading 'Business, Trade and Industry Assistance Services' at page 155 of Budget Paper No 3, the department provided enterprise improvement services to five clients and provided 270 business and industry associations with financial assistance. The assistance provided to business and industry associations in the 2002-03 budget is estimated to be \$4 507 000 whilst the average cost of enterprise improvement services per client is \$317 000. (a) What were the number of enterprise improvement services provided to clientele for the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What were the number of business and industry associations receiving financial assistance during the 2001-02 financial year? (c) What is the average cost of enterprise improvement services provided to clientele during the 2001-02 financial year and the name and cost of assistance provided to those organisations or individuals? (d) What was the average cost of providing assistance to business and industry's associations in 2001-02 and can you also provide particulars of the names of those business and industry associations as well as the quantum of financial assistance received?

Answer:

The Budget Papers do not refer to the average cost of providing services to 'clientele'. They do refer to the average cost of services. The 2002-03 financial year is the first period in which my department has structured its budget along output lines. Services as identified in Budget Paper No 3 are a bringing together of related departmental activities into groupings that capture similar tasks and activities undertaken for the community. Each service captures many activities and individual transactions with clients. The number of services is the number of these groupings of similar functional activity. It is not a summation of each and every individual client transaction. Examples of services included within this output are:

- the Industry Assistance, Grants and Sponsorships Program;
- the Renewable energy program; and
- the delivery of information services and advice to clients to facilitate business growth and business management capabilities.

The department was created during the course of last year through the joining of four former agencies. The department did not have a similar collation of services for the previous financial year. However, the manner in which the outputs structure has been developed would indicate that a similar number of services were delivered last financial year, that is five.

Seventeen business and industry associations and organisations received financial assistance from the department's Industry Association Grants program. The department did not have this outputs and services structure in 2001-02 so the average cost of services for that period has not been calculated. These services are provided to the broad business community and it is not possible to supply the names of every organisation that sought or received assistance.

The average cost of providing assistance to business and industry associations is not a measure that is recorded by the department. However, the financial assistance provided to organisations or individuals during 2001-02 is produced by the department each year and will be included in the department's Annual Report.

Question 578 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Information on Territory Resources at page 155 of the budget, the department estimates that for the 2002-03 financial year the average cost of providing the services to 14 clientele will be approximately \$869 000. (a) What were the number of services provided to clientele for the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What was the cost of providing those services?

Answer:

(a) The Budget Papers do not refer to the average cost of providing services to 'Clientele'. They do refer to the average cost of Services.

The 2002-03 financial year is the first period in which my department has structured its budget along output lines. The department's seven outputs represent the 2002-03 budget allocations across the scope of the department's activities. For each output, a set of performance measures are provided in Budget Paper No 3 and these measures have been designed to reflect the services delivered in each output.

Services as identified in Budget Paper No 3 are a bringing together of related departmental activities into groupings that capture similar tasks and activities undertaken for the community. Each service captures many activities and individual transactions with clients. The number of services is the number of these groupings of similar functional activity. It is not a summation of each and every individual client transaction.

Examples of services included within this output are:

- Regional geoscientific studies of NT terrains;
- Geochemical data sets;
- Airborne geophysical surveys; and
- Water chemistry services.

The department was created during the course of last year through the joining of four former agencies. The department did not have a similar collation of services for the previous financial year. However, the manner in which the outputs structure has been developed would indicate that a similar number of services were delivered last financial year, that is 14 if similar arrangements to 2002-03

had applied.

(b) The department did not have this output and services structure in 2001-02 so the average cost of services for that period has not been calculated.

Question 580 (Mr Maley): Under the heading Resource Management Services at page 156 of Budget Paper No 3 the estimated average cost of granted Titles maintained is \$178.00 and the average cost of safety, environment and title management services for 18 clientele is \$502 000 for 2002-03. What was the average cost of granted titles maintained for the 2001-02 financial year? What was the average cost of safety, environmental and title management services for the 2001-02 financial year? How many clients were recipients of safety, environmental and title management services for the 2001-02?

Answer:

The Budget Papers do not refer to the average cost of providing services to 'clientele'. They do refer to the average cost of services. Whilst the estimate for the average cost of granted titles maintained for 2002-03 has been calculated and included in Budget Paper No 3, it is not possible to accurately calculate this cost for 2001-02 as the information to support the measure was not maintained last year. The department did not operate under the same output and services structure in 2001-02 so the average cost of services for that period has not been calculated. The department does not count the number of individuals who may have received services. It would be impossible to accurately identify and capture this data as some of these services could be accessed without direct contact with the department.

Question 581 (Mr Maley): What grants were allocated through the Export Marketing Assistance Scheme in 2001-02 and what is the funding level for 2002-03?

Answer:

The original 2001-02 budget allocation for the Export Marketing Assistance Scheme (EMAS) was \$80 000. Due to the success of this program, which was revamped and relaunched in 2000, this allocation was revised and \$115 228 was expended during 2001-02 to assist 34 Territory businesses with their export marketing activities. The 2002-03 Budget allocation for EMAS is \$80 000. Grants expenditure under this scheme will be published in the department's annual report.

Export Marketing Assistance Scheme (EMAS)	AMOUNT
Expenditure Drawdowns	\$
32 30 Farms	1014.00
32 30 Farms	997.00
Acacia Hills Farm Pty Ltd	2085.00
Airesearch Mapping Pty Ltd	1171.50
Airesearch Mapping Pty Ltd	1641.00
Ark Mangoes Pty Ltd	1007.00
Asianaustral Management Advice	1359.00
Australian Flower Exports	1906.00
Betapave Pty Ltd	2412.00
Brookes Australia Tours	3979.00
Capral Aluminium	1367.00
Colton Park Trading Pty Ltd	1825.00

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Delta Electrics NT Pty Ltd	3618.00
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Environmental Health Services (Asia) Pty Ltd	1757.00
Environmental Health Services (Asia) Pty Ltd	1201.00
Environmental Health Services (Asia) Pty Ltd	1063.00
Exotic Tropical Flowers	2706.00
GecOz Pty Ltd	6634.00
Gibson Peninsula Holdings Pty Ltd	1029.00
H2O Solutions (Australasia) Pty Ltd	390.00
ILive Learning Pty Ltd	5701.00
Jabiru Tropical Orchards	1928.00
Jayhak Foods	4039.00
Lake Bennett Wilderness Resort	6958.00
Martin Walker Marketing Pty Ltd (Japan)	1500.00
Martin Walker Marketing Pty Ltd (China)	1541.00
Mintech Chemical Industries Pty Ltd	1332.00
Myriad Group	2174.50
NT Glazing Consultants	847.00
Odyssey Safaris Pty Ltd	3236.00
Odyssey Safaris Pty Ltd	4302.00
Powercorp Pty Ltd	6568.00
Reman Engineering Pty Ltd	5298.00
Rocca Farming (NT)	400.00
Rocca Farming (NT)	5322.00
Sea King Seafood Supplies Pty Ltd	4876.00
Sea King Seafood Supplies Pty Ltd	4775.00
Skinny Fish Music	3114.00
Stratos Communications (Australia) Pty Ltd	1244.00
Stratos Communications (Australia) Pty Ltd	1906.00
Stratos Communications (Australia) Pty Ltd	1000.00
Stratos Communications (Australia) Pty Ltd	826.00
Thai Links	824.00
Thai Links	950.00
Tropical Flowers Australia	2994.00
Win-Asia Marketing Services	1548.00
Total Expenditure	115 228.00

Question 588 (Mr Baldwin): The *Building a Better Territory* document of June 2002 indicates that by February 2003, improved technology and information will assist with management of supply chains for mango, rambutan and cut flowers. What funding is contained in the 2002-03 budget to achieve this?

Explain the strategy.

Answer:

a) Funding contained in the 2002-03 budget for the provision of improved technology and information to assist with the management of supply chains is \$50 600 for the mango industry, \$11 100 for the cut flower industry and \$575 000 for interstate certification. There has been no specific funding for this purpose allocated for Rambutans this season.

b) In respect of Mango – ongoing development of the innovative crop forecasting program to provide timely throughput and harvest timing information is being provided to industry transport sector and wholesale retail market sectors. This will enable industry to predict and manage supply chain needs. The department is assisting the industry with Interstate Certification Assurance program and the issuing of Phytosanitary Certificates to facilitate access to markets in southern states. In respect of Rambutan – in partnership with industry non-chemical disinfestation treatments are being developed to facilitate exports to Japan. Research carried out last year is being analysed and written up. Some of this work is being done in collaboration with the Queensland DPI. In respect of cut flowers – DBIRD is facilitating dialogue between the industry and the air freight providers.

Question 595 (Mr Burke): For 2001 – 02, detail expenditure on promotions and advertising, including cost, nature, subject and purpose that focus on Northern Territory markets in the Asian and South East Asian regions.

Answer:

A total of \$69 569 was expended in 2001-02. The details of expenditure appear at Appendix B.

Question 599 (Mr Burke): Has the NT government maintained its pre-election promise to maintain the level of engagement with Asia and what allocation has been made for 2002 – 03?

Answer:

The NT government level of engagement with Asia has been maintained although there have been savings made in some areas, notably the basis for provision of services by the NT government Representative Offices in Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and East Timor. Considerable savings have been made by more targeted than the past *ad hoc* opportunistic and confused approach.

The Asian Engagement Plan will provide a fresh and strategic look at the pattern of the Territory's relationships with Asia, how they can be improved and what they can contribute to the strategic goals for Territorians and our Asian neighbours. This Plan may result in a re-distribution of resources or new initiatives when it is complete.

Whole-of-government costs for engagement with Asian cannot be identified since the allocation for these activities is encompassed broadly across all outputs of many government agencies and is not separately identified by them. Within DBIRD, the allocation for Asian relations activities appears across all outputs of DBIRD and is not accounted for separately within outputs. This is in keeping with the International Trade Strategy, which has a world-wide focus, and in keeping with DBIRD's approach to Business, Trade and Business Development.

Question 602 (Mr Baldwin): The *Building a Better Territory* document indicates that through public/private partnership models government will develop new varieties and products to continue growth of the Mango Industry (Dec 2003) Table Grapes (Dec 2003) and Cut Flowers (July 2002). (a) What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to achieve these deadlines? (b) What are the new varieties?

Answer:

a) To assist with the development of new varieties and products to continue growth in the horticulture sector we have allocated \$149 900 to the mango industry, \$20 300 to table grapes and \$185 100 to the cut flower industry which is a total of \$355 300 overall

b) In partnership with other government research agencies DBIRD developed some 1800 mango hybrids from several dozens of crosses. The department is working with a commercial partner, CSIRO and QDPI to commercialise the resulting varieties from the national mango breeding program.

In partnership with the table grape industry DBIRD is evaluating new varieties and rootstocks suited for Central Australia. Six lines of Cut Flower Zingiber hybrids were placed under provisional Plant Breeders Rights and are being evaluated for commercial viability. Nine lines of open-pollinated *Heliconia Psitticorum* were released to Cut Flower growers and are being evaluated. DBIRD is working with a commercial nursery, under an agreement to develop a unique new potted colour product. This is expected to create significant demand in southern markets.

Question 603 (Mr Baldwin): What funding allocation has been made in the 2002-03 budget for the buy-back of commercial fishing licences?

Answer:

Funding has been allocated for the buy back of an appropriate amount of commercial barramundi fishing effort to avoid displacement issues as a result of closing the McArthur River to commercial barramundi fishing. The McArthur River barramundi buy back process is in a commercially sensitive negotiation phase and it would not be in the best interest of the NT to disclose available funds until these negotiations are complete. Funds will be drawn from those obtained from the Barramundi Buy-Back levy scheme. The long-term arrangements for other commercial fisheries are currently being negotiated. When policy decision have been made sufficient funding will be sought and allocated.

Question 605 (Mr Baldwin): Under the heading Animal and Plant Resource Protection Services at page 157 of Budget Paper No 3, the estimated cost for providing animal and plant regularity control to 19 clientele is \$657 000 for the 2002-03 financial year. (a) What were the number of clientele who received animal and plant regularity control in agricultural resource protection in the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What was the average cost for providing those services in the 2001-02 financial year? And (c) What were names of client organisations which received these services for the financial year 2001-02, and the sum of money expended on each of those organisations?

Answer:

The Budget Papers do not refer to the average cost of providing services to 'clientele'. They do refer to the average cost of Services.

The 2002-03 financial year is the first period in which my department has structured its budget along output lines. The department's seven outputs represent the 2002-03 budget allocations across the scope of the department's activities. For each output, a set of performance measures are provided in Budget Paper No. 3 and these measures have been designed to reflect the services delivered in each output.

Services as identified in Budget Paper No 3 are a bringing together of related departmental activities into groupings that capture similar tasks and activities undertaken for the community. Each service captures many activities and individual transactions with clients. The number of services is the number of these groupings of similar functional activity. It is not a summation of each and every individual client transaction.

Nineteen services are provided, not 19 clients serviced. Examples of services included within this

output are:

- Entomology Protection services;
- Import clearances – Barrier services;
- Seaport operations – Barrier services; and
- Tuberculosis Freedom Assurance Program.

The department was created during the course of last year through the joining of four former agencies. The department did not have a similar collation of services for the previous financial year. However, the manner in which the outputs structure has been developed would indicate that a similar number of services were delivered last financial year.

The department did not have this outputs and services structure in 2001-02 so the average cost of services for that period has not been calculated. The services are provided across industries and individual client transactions have never been recorded. It is not possible to extract this information.

Question 606 (Mr Burke): In the mini-budget \$5.093m was allocated to Asian Relations and Trade. How much has been allocated in 2002-03 to achieve the same outcomes?

Answer:

The government's level of commitment to its Asian Relations and Trade outcomes in 2002-03 is similar to that of 2001-02. However, there has been some refocussing of priorities as a result of the International Trade Strategy which was developed in consultation with exporters. In addition, work has commenced on an Asian Engagement Plan and an Investment Strategy which, when completed, may see a further refining of programs delivering the international relations, trade development and investment facilitation functions.

The budget allocation for Asian Relations and Trade (incorporating, international relations, trade development, investment attraction and support functions) is spread broadly across a number of output groups of DBIRD and is not accounted for separately within outputs. Some of these functions are also carried out within the Office of Territory Development.

The restructuring of the NT government Representatives Offices in the 2001-02 financial year resulted in a saving of over \$550 000 over the full-year costs under the previous government. This was accomplished by closing the office in Sabah, with an arrangement for using the former representative as a consultant as required, and changing the contracting basis for the offices in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. The basis for representation in East Timor remains under review. The offices continue to be open for business providing targeted and more specialist services. Other efficiencies also arose because of the subsequent pooling of support staff functions.

Question 607 (Mr Burke): How much money is allocated in the budget to implement the International Trade Strategy that is to be launched by 30 September 2002?

Answer:

I launched the Discussion Paper on the Strategy in June 2002. The strategy is currently being finalised after extensive consultations with stakeholders. Some 45 key strategic directions and actions are identified. Implementation planning for these has already been initiated, covering the priority actions required, the allocation of responsibility, the identification of timeframes and an assessment of additional resources which may be required. No specific budget allocation has been made for the implementation of the NT International Trade Strategy in 2002-03 as it will be integrated into the workplans of the entire department.

The preparation of the strategy has allowed the trade development and support action within government to be refocussed to better meet the needs of industry and to match the resources

available within government following the formation of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development. These structural changes have opened new opportunities to achieve more within the resources of the whole agency.

A total of 32 of the strategic directions and actions are to be covered within the existing budget resources, primarily of the Business and Trade Development and Strategic Services Groups of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development. Of the remainder of the strategic directions and actions falling within the responsibility of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, two associated with on-line training and an extended WTO-compliant trade support program require specific development action before budget needs can be assessed. If additional budget resources are required, allocations will be considered in the 2003-04 budget cycle. Requests for extended support received while this development action is under way will be dealt with within the existing department's 2002-03 budget allocation.

Question 612 (Mr Burke): In your *Building a Better Territory* document, you list as a priority action to facilitate the grant of mining tenure pursuant to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*. How many mining titles and exploration licences do you expect will be issued on Aboriginal land during 2002-03?

Answer:

I cannot answer your question. As you are no doubt aware, prior to granting titles on Aboriginal Freehold Land the applicants must comply with the Commonwealth *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act*. This entails the applicant and the relevant land council entering into a Part IV agreement after consultation with traditional Aboriginal owners. This agreement must then be approved by the appropriate federal minister before the title can be granted. As the Territory has no role in these procedures, an estimate of the number of titles which may be granted is not possible.

The department does however, put considerable effort into the areas which it can influence in an effort to facilitate the grant of such titles. This it achieves through providing educational workshops on exploration and mining activities on Aboriginal communities across the Territory. The success of this program is demonstrated by the positive feedback received, in writing, from the communities and by the number of requests received from communities to revisit. Additionally, departmental staff have regular contact with land council equivalents with information being routinely shared and specific problems discussed.

Question 613 (Mr Baldwin): Under the heading Fisheries Resource Management Services at page 157 of Budget Paper No 3, the department has estimated that the cost of providing Marine Resource Management Services to six clientele will be approximately \$650 000. (a) What were the number of marine resource management services provided to clientele for the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What was the average cost of providing marine resource management services clients of the department in the 2001-02 financial year? (c) What are the names of the corporations who were the recipients of marine resource management services and the quantum of money expended in providing those resource management services?

Answer:

The Budget Papers do not refer to the average cost of providing services to 'clientele'. They do refer to the average cost of services.

The 2002-03 financial year is the first period in which my department has structured its budget along output lines. The department's seven outputs represent the 2002-03 budget allocations across the scope of the department's activities. For each output, a set of performance measures are provided in Budget Paper No. 3 and these measures have been designed to reflect the services delivered in each output.

Services as identified in Budget Paper No 3 are a bringing together of related departmental activities

into groupings that capture similar tasks and activities undertaken for the community. Each service captures many activities and individual transactions with clients. The number of services is the number of these groupings of similar functional activity. It is not a summation of each and every individual client transaction.

Examples of services included within this output are:

- Fishery Management Services;
- Recreational fishing management services; and
- Enforcement of AFZ.

The department was created during the course of last year through the joining of four former agencies. The department did not have a similar collation of services for the previous financial year. However, the manner in which the outputs structure has been developed would indicate that a similar number of services were delivered last financial year, that is six.

The department did not have this outputs and services structure in 2001-02 so the average cost of services for that period has not been calculated.

Fisheries Resource Management Services are provided for the sustainable management of the Northern Territory aquatic resource for the benefit of all Territorians. Budget Paper 3 identifies \$ 3.761m (estimated) in 2001-02 and \$3.899m (budgeted) in 2002-03 for this output.

Question 614 (Mr Burke): The Performance Measure for this area (Mining Resource Management and Regulation Services) targets 80% as an acceptable estimate for quality on issues relating to provision of tenure, safety and environmental regulations, granting and maintenance of tenure, inspection and audits of safety and environmental activities. Why would this benchmark be acceptable when industry standards for issues of this type are 100% quality?

Answer:

These performance measures are being set for the first time as estimates for the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD). The performance targets for Compliance with agreed service standards are largely notional until more experience is gained in their use across DBIRD, including in relation to Mining and Resource Management and Regulator services. The application of service standards in the previous four agencies existed but did so in a much more disparate manner and are not simply able to be aggregated. The target of 80% is within the range reported by similar agencies in other jurisdictions, for example Western Australia in its budget papers for last year states that for the output 'A system for regulating and promoting health and safety in the mineral industry' a quality standard of 80% is set.

Question 616 (Mr Burke): Mining is the most significant contributor to our economy in terms of employment, GSP, and flow on to the general economy. Under this government, it has lost departmental status, been cut nearly 5% been given a name which is unknown to almost all (including the industry); and has but one major policy initiative in the budget. Can the minister outline initiatives for this one policy area, and the additional resources provided in the budget? ('Working with indigenous groups to establish aquaculture ventures and indigenous and to develop processes to improve economic returns from exploration and mining') Budget Paper No 2 at page 150.

Answer:

In addition to the initiative mentioned in your question, there are other initiatives in the mining area being pursued by government. A number of these are mentioned in the government's Economic Development Strategy. In particular, the government is working with indigenous landowners and the land councils to facilitate land access for mining exploration and mining development. This is a key issue to be resolved to enable mining to develop further in the Territory.

Another key initiative is the development of a proposal for the extension of the Territory's exploration initiative beyond June 2003 to attract mining companies to explore in the Territory through the provision of top quality geological data.

The government is working to facilitate the development of new mining projects, such as the Compass Browns polymetallic project, Mt Grace Batchelor magnesium project and the Tanami region potential gold mines. The government has put resources into the Peko and Mt Todd rehabilitation projects to try and develop further extraction of minerals from these projects. We are also working closely with Giants Reef to develop the Chariot Mine in Tennant Creek.

The apparent reduction in expenditure of 5% is not a reduction in real terms but is due to the fact that Mt Todd rehabilitation funding is not included in this year's figures and money was expended in 2001-02 on rehabilitation at Mt Todd. In relation to budget cuts, which have been made, all outputs have to achieve savings as part of efficiency targets across government.

Question 618 (Mr Burke): What is the relationship of the group dedicated to international promotion of the Northern Territory with the Office of Territory Development and what funding and staff are allocated in total to trade development and investment attraction for the output area previously known as Asian Relations and Trade?

Answer:

The Office of Territory Development (OTD) and DBIRD work closely together on a number of activities related to trade and investment. OTD is the lead agency of the government for the development of an investment attraction strategy. DBIRD is supporting this work and in particular, builds on the industry sector components. OTD also has a lead role in the development of Darwin as a key logistics hub for the region which is again strongly supported by DBIRD and other agencies including the Darwin Port Corporation, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment and, of course, Freightlink.

My portfolio of Asian Relations and Trade is serviced from across the output groups of DBIRD. There is no specific budget allocation for Asian Relations and Trade as such. Under the previous government, Asian Relations and Trade was brought together in a small department. When we took office it was quickly apparent that a lot of work associated with developing international trade and investment was actually spread over several agencies. Accordingly, in setting up DBIRD the relationships between local, national and international trade and investment were recognised and the departmental functions integrated.

There are several officers within DBIRD that as part of their duties work on Asian Relations and Trade activities. In full time equivalents the best estimate I can provide is 20 at any given time. In a subsequent question No 743 from you I have provided some further detail on 2002-03 allocations for Asian Relations amounting to some \$1 047 000. A budget allocation for trade and investment however is not available.

Question 619 (Mr Burke): For the output group of Business, Industry and Resource Development what staff are dedicated for Asian and International investment?

Answer:

Two to three Department of Business Industry and Resource Development officers at any one time carry on dedicated investment attraction and investment facilitation functions, depending on the workload. However, the numbers of staff who are involved in promoting the Northern Territory's economic capabilities to international investors would number in the vicinity of 20 persons in any one year.

In addition to these DBIRD staff there are also officers from the Office of Territory Development and

the Darwin Port Corporation involved in promoting the Territory's economic capabilities. As well as promotional activities, some of these people work on developing investment proposals to the establishment stage. Staff contracted in the Northern Territory government's overseas offices are also required to undertake investment attraction and facilitation activities in-market. This includes the important function of identifying investors and investment opportunities.

Question 622 (Mr Burke): What visits have been undertaken by staff of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development into Asia for 2001-02? Detail by visit, cost of each visit, who were involved, both staff and private enterprise and outcome.

Answer:

Date & Destination	Cost	Staff	Private Enterprise	Outcome
June-July 2001 Jakarta	\$4984	1		As AQIS General Manager carry out pre audit inspections. Industry, Trade and Quarantine officers briefed on import process of stockfeed and imported foods into Australia.
July 2001 Kuala Lumpur	\$2700	1		Opportunity to further strengthen contacts with Malaysian National Research Institute (MARDI) and participation in the inaugural meeting of the Tropical Fruit Network established under the auspicious of Food & Agriculture Organisation of United Nations.
July 2001 Banjarmasin	\$4,835	1		Offshore Training Program Final stage completed
July 2001 Dili - Timor	\$6206	3		Baseline study - Dili Harbour Initial study for federally funded report
Aug 2001 Sabah/Brunei, Labuan	\$4,650	1	3	Develop market opportunities and awareness. Meetings with prospective buyers.
Aug 2001 Jakarta	\$4254 External Funding	1		AQIS representative carry out audit as part of Commonwealth Ausaid program to improve performance of Indonesian operations
Aug 2002 Singapore	\$1495	1	2	Implementing markets for the coming mango season, discussed markets with buyers regarding delivery & volumes.
Aug 2001 Jakarta	\$2285	1		Final agreement was obtained from the Indonesian Customs Service on the implementation of an Indonesian Customs Facility in Darwin.
Sept 2001 Indonesia	\$2200	2		Participation in a professional three day tour organised by the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.
Sept. 2001 Pontianak, Indonesia	\$16012	3	3	Australian Indonesian Business Council: information exchange, program development and networking.
Sept 2001 Brunei	\$3572	1		Support for Northern Territory participation in BIMP - EAGA was confirmed and regional contacts were reinforced.
Sept 2001 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,	\$13 627	3	6	Trade development and market intelligence, increased market awareness. Specific trade outcomes for seafood, live camels and tropical fruit.

Bangkok, Thailand & Hong Kong				
Sept 2001 Jakarta	\$2504	1		Stock Assessment Workshop Transfer of skills
Sept 2001 Denpasar Indonesia	\$3557	2		Develop Collaborative Aquaculture Projects Ongoing negotiations for federally funded projects
Sept 2001 Lombok/ Sumba	\$3731 funded by ACIAR	1	Nulik - Indonesian Counterpart	ACIAR Training Program. Local training programs evaluated
Oct 2001 Manilla	\$5137 Externally Funded AQIS	1		Co-opted by Aqis to provide input into a workshop funded by the Philippines Australia Business Council. Aim to provide clear direction to Filipino exporters targeting food products to Australia.
Oct 2001 Philippines	\$2,734	1	4	Market intelligence and awareness, understanding of construction opportunities. (Philconstruct)
Oct 2001 Dili – Timor	\$1875	3		Baseline study –Dili Harbour Ground proofing for federally funded report
Nov 2001 Jakarta	\$4289	1		Meeting requested by Indonesia Agriculture Quarantine Agency to follow up their training visit to Darwin in October. Arrange further training program using Asian development bank and finalise the content of the Draft MOU between IAQA and the department.
Nov 2001 New Delhi	\$3920	2		Present paper at the Tenth International Symposium on Mine Planning and Equipment Selection in New Delhi. Prime purpose of the conference is technology transfer.
Nov 2001 Manila	\$5734	3		Seminar/Workshop Presented papers and Agreement on Collaboration in Cattle Development Projects signed
Nov 2001 Jakarta	\$31880	1	5	Mining Indonesia 2001 Exhibition and Seminar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many contacts established and a number of business leads identified. Darwin positioned as Australia's closest city (& supply, service and distribution centre) to Indonesia. 1st meeting between Northern Territory Minister for Business, Industry & Resource Development, and Indonesian Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Productive discussions held with investors in the Northern Territory in relation to a pastoral subdivision.
Nov 2001 Hong Kong	Costs paid by T&W	1	2	To monitor and report on two shipment of mangoes sent through use of modified atmosphere technology, which allowed mangoes to be sent by Sea Freight.
Dec 2001	\$2565	2		Baseline study – Dili Harbour

Dili – Timor				Progress check of federally funded report
Nov 2001 Manila	\$10117	2	5	Workshop with Philippines Dept of Agriculture and Cattle industry. Resulted in agreement aimed at strengthening live cattle export trade.
Nov 2001 Singapore	\$ 2200	1	1	USN Regional Contracting Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · First overseas visit by AIDN-NT · Contacts established with key US Naval command personnel, technology centres, and Singaporean suppliers. · Promotion of Northern Territory supply & service industry. · Facilitated liaison between USN & Darwin Ship Repair Awareness of Singaporean educational institutions.
Jan 2002 Jakarta	\$2365 Externally Funded by AQIS	1		Invitation to participate at meetings between the Indonesian Agricultural Quarantine Agency, AQIS and the department. Invited as a member of the AQIS team to the Australian Indonesian bilateral quarantine meeting that is formed to facilitate the movement of primary products between the two countries. The NT pushed for market access of territory mangoes to the Jakarta market. Proposal is under consideration.
Jan 2002 Dili	\$800	1		Language Study (through NTU) Staff development
Jan 2002 Jakarta	\$9538	2		Advice and assistance was provided to the Chief Minister and Minister for Business Industry and Resource Development. Northern Territory commitment to participation in regional development was confirmed. Developments in the Northern Territory of potential interest to business and trade partners in Jakarta and Indonesia were promoted.
Feb 2002 Bandung, Indonesia	\$6873	2		Elders Training Successfully trained feedlot staff
Feb 2002 Manilla	Externally funded. (ACIAR)	1		Participated in Bamboo Project Meeting with collaborators from Australia and Philippines. Visited collaborating institutions and project trial sites.
Feb 2002 Denpasar Indonesia	\$3987	3		Develop Collaborative Aquaculture Projects Ongoing negotiations for federally funded projects
Feb – Mar 02 Jakarta	\$25000	1	1	Indonesia Petroleum Association Exhibition & Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Networking and contacts established with BP Tangguh extremely worthwhile. · Intelligence gathered on other resource projects and potential projects in Eastern Indonesian to enhance DPMS Division's focus on regional mining and petroleum strategy.

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April 2002 Jakarta	\$2006 externally funded by AQIS	1		Member of AQIS Audit Team
April 2002 Philippines	\$18423 funded by MLA	2		Beef Congress/Beef Standards Project Presented paper/audited 9 abattoirs and recommended improvements
April 2002 Singapore	\$32007	3	11	Food & Hotel Asia 2002 Delegates able to increase trade in seafood & produce, all gained market awareness and develop agency contacts.
April 2002 Singapore	\$2305	1		Deliver a presentation in Singapore at the 6th Annual Asia Upstream 2002 Conference, Positive publicity for NT Oil and Gas.
April 2002 Beijing	\$6442	1		World Aquaculture Conference Transfer of skills
April 2002 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	\$7600	1		Defence Services Asia 2002 Exhibition & Conference · Regional and wider awareness of NT defence support & capability · Defence force networks expanded · Demonstrated support services to visiting defence forces · Tacit recognition to formal agreement between NT and Malaysia.
April 2002 Djakarta	\$746	1		Give lecture on foreign incursions to reduce incidences.
April/May 2002 East Indonesia	\$8478 funded by ACIAR	2		ACIAR Training Program Completed project evaluation/final report
May 2002 Jakarta	\$4203	1		NT government Representative to the Board of Ansredef. The Board concerns itself with of animal health in eastern Indonesia to act as facilitator for visiting scientists and Quarantine market access. The NT and Commonwealth use this organisation for joint research programs in Indonesia.
May 2002 Jakarta/Lampung X 3 Jakarta/ Lampung/Bali x 1	\$18571	4		· Attended Senior Officials' Trade Talk meeting organised by the Indonesian Department of Industry & Trade to discuss further strengthening of trade links. · Discussions with AustAsia re: live cattle export depot operations from NT; cattle feed imports to Australia; X breed trials in Lampung feedlot. · The MOU between respective Quarantine Agencies was signed at this meeting. Mr Killen continued on to Bali and held a preliminary meeting to discuss the implementation of the Bali MOU.
May 2002 Manila, Bangkok, Singapore and Jakarta	\$6414	1		A visit was made to the Northern Territory's regional offices to renegotiate the implementation of the contracts of the regional offices.

June 2002 Manila	\$2234	1		Dr Howard Dengate attended the Philippines - Australia Joint Commission Meeting in Manila.
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Question 624 (Mr Burke): What overseas representation through government offices, consultancies or both were operating to service Northern Territory markets in the Asian and South East Asian regions during 2001-02? Provide costs and detail of each area.

Answer:

In 2001-02, the NT government maintained Government Representative Offices in Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and East Timor. The office in Sabah was closed in February 2002 with an agreement that the former Representative could be used as a consultant on a daily basis as required.

DBIRD paid \$51 244 for consultancies to service markets in Asia during 2001-02. The majority of this expenditure was to unwind overly-generous arrangements, made by the previous government, to identify trade projects. Consultancies also provided Chairmanship of the Joint Policy Committee and confidential briefings.

The details of the individual offices have not been revealed in the past as they are commercially sensitive and may disadvantage the NT in negotiation. Therefore an aggregate figure is provided: In 2001-02, the Government Representative Offices in Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Sabah cost \$768 429. The East Timor office is not run on a consultancy basis but employs an outplaced NT public servant. This office cost \$258 000 in 2001-02. The total for NT government offices is thus \$1 026 429 in 2001-02 or \$1 051 429 if management costs of \$25 000 are included.

Question 625 (Mr Maley): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

The agency's budget for 2002-03 when adjusted for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation will be \$70.71m. The equivalent adjusted budget for 2001-02 was \$76.878m. This decrease is largely explained by transfers out of the agency (Weeds Branch) and external funding that has not been included in the budget. Additional external funding is expected to be received during the year. While the amount sought in this question has been provided it should be noted that the Budget estimate, nett of these various amounts, has no real meaning. Agencies pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other service provider. These items need to be included to assess the full costs of outputs.

Question 626 (Mr Baldwin): Under the heading Animal and Plant Industry Production Services the department estimates that the average cost of providing services to 32 clientele will be \$659 000 for the 2002-03 financial year. (a) What are the number of animal and plant industry production services provided to clientele for the 2001-02 financial year? (b) What was the average cost of providing those services in the year 2001-02? And (c) If a reduction has occurred, how many jobs were lost?

Answer:

(a) The Budget Papers do not refer to the average cost of providing services to 'clientele'. They do refer to the average cost of services.

The 2002-03 financial year is the first period in which my department has structured its budget along output lines. The department's seven outputs represent the 2002-03 budget allocations across the

scope of the department's activities. For each output, a set of performance measures are provided in Budget Paper No. 3 and these measures have been designed to reflect the services delivered in each output.

Services as identified in Budget Paper No 3 are a bringing together of related departmental activities into groupings that capture similar tasks and activities undertaken for the community. Each service captures many activities and individual transactions with clients. The number of services is the number of these groupings of similar functional activity. It is not a summation of each and every individual client transaction. Examples of services included within this output are:

- Animal Pathology;
- Plant Pathology;
- Animal Disease Surveillance; and
- Research, development and extension for improved pasture, hay and seed production.

The department was created during the course of last year through the joining of four former agencies. The department did not have a similar collation of services for the previous financial year. However, the manner in which the outputs structure has been developed would indicate that a similar number of services were delivered last financial year, that is 32.

(b) The department did not have this output and services structure in 2001-02 so the average cost of services for that period has not been calculated

(c) Changes in the cost of delivering services will not necessarily equate to job losses. There are many reasons why the cost of service delivery might fall. Some of these include the fact that current estimates of external funding receipts are less than last year's receipts and the transfer of functions such as Weeds branch. There may also be some staff reductions through natural attrition.

Question 627 (Mr Maley): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

The only state tax that the agency paid in 2001-02 was payroll tax: \$2.725m
The only state tax that is included in the 2002-03 budget is payroll tax: \$2.192m

Question 628 (Mr Maley): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? (iii) and where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) No; (ii) Not applicable; (iii) Not applicable

Question 630 (Mr Maley): How many staff are employed by the minister in his ministerial office, including Alice Springs or any other centre. How many of these staff are paid for by the Department of the Chief Minister and how many are paid for by the minister's agency or department?

Answer:

The Chief Minister has answered Part 1 of this question with respect to the number of staff employed in Ministerial Offices. I have a total of seven staff. There are an additional two staff paid by DBIRD as DLOs located in my ministerial office.

Question 632 (Mr Maley): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office, (b) by the minister's department or agency, and (c) by the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

(a) This question will be answered by the Chief Minister with the information provided by the department of the Chief Minister.

(b) The total amount of advertising expenditure for the department in 2001-02 was \$569 000. The promotional expenditure for the same period was \$1 261 030 and is broken down as follows:

- Marketing and Promotion consultants: \$28 615
- Exhibitions and displays: \$354 423
- Marketing and promotion (other): \$319 433
- Document production: \$558 559

For the financial year 2001-02, departmental systems were not in place to track how much the department spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister. To obtain this information would require a search of all the department's advertising, promotional and other material to identify specific cases and then a search of source financial data to identify costs. This would be a major task that I am not preferred to undertake.

Obviously it is important for me as minister to support the programs and activities of the department to promote the Territory, its industries and the range of services of my department. I see no value in setting up artificial reporting and financial structures within the department to separately cost those activities or materials in which I have some form of involvement.

(c) The Chief Minister will answer this question with information provided by the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 636 (Mr Maley): (i) How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? (ii) How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? (iii) How many were employed by the agency on August 29 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? (iv) How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? (v) How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

(i) The term activity has no particular meaning under the new framework. This question cannot be precisely answered as the agency's outputs do not mirror with the organisational structure and include an apportionment of corporate staffing. Many staff work on more than one output therefore their salary needs to be apportioned across outputs. This is a process of estimation rather precise measurement. The following is an estimated apportionment of current staffing levels to each output group.

For the Output Group Business, Trade and Industry Development Services the total staff number is 446. This is made up of 113 against the output Business, Trade and Industry Development Services, 14 in Business, Trade and Industry Assistance Services, 107 in Information on Territory Resources and 212 in against the output Animal and Plant Industry Production Services.

In the Resource Management Services Output Group there is a total of 199 staff. This is broken into 88 against the Mining and Petroleum Resource Management Services output, 20 against the Fisheries Resource Management Services and 91 against the Animal and Plant Resource Protection Services.

As at the 28 August 2002 the number of staff was 645.

(ii) As at 28 August 2002 DBIRD's staffing consisted of 515 full-time permanent employees, 98 temporary full-time employees, 9 part-time casuals, 17 permanent part time employees and 6 part-time temporary employees.

(iii) The combined staff for the four former agencies as at 29 August 2001 was a total of 871. This consisted of 670 full-time permanent employees, 142 full-time temporary employees, 34 casuals, 21 permanent part-timers and 4 temporary part-timers.

(iv) The combined staffing numbers at the time of the restructuring of the public service on 13 November 2001 were 861. This comprised 673 permanent staff, 137 temporary employees, 24 casuals, 22 permanent part-timers and 5 temporary part-timers.

(v) In the last pay period of August, that is 28 August 2002, there was a total of 645 employees in DBIRD. This figure was made up of 515 permanent staff, 98 temporary employees, 9 casuals, 17 permanent part timers and 6 temporary part timers. These figures do not include staff transferred to other agencies following the November 2001 restructure. Following the departmental restructures last year a total of 178 staff of the four departments that came together to form DBIRD were transferred with their responsibilities to other departments. I table a summary of the above.

	29/08/01	29/08/02
	Full time	Part-timeFull-timePart-time
Permanent a	670	2151517
Temporary b	142	4986
Casual		349
	812	5961332
Total Staff	871	645

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (that is, staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes staff on temporary contracts. The break down of staff on contracts (that is, not permanently appointed) is categorised below.

Staffing	29/08/01	29/08/02
Non – Permanent	42	31
Executive Contract Officer	134	82
Other		
Total	176	113

Question 639 (Mr Maley): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

Total expenditure by Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment for Repairs & Maintenance Program for 2001-02 for the former departments now comprising DBIRD was \$1 421 959.74. The honourable member should note that we have in the 2002-03 year increased the Repairs & Maintenance Budget by an additional \$310 000 resulting in an overall programme of \$1 731 000. The additional \$310 000 represents a 22% increase over the previous year's program.

Question 642 (Mr Maley): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

In 2001-02 DBIRD incurred expenditure of approximately \$4.570m in relation to services provided by other government agencies. It is anticipated that a similar level of expenditure will be incurred as a result of services provided to DBIRD by these agencies in 2002-03. These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction.

Question 648 (Mr Baldwin): Provide funding details in the 2002-03 budget for the trial of cotton in the Northern Territory. (a) Is this allocation an increase or decrease over the 2001-02 financial year? (b) Where will these trials occur? (c) What area of land will be under trial to cotton during the 2002-03 year? (d) Provide details of all agencies involved in the trials, including non-government agencies, and private entities.

Answer:

(a) The current allocation in the 2002-03 budget for the trial of cotton in the Northern Territory is \$310 000. This relates to personnel and operational costs associated with the project and is the same amount that was provided for in the 2001-02 budget. It is anticipated that a further \$230 000 will be received in direct funding from the Cotton Cooperative Research Centre (Cotton CRC) and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation, (CRDC) in 2002-03. In addition to this, \$120 000 is also expected to be raised from the sale into Queensland of cotton grown in the trials. If this external revenue is achieved, it would be an increase of approximately \$150 000 compared to external funds received in 2001-02.

(b) 45 hectares will again be grown on Katherine Research Station in 2002/03. It has been proposed by CSIRO in a submission to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator to grow a similar size area for a research trial on a leased site off the Research Station. Up to 4 Hectares may be grown at Douglas Daly Research Farm. Planting time is not be before March 2003.

(c) The proposal from CSIRO outlines the total area of land in the NT under trial to be less than 100 hectares.

(d) Agencies directly involved in the cotton trials are CSIRO, DBIRD, the Cotton Cooperative Research Centre and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation.

Question 666 (Mr Baldwin): Varieties of banana that have been identified as resistant or tolerant to Panama disease will be concluded by December 2002. What funds are allocated to develop these varieties?

Answer:

\$100 000 is allocated in 2002-03 to identify banana varieties which are resistant or tolerant to Panama disease. A further \$91 000 is anticipated to be received from Horticulture Australia Ltd. This has not yet been incorporated into the budget. Preliminary screening is expected to be concluded by December 2002. Further work will be carried out on screening varieties of bananas imported from Taiwan and currently in quarantine.

Question 671 (Mr Baldwin): \$0.9m has been included in the 2002-03 budget for Indigenous Community Fisheries Officers. (a) How many officers will this employ? (b) Where will they be located? (c) What powers will they have as Fisheries Officers? And (d) is government employee housing available to these officers?

Answer:

\$0.09m was included in the 2002-03 budget for Indigenous Community Fisheries Officers. Through consultation it has been determined that the Indigenous Community Fisheries Officers are to be called Marine Rangers. (a) To date there are four Marine Rangers being trained for the Gulf Region and one at Pirlangimpi on the Tiwi Islands. No officers are directly employed by the Northern Territory government, funding is made available to relevant community organisations for the employment of Marine Rangers. (b) Location – Borroloola, South West Gulf region and Pirlangimpi, Tiwi Islands. (c) No powers as Fisheries Officers under the *Fisheries Act*. Special Marine Ranger training has been arranged with the NT Police as to the extent of the duties of these people. However, the Marine rangers may choose to undergo further training that on successful completion would meet Fisheries Officer requirements. (d) Any available housing can be expected to be similar to that of similar positions in the employ of the Community.

Question 678 (Mr Baldwin): Detail the total 2002-03 budget allocation for the operation of all Northern Territory Research Farms. (a) Is this allocation on increase or decrease over the 2001-02 allocation? (b) Detail the operational funding for each research farm individually. (c) Will all research farms continue to function during 2002-03 at their present level? And (d) detail the primary functions and research programs of each of the farms.

Answer:

The total 2002-03 budget allocation for Research Farms including research orchards is \$2.725m. The decrease of \$0.493m on 2001-02 will be offset by additional revenue generated and implemented efficiency measures.

Program 2002-03 \$
Management Overall Farms 362 112
Berrimah Research Farm 498 170
Beatrice Hill Farm 171 520
Coastal Plains Horticulture Research Farm 312 500
Douglas Daly Research Farm 555 667
Katherine Research Station 347 184
Victoria River Research Station 229 931
Ti Tree 73 500
Alice Springs Research Station 174 415
TOTAL 2 725 000

Yes, the research farms will continue to function at their present level. Additional revenue will be generated through produce sales over and above the budget allocation and efficiency measures will be adopted. Further opportunities to increase produce sales and generate additional funding will be pursued in subsequent years.

Details of the primary function and research programs at each DBIRD research facility

Berrimah Farm

- Base for Primary Industry Group and Fisheries Group staff and operational base for their Research, Development, Extension and Regulatory programs.
- Base for the Northern Territory Veterinary Laboratory and associated national virus research programs requiring livestock on site.
- Provides paddock area for small scale intensive pasture research plots and for seed production.
- Horticultural Research program

Beatrice Hill Farm

- Research centre for buffalo production in the NT.
- Riverine buffalo cross breeding program.
- Tender buff market development program.
- Brunei supermarket and export buffalo program.
- Floodplain utilisation and pasture development program.
- National arbovirus monitoring program.

Coastal Plains Horticulture Research Farm

- Banana Panama Disease Program and Quarantine Facility.
- Australian National Mango Breeding Program.
- National Australian Cocoa Development Alliance research site.
- Collaborative CSIRO mango productivity research site.
- Culinary Bamboo Shoot Program.
- Ornamental Ginger Program.
- Tropical Exotic Fruit Program.
- Asian Vegetable Program.
- Mastotermes Termite research site.

Douglas Daly Research Farm

- Research centre for mixed farming development in the NT.
- Cattle production from intensive improved pastures, program.
- Farming systems research using crops, pastures and cattle.
- Hay production and hay quality programs.
- Dryland cropping concentrating on sesame production.
- Irrigated farming production concentrating on peanuts and rotation crops.
- National arbovirus monitoring program.

Katherine Research Station

- Base for Primary Industry Group staff in Katherine and base for Research Development and Extension programs for the Katherine district and VRD.
- Cattle production research projects, mainly cattle cross breeding work.
- Irrigated crop production research concentrating on cotton and rotational crops.
- Pasture species and seed production program.
- Sesame crop production including, variety breeding and selection program.
- National arbovirus monitoring program.
- Horticultural research program.

Victoria River Research Station

- Pastoral production systems research.
- Cattle breeds and Best Bet Production systems.
- Rangelands management and monitoring.
- Fire management

Ti Tree

- Research with citrus - Redflesh Grapefruit, Naval oranges, mandarin and lemons.
- Research with developing alternate crops for the industry, including low-chill stone fruit, mango,

asparagus.

- Assist the local industry to maintain area freedom from fruit fly, which assist the industry to maintain market access for interstate trade.
- Provision of phytosanitary certificates to assist with irrigation scheduling, to further improve water use efficiency for the industry. Also monitor individual bore water use readings in the Ti Tree Farms area.
- Provide a Centre for local growers to visit and seek assistance when needed, as well as a place for regular meeting with local growers. This facility is also used for delivery of workshops, courses to the growers in the area.

Arid Zone Research Institute - Alice Springs

- Base for Primary Industry Group staff in Alice Springs an base for Research, Development and Extension programs for Central Australia.
- Cattle production research program.
- Horticultural research program.

Question 684 (Mr Baldwin): What amounts have been allocated by Commonwealth and industry agencies to the Territory Primary Industry and Fisheries programs for the 2001-02 financial year, listed as amounts for each agency and purpose?

Answer:

Funding Body	Project Name	Revenue as at 30/06/02 \$	
Commonwealth	Tuberculosis Freedom Assurance Program	403 336	424 501
Animal Health Australia	Spongiform Surveillance Program	17 965	24 299
Commonwealth Primary Industries and Energy	Disease Risk Assessment	133 091	123 518
Commonwealth Dept. Primary Industries and Energy	Flavivirus Monitoring	3716	19 211
Commonwealth	Yellow Waters Barra Survey	7476	-
Natural Heritage Trust	Coast & Clean Seas	5000	20 492
Natural Heritage Trust	FAP Coordinator	13 096	26 240
Australian Agency for Industrial Development	East Timor Aid	22 500	18 851
Natural Heritage Trust	Angler Diary	31 100	218
Australian Fishing Management Authority	Routine Surveillance	459 371	466 007
Australian Fishing Management Authority	Apprehensions & Prosecutions	219 303	230 983
Commonwealth of Australia	Prototype Envelope	5320	-
Australian Quarantine Inspection Service	Protection	2 773 933	2 795 066
Australian Quarantine Inspection Service	Exotic Fruit Fly Consultancy	9500	17 939
Commonwealth of Australia	Farmbis 2	187 329	138 018
Natural Heritage Trust	Mimosa Pigra Research	1 154 308	412 502
Natural Heritage Trust	Barkly Management Course Project	13 210	10 750

Natural Heritage Trust	Tech. Transfer-Pastoral Land Manag.	46 550	81 934
Natural Heritage Trust	Grazing Regimes Biodiversity	46 200	6050
Natural Heritage Trust	Weeds of National Significance	406 450	16 167
Cooperative Research Centre	Secondment S. Martin	90 500	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Nth. Australia Cocoa Industry Study	42 716	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Mango Flowering Project	9000	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Improving Interaction	28 000	
Aust. International Centre for Agriculture Research	Phytophthora Disease in Durian	17 701	
Central Queensland University	Bamboo Shoots Project	23 680	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Extension & Communication NESB	6000	
Horticulture Industries	Banana Panama Disease Facility	125 000	
Meat and Livestock Australia	Student Program	3181	
Meat and Livestock Australia	Cattle Export into SE Asia	48 000	
Cooperative Research Centre	Cotton –Insect Dynamics	108 247	
Cooperative Research Centre	Cotton Sites Farming	77 556	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Co-Grazing of Cattle and Camel	5000	
Australia Centre for International Agriculture Research	Training of Animal Husbandry	20 000	
Natural Heritage Trust	Revegetation Tropical	17 400	
Industry	Sesame Breeding – Narromine	8000	
Fishing Industry	Fishing Industry Research & Dev.	381 399	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Mudcrab Production System	111 252	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Mudcrab PHD	15 000	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Historical Atlas	13 500	
Australia Centre for International Agriculture Research	Snapper Project	42 345	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Aquatic Pest Procedures	23 568	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Wildstock Mudcrab Abundance	267 875	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Stock Nth WA Spanish Mackerel	32 046	
Cooperative Research Centre	Tropical Plant Protection	25 000	
Indigenous Land Corporation	Weeds Management	356 875	
Meat and Livestock Australia	Sustainable Beef Production	26 691	
Cooperative Research Centre	Secondment R Dyer	27 550	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Genetic Tagging	15 500	

TOTAL	7 927 336
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Question 688 (Mr Maley): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03 and what are the sources of that revenue.

Answer:

The \$4.26m reduction in the Agency revenue between 2001-02 and 2002-03 is predominantly made up of a fall in Commonwealth grants, a fall in funding from external bodies and an increase in Other Agency revenue. It also includes revenue associated with the transfer of the Weeds Branch to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment.

The decrease of \$3.459m in grants and subsidies relates to the Renewable Remote Power Generation Program, the Photovoltaic Rebate Program, the Regional Mineral Study, Weeds Branch project funds, Mudcrab aquaculture, Spanish Mackerel and Snapper research. Additional revenue for these and other projects is expected to be received during the year.

The decrease of \$1.4m in external funding relates to decreases for Mt Todd Rehabilitation, research into the cotton industry and the transfer of funding relating to the Weeds Branch. Additional funding is expected during the year for these and other projects.

The increase in other revenue is a result of the change in the treatment of the Offshore Petroleum Rents. These have been incorporated into the Agency revenue as they are received in lieu of a reimbursement of administrative costs.

The predominant source of agency revenue is from the Commonwealth. The agency also receives revenue from various industry participants, corporations and businesses for licence fees and rents, charges for services and contributions to projects.

Question 690 (Mr Baldwin): The *Building a Better Territory* document of June 2002 indicates that government will establish best practice for grower groups as a way to increase the efficiency with which industry adopts new technology and information for: Mango (August 2002); Table grapes (June 2002); Rambutan (January 2003); Cut flowers (June 2002): (a) What funding is contained in the 2002-03 budget for the implementation and completion of these strategies? (b) What is the current status of these strategies?

Answer:

a) Funding contained in the 2002-03 budget for the implementation and completion of best practice strategies for the grower groups was for the Mango growers \$137 200, for the Table Grape growers \$139 500, for the Rambutan growers \$17 700 and the Cut Flower growers \$22 100. This makes the total amount provide \$316 500.

b) In partnership with the mango industry association, grower groups have been targeted for a technical workshop program. In addition, an Industry Development Officer has been seconded from DBIRD to the mango industry association to facilitate technology transfer. A best practice grower group for Table Grapes is operational and is sharing knowledge both within the industry and between DBIRD and the industry. The group is actively addressing identified areas of need. Workshops were held with industry in June and outcomes from research presented to industry for consideration. The workshop program will continue. Ongoing technical support for nutrition and irrigation of Rambutan through a group benchmarking process has taken place and technical guidelines are now being developed. A best practice grower group for Cut Flowers is operational and is sharing knowledge both within the industry and also between DBIRD and industry. The group is actively addressing identified areas of need. This is being addressed as a component of the Cut Flower Industry Development Plan. All above strategies will be continued into future seasons.

Question 693 (Mr Reed): How much is allocated in the 2002-03 budget for cotton research at (a) the

Katherine Research Station; and (b) other research stations?

Answer:

See answer to question 648:

The current allocation in the 2002-03 budget for the trial of cotton in the Northern Territory is \$310 000. This relates to personnel and operational costs associated with the project and is the same amount that was provided for in the 2001-02 budget.

It is anticipated that a further \$230 000 will be received in direct funding from the Cotton Cooperative Research Centre (Cotton CRC) and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation, (CRDC) in 2002-03. In addition to this, \$120 000 is also expected to be raised from the sale into Queensland of cotton grown in the trials. If this external revenue is achieved, it would be an increase of approximately \$150 000 compared to external funds received in 2001-02.

Katherine Research Station in 2002-03. It has been proposed by CSIRO in a submission to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator to grow a similar size area for a research trial on a leased site off the Research Station. Up to 4 hectares may be grown at Douglas Daly Research Farm. Planting time is not be before March 2003.

The proposal from CSIRO outlines the total area of land in the NT under trial to be less than 100 hectares. Agencies directly involved in the cotton trials are CSIRO, DBIRD, the Cotton Cooperative Research Centre and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation.

Question 696 (Mr Maley): Explain what the entry 'expenses relating to prior year receipts' or, in the case of some agencies, 'receipts relating to prior year expenses' means. Detail what the amounts listed against this entry are for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

Agencies sometimes receive revenue, particularly from the Commonwealth, after the expenses have been incurred. Where this occurs between financial years, the agency will receive revenue that should not be used to calculate nett appropriation. Therefore the item 'receipts relating to prior year expenses' identifies revenue which is not available for use from the operating account, and increases the requirement for appropriation. In DBIRD's case, the revenue has both been received in prior years and there was a transfer out of revenue associated with a transfer of function. The significant items contributing to these amounts are:

Description	2001-02	2002-03
	\$000	\$000
Transfer of Budget from DIB as a result of the Administrative Restructure	4 295	-2 555
Transfer of Use of Balances associated with Racing, Gaming and Licensing functions	-4 295	
Transfer of Budget from DPIF as a result of the Administrative Restructure	1 039	
Transfer of Budget from DME as a result of the Administrative Restructure	840	
Transfer of Budget from DART as a result of the Administrative Restructure	338	
NT Government contribution to the Regional Mineral Study as per contracted agreement	10	
Allocation for balances associated with externally funded projects (Recreational Fishing Survey \$81 000 and Natural Heritage Trust \$117 000	198	
Receipts in 2001-02 from the Commonwealth for various projects anticipated	-2168	2168

to be expended in 2002-03		
The Weed Management Branch has transferred from DBIRD to DIPE. Allocation in 2002-03 for weed management receipts in 2001-02 are to transfer also		-1176
Accounts payable adjustment	62	
Accounts receivable adjustment	-324	
TOTAL	-5	-1563

Question 697 (Mr Maley): What promotional activities of the Northern Territory's history, attractions or resources in any form, including electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? What were the titles of all the promotional activities referred to in question 1? What was the total amount spent on the promotional activities referred to in question 1 by the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development or its agencies? Of the promotional activities referred to in question 1, which were assisted by (a) payments in advance; (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and (c) use of government administration support at no charge? What was the total value of the assistance rendered in each promotional activity? Which of the promotions contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion? How many and in which of the promotional activities were there provisions for the costs incurred by the Northern Territory government or its agencies to be offset against future royalty income? 8. In how many, and in which of the promotional activities, were expressions of interest or tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion?

Answer:

The department undertakes a very extensive program of promotional activities as costed in the answer to part 3 of this question. Most of this activity involves the use of private services, utilised in conjunction with the department's Communications Unit internal resources. Some of this private engagement is specific to individual projects whilst others are private services obtained for the broader use across a number of projects. Accordingly it is not possible to provide a simple listing along the lines you have sought. I also comment that the period you have sought to cover, September 2001 to September 2002, covers parts of two financial years, relates to DBIRD since its creation on 13 November 2001 and four previous agencies before then and involves a change between the financial years on the structure of the department's ledgers and financial arrangements.

Most of the department's promotional activity and material involves the use of private service in one form or another as indicated in 1. Much of this material does not have a 'title' as such. The titles of all printed publications are currently being assembled for inclusion in the department's Annual Report due for release in the next couple of months.

From 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002, the department expended a total of \$1 695 781 on all promotional and advertising activities across all programs. This can be broken down as follows:

- Advertising: \$443 030
- Marketing and Promotion consultants: \$47 619
- Exhibitions and displays: \$369 612
- Marketing and promotion (other): \$292 965
- Document production: \$542 556

The department's records do not separate those promotional activities (where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency) as indicated in the answer to part 1 of this question. None of the promotional activities undertaken by the department involved: (a) payments in advance; (b) use of government facilities at no charge; or (c)

use of government administration support at no charge. The total amount expended on promotional activities was nil. Payment of royalties only occurs where private sector owned photo images are procured. None of the department's promotion activities provide a source of royalty revenue that could be used to offset costs. As indicated in part 1, the range of privately engaged services is extensive and varied. The department complied with the NT government procurement processes for the engagement of these services.

Question 704 (Mr Maley): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

Given the changes to both the departmental structure and to the basis of financial management and financial presentation, it is not practical to break down and align outputs and activities from 2001-02 estimated expenditure and 2002-03 budgets in Budget Paper No 3 to the mini-budget. One budget book is cash and the other is accrual, and the outputs and activities do not align so a breakdown at this level is not provided.

Budget Paper No 3 at page 153 aligns 2001-02 with 2002-03 on the basis of the current outputs structure and this shows accrual estimates of \$83.840m and \$78.569m respectively. The total cash operating expenses shown in the mini-budget for 2001-02 is \$80.252m. Conversion of this whole of agency total cash budget to align with the 2001-02 accrual form would require the following adjustments:

- Add depreciation of \$4.237m
- Less Capital Items of \$0.5m
- Less Advances of \$0.193m
- Add other minor accrual adjustment \$0.014m.
- Add other approved budget variations totalling a nett additional \$0.03m.

Question 706 (Mr Maley):

(a) What advertising/ promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Office of the Minister for Business, Industry and Resource Development, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002?

(b) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (a) by the Office of the Minister for Business, Industry and Resource Development, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister?

(c) What advertising/ promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of the Minister for Business Industry and Resource Development, or any of its agencies in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002?

(d) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (c) by the Department of the Minister for Business, Industry and Resource Development and its agencies?

Answer:

This question has been answered by the Chief Minister.

The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development was not created until 13 November 2001. The period for which you seek information accordingly includes information from the former four departments now making up DBIRD. Some functions of some of these former departments were transferred to agencies other than DBIRD. The department did not undertake specific advertising/promotional activities of me as minister. The nature of the department, however, is that it has an extensive program of promotion of the Territory, the industries serviced by the department and business and industry development activities. These include shows, exhibitions, promotion of events and awards, publications, website material, advertising and the like!

Where appropriate, I as minister support these programs either in person, by messages such as forwards and in some cases by personal photographs of the minister. For example, at the NT Expo and NT Shows my photograph appears amongst the overall displays providing advice to the community of the link between the ministerial portfolio and the department. The department's records do not separate these references to me from the overall cost of the material \$1 695 853 was expended on advertising and promotional activities by all areas of the department from 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002. This figure can be broken down as follows:

- Advertising: \$443 030
- Marketing and Promotion consultants: \$114 651
- Exhibitions and displays: \$302 579
- Marketing and promotion (other): \$293 037

Question 709 (Mr Maley): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's Budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The budget improvement target for 2001-02 was \$1.9m on-going and was achieved. The 2001-02 budget was not developed under the current Output structure and as such the budget improvement target cannot be presented at this level. The 2001-02 Estimates were back cast on an apportionment basis from the Functional Area to the 2002-03 Output structure. The budget improvement target for 2002-03 is an additional \$1.054m ongoing, giving a total of \$2.955m for the year.

In addition to the budget improvement of \$2.954m, an administrative restructure target savings of \$980 000 has been set. The administrative restructure target relates to efficiencies to be achieved through the bringing together of four agencies into one. These savings measures of \$3.934m were absorbed as follows:

Corporate Management \$0.359m
Business Trade Development \$0.805m
Strategic Services \$0.760m
Primary Industry \$1.296m
Fisheries \$0.072m
Minerals and Energy \$0.642m

The savings were identified at Functional Area level and are managed by Group Heads. Each group contributes to more than one Output, and the savings are managed at the Functional Area level rather than the output or service level. As the 2001-02 budget was not managed at the Output level, we are

unable to apply the savings directly to the Output structure. The cash relating to the budget improvement is not included in the agency's budget for precisely the reason it is a saving.

Question 712 (Mr Maley): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and the Working for Outcomes model has been achieved through the use of existing resources, maximisation of previously unused features available in corporate and agency systems, and training and coordination provided by Treasury and DCIS. This has occurred over the last 18 months and will continue over the next two to three years. It would not be possible to differentiate the costs related to these developments from other financial management costs except in respect of a consultancy issued by my department seeking advice on accrual implementation issues. This consultancy amounted to \$19 500 expended in 2002-03.

Question 732 (Mr Maley): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

In 2001-02 DBIRD receipted approximately \$586 000 in revenue from other government agencies. It is anticipated that a similar level of revenue will be receipted in 2002/03 from these agencies. These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction. The second part of this question has been answered in addressing question 642 which was that DBIRD in 2001-02 incurred expenditure of approximately \$4.57m in relation to services provided by other government agencies.

Question 743 (Mr Burke): What is the allocation for Asian Relations by output for 2002-03?

Answer:

The allocation for Asian Relations activities is encompassed broadly across all outputs of DBIRD and is not accounted for separately within outputs. This is in keeping with the International Trade Strategy, which has a world-wide focus, and in keeping with DBIRD's approach to Business, Trade and Business Development. Three allocations for 2002-03 can be distinguished:

- the allocation for Asian Relations by output for 2002-03 is \$408 581. This sum provides for the employment of five people and covers operating expenses;
- the allocation for NT Representative Offices, which are maintained in Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and East Timor, at \$531 000;
- the allocation for Market Development program which provides after-sales service and training within Primary Industry, at \$107 000.

All other allocations are contained in outputs across DBIRD and cannot be readily dissected.

Question 748 (Mr Burke): With regard to trade between the Northern Territory, Asia and South East Asia the period 2001 – 02, has there been increased investment in the Northern Territory as a result of direct capital or joint venture partnerships? Provide details.

Answer:

First let me say there is no collection of foreign investment statistics available that details what foreign investment occurs in the Territory. This has been the case as you would be aware in past years.

Accordingly, it is not possible to provide a definitive answer to your request including detailed breakdowns.

Invest Australia, the Australian government organisation charged with the foreign investment role and the Foreign Investment Review Board only capture some investment information and some of the collations are segregated with other smaller Australian jurisdictions for confidentiality reasons.

The Territory government's knowledge of Asian and South East Asian investment in the Territory is also limited. In some cases investors do make their investment decisions known to government but in many areas such as in general real estate market this is not the case. In many instances, even if the government is aware of Asian investor involvement in the Territory, the details of investment values are not disclosed. For example, we are aware of significant investment by AustAsia to purchase the former Katherine dairy and to convert it into a major live cattle export facility. The financial details, however, are not public or disclosed to me or my officers. This is a good example of a joint venture arrangement between Australian and Indonesian interests.

Question 752 (Mr Burke): For each Asian country visited by NT government ministers, itemise outcome achieved for each of the visits for 2001–02.

Answer:

In my capacity as the Minister for Asian Relations and Trade visited a number of Asian countries Portfolios. The outcomes achieved for my visits were:

15-16 September 2001, Dili, East Timor: The Chief Minister and the Minister for Asian Relations and Trade accepted an invitation to attend the swearing in of the newly elected members of the government of East Timor. Close contacts already established by this government with individuals who were elected to the government of East Timor were reinforced.

6-8 November 2001, Jakarta, Indonesia: Productive discussions were held with investors in the Northern Territory in relation to a pastoral subdivision and with a major supermarket chain regarding sourcing through Darwin. The minister successfully attended the Mining Indonesia 2001 Exhibition and Seminar in Jakarta. Attendance at this seminar provided an opportunity for Darwin to be identified as the closest Australian supply and distribution centre to Indonesia. An opportunity was also afforded for the minister to hold an introductory meeting with his counterpart, the Minister for Mining and Energy in the Indonesian government. The minister also hosted a reception for the business leaders in the Indonesian oil and gas area.

27-31 January 2002, Jakarta, Indonesia: The Chief Minister and the Minister for Asian Relations and Trade met with the President and relevant ministers of the Indonesian government. The Northern Territory government's commitment to participation in regional development was confirmed. Developments in the Northern Territory of potential interest to business and trade partners in Jakarta and Indonesia were promoted. This especially relates to the development of Darwin as the gateway for Australia's trade with the region and to potential developments in the joint promotion of tourism.

The Northern Territory government's commitment to the development of trade and cultural ties with Indonesia in accordance with the terms set out in the Memorandum of Understanding was signalled. The holding of trade talks at a senior officials level were promoted and the first of these meetings has since been held in Jakarta on 22 May 2002. A further meeting will be held in Darwin in October 2002. Final go-ahead for an Indonesian Customs Facility in Darwin was given agreement by the Indonesian Minister for Finance. Meetings were held with a range of business people who have interests and potential for investing in the Northern Territory.

19-20 May 2002, Dili, East Timor: The Chief Minister and the Minister for Asian Relations and Trade attended the first East Timor Independence Day Celebration. The relationship between the governments of East Timor and the Northern Territory was strengthened. Valuable personal contacts

within the government of East Timor were reinforced.

Question 1114 (Mr Burke): For each Asian country visited by NT government ministers, itemise objectives achieved for each of the visits for 2001 – 02.

Answer:

During 2001-02 as Minister for Asian Relations and Trade I undertook the following trips and achieve the following objectives.

15-16 September 2001, Dili, East Timor

- To accept an invitation from the new government of East Timor to attend the swearing in of its newly elected members;
- To promote a closer relationship with the government of East Timor by building on the close contacts already established by this government with individuals who were elected in East Timor.

6-8 November 2001, Jakarta, Indonesia

- To hold talks with members of the Indonesian business community in relation to trade and investment opportunities in the Northern Territory.
- To attend a mining expo in Jakarta.

27-31 January 2002, Jakarta, Indonesia

- To introduce the Chief Minister and Minister for Asian Relations of the Northern Territory to the President and relevant ministers of the Indonesian government.
- To initiate the Northern Territory government's proposal to work towards the development of a close and balanced relationship with the Indonesian government.
- To confirm the Northern Territory government's commitment to participation in regional development.
- To showcase developments in the Northern Territory to potential business and trade partners in Jakarta and Indonesia.
- To provide an initial signal that the Northern Territory government supports the development of trade and cultural ties with Indonesia in accordance with the terms set out in the Memorandum of Understanding.

19-20 May 2002, Dili, East Timor

- To attend the first Independence Day celebrations in East Timor.
- To build upon the close ties already established with the new government of East Timor.

Question 1120 (Mr Maley): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 1966 (Mr Burke): What is the current level of staffing of that area of the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development that is responsible for Asian Relations and Trade?

Answer:

The allocation for Asian relations and trade activities is encompassed broadly across all outputs of DBIRD and is not accounted for separately within outputs. This is in keeping with the International Trade Strategy, which has a world-wide focus, and in keeping with DBIRD's approach to Business, Trade and Business Development. The numbers of staff who are involved in promoting the Northern Territory's economic capabilities to international investors would number in the vicinity of 20 persons in any one year

In addition to these DBIRD staff there are also officers from the Office of Territory Development and the Darwin Port Corporation involved in promoting the Territory's economic capabilities. As well as promotional activities, some of these people work on developing investment proposals to the establishment stage. Staff contracted in the Northern Territory government's overseas offices are also required to undertake investment attraction and facilitation activities in-market. This includes the important function of identifying investors and investment opportunities.

Mr MALEY: I refer you to question number 565 relating to the reduction of operating expenses for the Department of Industry, Business and Resource Development. In answer the you gave - I just have a quick query. You have specified four specific changes, one of them being BTEC legal costs reduced by \$500 000. I assume that's one-off payment for legal fees for some sort of matter that settled last year. Is that the case?

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, that is the case. What we are doing this year is we have now involved the Department of Justice much more in terms a number of ongoing cases that have been ongoing for many years now that were previously outsourced to private legal firms. We have now brought those back into Justice and we really are trying to expedite and get these cases off the government's books. We are moving forward, but there are a number that are still outstanding.

Mr MALEY: In relation to the same question, the second last dot point, the reduction of funding for the banana black sigatoka and the red imported fire ant eradication programs of 221, what is the total funding for that project? You talked about the reduction of [inaudible], what is the total figure?

Mr HENDERSON: This is a program that has been run, particularly the fire ant, in Queensland. It is our contribution to a national program. That is reducing specific overall number. We could take that on notice, but there is a national program in terms of both of those eradication programs that we fund on a pro-rata basis along with the other states and that eradication program funding is coming to conclusion.

Mr MALEY: So it is on notice that you will provide the details of the what total funding was relative to the cut?

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, we can do that.

Mr MALEY: The next question I will take you to, minister, is question 636.

Mr BALDWIN: Hang on. I have a question before that.

Mr DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Member for Daly, a supplementary.

Mr BALDWIN: Minister, if I could take you to the question, the next one over, page 625, and it is probably arbitrarily jumping in here, but just on the issue of repairs and maintenance, and this is about the state fees and taxes, repairs and maintenance. I just want to ask you about the figure in Budget Paper No 3 at page 151 under Total Operating Expenses and the significant drop there between 2001-02 and 2002-03 of some \$5.271m.

If we were to compare these figures, 2001-02 and 2002-03, and the figures are \$83.840m and \$78.569m, would it be fair to say that – well, it is a fact that repairs and maintenance is in the 2002-03 budget but not in the 2001-02 Total Operating Expenses. So to compare apples with apples, we would have to take the repairs and maintenance amount off the 2002-03 amount of \$78.569m. That figure for repairs and maintenance is \$1.732m. So wouldn't the actual real cut there be in the order of \$7m in accrual terms, to compare apples with apples?

Mr HENDERSON: I will refer that to Phil Vivian, the Chief Financial Officer.

Mr VIVIAN: If you just reduce the account for the item repairs and maintenance, yes, \$1.7m would be the difference to adjustment the 2002-03 by.

Mr BALDWIN: Sorry?

Mr VIVIAN: So \$1.732m is the correct adjustment in terms of the 2001-02 to 2002-03 figures.

Mr BALDWIN: That is right. The \$1.732m is in the 2002-03 figure, so to compare them, apples to apples, take repairs and maintenance out, wash that out a bit, you would have to take it out of the 2002-03, which would give a negative figure there of some \$7m instead of \$5.271m.

Mr VIVIAN: For that adjustment, yes.

Mr BALDWIN: That is a significant cut, one would imagine.

Mr HENDERSON: It is not a straightforward cut, and obviously this department was probably the most significantly impacted department as a result of the agency amalgamations during the mini-budget process where we brought together the old departments of Mines and Energy, Primary Industry and Fisheries, Asian Relations and Trade, Industries and Business, and within the Industries and Business component, there were parts of that function that were transferred to Treasury in terms of all the licensing functions and to DEET in terms of Work Health. Comparing apples with apples is certainly very difficult in that context.

In terms of the main areas of adjustment to account for that \$7m, essentially the Weeds Branch that has been transferred to DIPE accounts for \$2.4m of that, so that is a straight transfer to another agency. We are also down on external funding from predominantly Commonwealth programs to the tune of \$3.459m. We expect a lot of that funding to come through from the Commonwealth during this financial year, so a very significant part of the reduction in the budget is taken up by those two areas, as well as the adjustment across all government agencies. So it is not as bad as it looks on paper. We are expecting a significant amount of external funding to come through this financial year. If we get what we got last year, it was nearly \$3.5m, and that transfer of the Weeds Branch to DIPE accounted for \$2.4m.

Mr BALDWIN: All right. I point out for the record that if you do compare those figures, apples with apples, it is more like \$7m.

Mr DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Any more questions for this output?

Mr MALEY: I have a supplementary question in relation to question number 636. Minister, I appreciate the detailed answer you provided. In essence, you said that on 29 August last year, there were 871 employees. On 13 November 2001, before the restructuring, there were about 861, and after the restructuring there were 645. You go on to say in bold at the very end that in the departmental restructures, a total of 178 staff of the four departments that came together were transferred, with their responsibilities, to other departments and I think you touched upon the Weeds Branch. If you take the figure of 645 from 683, then that says there are effectively 38 people who are no longer employed. That is the case, isn't it? So people have lost their jobs?

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, that is the case. Thirty-eight is the case.

Mr MALEY: And you are saying it is through attrition, effectively.

Mr HENDERSON: Yes. Nobody has lost their job; there have been no dismissals. However, as bringing that number of agencies together did offer up opportunities for efficiencies and, as people have left the department in some areas, we have not replaced those positions.

Mr MALEY: Obviously, before the election there were a number of pledges made that there would be no jobs lost in the public service. You are comfortable with your explanation that this natural attrition is consistent with that pledge that there would be no job losses in your department?

Mr HENDERSON: The pledge was that there would be no forced redundancies and there have been no forced redundancies. These are efficiencies that were gained as a result of bringing four agencies together.

Mr MALEY: Now that the 38 - you are saying they were voluntary redundancies or ...

Mr HENDERSON: Well, people who left the public sector for whatever reason.

Mr BALDWIN: I take a supplementary on the same question. To correct my colleague and the minister, the number is actually 48 by my calculations, unless my maths is wrong.

Mr HENDERSON: I think it is, member for Daly.

Mr BALDWIN: 871 and you allow for the 178 of transfers, is that right? Then you put that against the number that is given of 2908. It gives us 48 difference.

Mr HENDERSON: I will hand over to Mr Vivian.

Mr VIVIAN: Since the agencies were combined, as at November, the number was 861. That is where the 38 has come from.

Mr BALDWIN: 861, right. I am using the total that you provided which is 871.

Mr VIVIAN: 871 was at August rather than the date of combined agencies, November.

Mr BALDWIN: Yes, but from 29 August 2001 to 29 August 2002, 48 different?

Mr VIVIAN: Yes.

Mr BALDWIN: 48. So I am right?

Mr VIVIAN: 48, but not since combined agencies.

Mr HENDERSON: But the other ...

Mr BALDWIN: No, I will accept that, 38, 48.

Mr HENDERSON: It is not quite as straight forward as that. With the large amount of Commonwealth funding that comes in for various programs throughout the year, external positions are brought on for the life of that program. Once the program ceases, because it is predominantly Commonwealth funded, those positions are let go again. So there has certainly been some efficiencies in the overall numbers but it is not – well, there is a component of that whereby we have positions within the department as a result of Commonwealth programs.

Mr BALDWIN: Further on that, you also say in your answer, minister, that the figures provided include paid and unpaid inoperative staff. Can we have an indication of how many we are talking about there?

Mr HENDERSON: Mr Vivian.

Mr VIVIAN: Not on hand. I will have to get that for you.

Mr BALDWIN: I am interested in how many people are actually on deck at any given period. The other factor in terms of staffing - you have given us that figure of 645 on 29 August 2002, and that differs from the budget book, which is 659. What are the reasons there? The book is obviously wrong.

Mr HENDERSON: Again, to Mr Vivian.

Mr VIVIAN: Budget Paper No 3 on page 151 refers to 659. This is full-time equivalent funded positions. 645 is talking about actual staff.

Mr BALDWIN: Actual staff on deck?

Mr VIVIAN: Which is staffing. This is the staffing number; this is the full-time funded equivalent positions.

Mr BALDWIN: FTEs in the book, and this is staffing numbers on deck?

Mr VIVIAN: This is staffing numbers, that is right. It can vary. It could be up or down. Staffing numbers can be different from full-time equivalent.

Mr BALDWIN: Okay. I take the opportunity to remind you, minister, about you saying there would be no forced redundancies. Your pledge to the public sector workers was: 'Under Labor there will be NO job losses from the public sector'. It seems that we have had 38 in your department alone.

Mr HENDERSON: Mr Chairman, I point out that nobody has lost their job who wanted to continue in paid employment with my department. At the time that that commitment was made, we thought that the financial books for the Northern Territory were as they were printed in the budget ...

Members interjecting.

Mr HENDERSON: ... budget papers, not at some \$100m short. So ...

Mr BALDWIN: So this is not true?

Mr HENDERSON: ... we have kept our commitments to no job losses ...

Mr BALDWIN: That is not true, then? That is a lie?

Mr DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Allow the minister to answer the question, member for Daly.

Mr HENDERSON: ... we have kept our commitment to no job losses and not a single public servant in my department or other departments has lost their job who wanted to keep their job.

Mr DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions for this output?

Mr MALEY: Yes. I have question 709. Minister, can I take you to the question and answer? Is that the same output? I think it is.

Minister, in the answer that you or your department provided, you talk about the savings that have been effected across the various sectors of your department and then they are identified at the top of the second page of the answer. It is a two page document. I have the question and the answer, it

says, 'At a functional level area'. What does that mean: a functional level area? Is that like mobile phones, access to cars and the like? 'The savings are identified at functional area level and are to be managed by the department's group heads'. Can you explain that?

Mr BLAKE: Peter Blake. This is the structure of the organisation as against the outputs of the budget. So the department is structured by groups: primary industry group, minerals and energy group, etcetera and so we have attempted to identify this back to the particular groups within the department rather than to outputs which is the way in which the savings have been achieved through the department.

Mr MALEY: All right. And things like, I understand mobile phones have been taken from some people - there is a pool of mobile phones as opposed to each person having a separate phone, things like that. Is that what you are talking about? On the ground, structural, a functional area level? Have I got it completely wrong?

Mr BLAKE: No, no. You are using function in a different sense. Function is meaning the functional component of the department meaning structure, structure of department.

Mr BALDWIN: Just on the same question, Mr Chairman. The amount of budget improvement target you have laid out here is a total of \$2.954m. Then there has been an administrative restructure target of \$980 000, getting to a total of \$3.934m or nearly \$4m. I assume the \$980 000 is over and above the target set in the mini-budget for both 2001 and 2002, and that you saw you could get additional out of the merging. Is that right? So that is additional to ...

Mr HENDERSON: That is an additional \$980 000 as a result of bringing those four significant departments together into one and achieving those corporate savings at the executive and administrative levels.

Mr BALDWIN: I guess what I am saying is that we have heard throughout this process that the efficiency targets or the improvement targets, whatever you want to call them, were set as the mini-budget was put together and taken off the base and then added on if there was an add on and all that sort of thing. What I want to know is: the \$980 000, did you see that happening at the time of the mini-budget or was it at the time of the restructure? It seems to be additional.

Mr HENDERSON: The number was identified for all departments in the mini-budget and that was our component of it. Obviously bringing those departments together, you do not achieve those savings overnight and that was recognised. But in the mini-budget there was a target to be achieved across all agencies, and that was our component of it.

Mr BALDWIN: So how was that described in the mini-budget?

Mr BLAKE: The parts that were described in the mini-budget was, first of all, the actual target savings for the department for last year, 2001-02, that was by a specific amount. It was indicated in the mini-budget papers that there would be a full year component of that, and this \$980 000 was only identified as a figure, I think it was \$4.4m, but I will stand corrected. Was it \$4.4m? \$4.4m across all of those new department identified as an administrative saving, but it was not broken down to individuals until after the mini-budget. I think it was within the next month or so after the mini-budget that it was identified who had what components.

Mr BALDWIN: So obviously for your new agency, there was a target even though in the mini-budget it wasn't broken down.

Mr BLAKE: Yes.

Mr BALDWIN: That is the first time we have come across it laid out like that, I think. It is quite good. Just going to the bottom of that table there where the combined savings measures are being met

from, I note there that Primary Industries and Fisheries have offered up combined savings of \$1.4m. That seems like a fairly substantial amount. The question is: do you feel confident that they are going to carry out all of the duties, including all of the out servicing and field servicing with that sort of reduction?

Mr HENDERSON: Certainly, it is my intention that there won't be a reduction in terms of the outputs and the services the new department provides. Within that 38 number previously, six positions have not been filled between those agencies for a saving of \$500 000. We are looking at improving revenue and external funding for research farms in terms of selling produce and cattle off the farms and trying to get them on a more commercial footing without impacting on the research that is being undertaken. We believe that we can set a target of \$490 000 there.

We are restructuring and combining our laboratories and looking at an element of cost recovery, particularly from Power and Water and \$300 000 worth of savings there. We are certainly looking to commercialise some of the aspects of the research and the laboratories that will provide us with savings and revenue from other sources.

Mr BALDWIN: So did you say there were positions that haven't been filled there? Right at the beginning of your ...

Mr HENDERSON: There are six position out of the 38 across the new combined agency from the Primary Industries and Fisheries area.

Mr BALDWIN: That are now not going to be filled?

Mr HENDERSON: They were from the corporate area, not from the research and scientific area.

Mr WOOD: I have a question. You spoke about using, you might say, government instrumentalities like research stations and laboratories for commercial gain. Regardless of whether that is good or bad, does the government have a policy that - you know, we're basically getting a shift and it has been happening for a few years, going from governments which provided services to the community free to government providing services which the tax payer still funds for a charge. Is this something the community will have by hook or by crook, or is it something that will be debated as a philosophy of whether this is the way we should be going?

Mr HENDERSON: In the terms of the two areas, being the research farms and the laboratories, we are not charging the public for any service over and above historical levels. What we are looking at is the opportunity for the produce that comes off the farms, particularly the cattle, that we can sell those into the market as opposed to - I am not sure what we did with them previously, but there has been an opportunity to commercialise that part of some of our research institutions and the laboratories. I suppose we are just moving in to cost recovery mode across government agencies and cost recovery through the Power and Water Corporation for some of the testing that we do in the laboratories, so there is no implicit additional charge on the public for the services that the public receive as a result of those research farms and labs.

Mr WOOD: Do you run into a problem that was similar to what Gunn Point Prison Farm had at some stage where it produced goods like cattle with tax payers funds, and when they tried to sell them onto the market there were complaints from those who may be doing the same thing. Is there that risk? I am not saying it is not a good idea, but are you open to that criticism.

Mr HENDERSON: Well, it is certainly not feedback we have had at the moment. One of the issues have with our cattle industry at the moment is that demand is projected to exceed supply. We are not talking about large numbers here, but we are looking at being more efficient and effective, and looking at the opportunity to reduce some of the costs of running those institutions but still maintaining the programs by getting additional revenue.

Mr BALDWIN: Mr Chairman, if I could - same output, just go back two questions to question 696. It is the question on explain what 'entry expenses relating to' blah, blah, blah. Minister, it seems that in the budget book, page 151, we have an item there, 'receipts relating to prior year expenses', and it is a minus figure. I assume over two years you have carried forward a deficit in cash. I would like some explanation of that.

Mr HENDERSON: Mr Vivian.

Mr VIVIAN: Sure. This is a tricky issue, I suppose. We did table the document which explains the variations that go towards making up those balances and at the end of the day, this ends up as being an adjustment to what is then funded through appropriation. Those negative amounts are receipts not planned to be expended in those years.

Mr BALDWIN: All right. I noticed one of the bigger items in that table 2001-02 on the answer page is a - \$2.168m. I also note the description of receipts from 2001-02 from the Commonwealth to the various projects anticipated to be expended in 2002-03. It might be the way it is written, but it seems to me that the cash has come in during 2001-02 and it is to be expended in 2002-03, but it seems that it has been spent. Is that ...

Mr VIVIAN: No. The negative is showing receipt not planned to be expended there and the positive 2002-03 is that it is planned to be expended in 2002-03.

Mr BALDWIN: So that gives us those figures at the bottom, a minus coming forward into Budget Paper No 3. Others have described - this is, in all the past areas we have done, it has been a plus figure in there, and they have described that as an underspend. Would it be fair to describe that as an overspend?

Mr VIVIAN: It is because of some other adjustments that when parts of the organisation transferred in the amalgamations to other agencies, and particularly in relation to the Racing and Gaming Authority move out to NT Treasury, the adjustments at the top there have caused that end negative result. You will see the 2.55 showing up there in relation to the administrative restructure.

Mr BALDWIN: Quite strictly and technically, you would say that there was more money went out than you had?

Mr VIVIAN: Taking into account also the Weeds transfer as well, that is right.

Mr BALDWIN: So it is an underspend.

Mr VIVIAN: That is what is reflected in our budget.

Mr BALDWIN: Yes, okay, an overspend.

Mr VIVIAN: I wouldn't describe it as an overspend.

Mr HENDERSON: Just to correct the record, it is not an overspend. This is just a book transfer to account for a very complex amalgamation of agencies and within agencies, and I would not expect that we would see this level of complexity in the budget next year.

Mr BALDWIN: With all due respect, minister, it is very obvious that more money has gone out than you had in hand. That is what this is. It has to be described - use what terminology you like.

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, but this is not money that has been lost to government; this has been money that has been picked up ...

Mr BALDWIN: No, to the agency, though.

Mr HENDERSON: ...but as a result of functions that are no longer within the agency.

Mr BALDWIN: But we are looking at - I am not going to labour the point because it has been confirmed in the past. The point is that there are more transactions gone on than you have had cash in hand and regardless of where it went in government, it is gone from your agency, more cash than you had in hand.

Mr HENDERSON: Well, so did the functions. The functions are no longer within the agencies, so we have not been ripped off.

Mr BALDWIN: No, I am not saying you have been ripped off. I am saying you have allocated more cash out than you had in hand. That is all I am saying.

Mr HENDERSON: The functions have been transferred and I am confident that we have the money left within the agencies to deliver on the objectives that the department has.

Mr BALDWIN: I am happy that you are confident.

Mr WOOD: Mr Deputy Chairman, a question on the function. One of those functions was the weeds function. Is that correct?

Mr HENDERSON: Yes.

Mr WOOD: Did weed research go with that? Was there some ...

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, the whole weeds area ...

Mr WOOD: So DIPE is going to try weed research, is it?

Mr HENDERSON: The noxious weeds component.

Mr WOOD: I have a question later on, but I did not know where the research went, and I do not know how suitable they are to do the research, that was all, because you had the research facility, that is the difference.

Mr BLAKE: May I just make a comment?

Mr HENDERSON: Mr Blake.

Mr BLAKE: There is a big difference between noxious weeds, which is what we are talking about here in terms of programs to control noxious weeds, versus what people term 'weeds in crops'. There might be weeds in horticulture crops or sorghum crops, etcetera. A number of our research programs are carried on at the research stations that are still dealing with all of those things about the agronomy of crops. What we are talking about here is the noxious weed: the mimosas and the ...

Mr WOOD: I can give you one that goes over both areas, and that would be mission grass because it is a noxious weed and goes in both horticulture ...

Mr BLAKE: Sure.

Mr WOOD: Who would do that research?

Mr BLAKE: Only in terms of anything happening in the production of crops, whether it be horticulture or sorghum or other crops; then it is a matter for our research farms. If it is a matter of a plant out of place, if you like, in relation to description of weeds, then it is a DIPE matter.

Mr WOOD: It is going to be interesting to see what happens with gamba then, now that it [inaudible].

Mr BLAKE: The other thing Roger has just pointed out to me is DIPE still use the weeds lab they have, as well, for mimosa.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Do we have a question?

Mr MALEY: There are no further questions from me in relation to that output, but I do ... No, I take it back, there are none from me as shadow for that output.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions relating to this particular output which is 0.03, that involves more than one output group for the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development? There being no other questions outstanding, I will conclude consideration of this output group and any outstanding questions will be placed within *Hansard* and the written answers. That takes us to output 01.00, if I am not mistaken, which has the output name Business Trade and Industry Development Services. There is one question there standing in the name of the member for ...

Mr MALEY: There are no formal supplementary questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well that concludes consideration of that output group and, once again, all these questions are being placed within the *Hansard* record. Moving to output record 1.01, Business Trade and Industry Development Services. There are a number of different questions there, but going to you first as you have asked most of them.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, I have a supplementary for question number 98. It is a question taken as read, and the answer has been provided. The question was asked by Leader of the Opposition in relation to the Northern Territory Economic Development Summit. The question is to the minister: did government pay for the transport costs of any delegate or attendee - apart from, of course, consultants and entertainment which was paid, but an attendee or a delegate who ...

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, I believe we did that. That is part of the \$243 000.

Mr MALEY: Okay. Can you provide me with particulars of the names of the people who were paid to attend and how much they were paid?

Mr HENDERSON: I can take that on notice. Essentially, we picked up the travel for all the delegates who attended from intra-Territory and some of the presenters that we had come up from interstate, and ...

Mr MALEY: I understand what you say about the presenters and the consultants and the like, but these are the delegate/attendees who came from ...

Mr HENDERSON: They are people who came from Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine. We picked up the tab and accommodation costs. I can provide you with details.

Mr CHAIRMAN: If we could just interrupt proceedings there for a minute. There has been a letter from the Speaker in relation to any extension. There has been some discussion about extending the

meeting time of the committee. I would like to read from the letter; it is to me:

Dear Dr Burns,

I understand that the Committee has sought advice on the time of the sitting of the Assembly later this day. For the information of your Committee, it is advised as follows:

This is from the Speaker, I might add.

The resolution of 17 September 2002 for the next sitting day is as follows:

The Assembly at its rising adjourn until 7pm on Thursday 19 September 2002, or such other time as notified by the Speaker, with one hour's notice given to the government and opposition whips and members by Madam Speaker or such other time and/or date as maybe advised by the Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order.

Further, the resolution of the Assembly dated 20 August 2002 includes at paragraph 17(c) that:

On Thursday 19 September, the Committee commences at 9am and adjourns at 7pm.

While the Estimates Committee was given the power to otherwise order its time of sitting as it has done to date, the Committee should be aware of paragraph 18 which provides as follows:

The Estimates Committee may sit only when the Assembly is not sitting.

It has been the practice that, where the Speaker is accorded the option to set sittings times at other times than in the resolution of the Assembly, it is conventional that this is done on the advice of the majority of members of the Assembly. I have been advised on behalf of government members it is not proposed to vary the sitting time from 7pm. Accordingly, it will not be available for the Estimates Committee to meet after that time.

So our target is 6.30 this evening, ladies and gentlemen. So if we can proceed, please.

Mr WOOD: Am I allowed to speak to that at all? I am not dissenting. Just making a query. I know what Madam Speaker has said, but how does that relate to the standing orders of ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, I think that bottom line is it, member for Nelson.

Mr WOOD: I understand that. I am just putting a query. How does this ruling relate to the ruling of the Estimates Committee saying that we may set the times?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, I think she has covered all of that in the letter. Maybe it is a matter for discussion in our next deliberative session.

Members interjecting.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Moving along. We are now at 01.01 Are there any further questions?

Mr MALEY: I have no other questions relating to output number 01.01 nor supplementary questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right, I understand there's no further question and that includes consideration of this output group, and any other questions will be placed on the *Hansard* record.

Mr WOOD: Can you say that one again please, just in case I missed you. I was still [inaudible].

Sorry.

Mr CHAIRMAN: 01.01. So that takes us quite a number of pages forward, does it not? Up to 01.02. I will stand corrected here. That is where I put it. The output name is Business, Trade and Industry Assistance Services. Member for Goyder.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, in light of the significant time restraints that we have on us and the number of ministers that have to come before this Committee, despite the desire to ask a number of questions, I do not have any supplementary questions relate to output number 01.02.

Mr HENDERSON: Mr Chairman, in light of the comment, and in terms of wanting to expedite the process, I can offer the shadow minister that at any time in these areas - it is a big department that has undergone significant restructure - if you want a briefing in terms of the progress of activities in the department, you only have to ask and we will make that available.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister. So are there any other questions related to output area 01.02. I notice that question 112 is standing in the name of the member for Nelson.

Mr WOOD: Yes, now that I have to hurry, minister, in answer 112 you stated that basically you don't support the idea of declaring the financial support or the reasons why you would give certain companies financial support and you use the excuse, if I can put it that way, that this is generally commercial-in-confidence.

Here, we are talking about these sorts of grants that are in the back of the Northern Territory Department of Industries - I might just pull out some – where you might have Appendix 4, Business Growth, makings of business, this is in 1999-2000, you have various companies: Australian Barramundi Culture - \$3825; Yakka Gold - \$2550.

Surely, if we don't want to go down the path of Dalway, surely if this government believes in open and transparent government and surely because this is taxpayers' money being granted to a business, surely the public should have a right to know why that money was given, just like you give a grant to the various groups in ethnic affairs, to various non-government organisations like the polocrosse club or the old timers. Surely we should be able to ask why was that amount of money given.

Mr HENDERSON: Well, in terms of framing the response to the question, I can say that the only companies that would receive any financial assistance by way of grant from the Northern Territory government would essentially be a business that was seeking to set up in the Northern Territory where there were no competing interests. So in terms of the barramundi aquaculture farm over on the Tiwi Islands, there is no competing and there was no competing business at the time that they set up that type of operation. So seeking to make a new investment in the Northern Territory, trying to establish new business.

Now, there are not a lot of those and you have a commitment that any company, certainly whilst I am minister for this department, we will be making the name of that company and the amounts of any financial assistance they may receive public in the annual report. Obviously, I would be able to provide a brief outline as to why financial assistance was given. The exact terms and conditions of the assistance, whether it be by way of grant or loan, would be confidential, but the sum amount and the reason why it was given would be made public.

Mr WOOD: I think the reason why would be important. The other thing that is worrying is that if you are in the same business, unless the government is fairly clear and precise as to why it has done something, you leave yourself - and the previous government would understand - open for political bias.

Mr HENDERSON: I accept and take those comments onboard totally. The only reason for any grants available to business would be seeking to establish new industry here in the Northern Territory, and

on occasions it may be appropriate - every government does it - to try and lever new investment or new industry to the Territory, but we would make the quantum amount public and put on the public record why we thought it was in the interest of the taxpayers to grant that funding.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions related to Output 01.02? There being no further questions, all outstanding questions will be put into *Hansard*. I move to Output 01.03, Information on Territory Resources.

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman, I can indicate that the question and answer provided can be published in *Hansard*. I have no supplementary questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions in relation to this Output area? There being no more questions, that concludes consideration of that output and that question will find its way into *Hansard*. Output Area 01.04, Animal and Plant Resource Protection Services. There are a number of questions standing in the name of the member for Daly.

Mr BALDWIN: Likewise, Mr Chairman, given the time constraints and the latest one we have just heard about, I have a raft of questions in here, but I will just take the minister straight to question no 648, if I could, and that is the question dealing with cotton trials in the Northern Territory. It is a fairly fulsome answer, and I appreciate that. It is good, it deals with the amount of funding and where it comes from, who is involved in the cotton trials. I take you to paragraph (b), 45 hectares will again be grown on Katherine Research Station in 2002-03. It has been proposed by CSIRO, in a submission to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, to grow a similar sized area for research trial on a leased site off the research farm. I am particularly interested in that portion of this answer. Where are we talking about in terms of that new trial, additional to the 45 hectares being grown at Katherine Research Station?

Mr HENDERSON: There are a couple of issues here. The Office of Gene Technology Regulator has not decided to date in regards to a further extension of those trials. We are expecting an announcement imminently. We had expected one last week, but it has not occurred. As of specific areas, there have been none identified to date. There will be a workshop of all parties if the OGTR gives approval in November to look at potential further areas, but there has been no decision to date.

Mr BALDWIN: Could I just ask why there is a need for expanded trials? We have 45 hectares growing. The need for expanded trials?

Mr HENDERSON: My understanding, and CSIRO is the peak body for these trials, is that it is an extension of the trials to determine the commercial and environmental sustainability of a potential cotton industry in the Northern Territory. As part of those trials, you would be looking to further expand the area, to trial on different soils, look at opportunities for cotton in terms of crop rotation. The trials can only be concluded once they are fully determined, and part of the trial has always been to expand the area of land that those trials take place on. It is an extension and expansion of trials that have been in place for a number of years now.

Mr BALDWIN: Minister, can I take you to the second part of that answer in (b), that up to four hectares may be grown at Douglas Daly Research Farm, planting time not before March 2003. I assume the 'may' in there is to do with the Gene Technology Regulator not having given her answer for expansion of trials yet. Why would we need to take these trials to a new area, with new soil types, and a new location altogether into the Douglas Daly, away from the Katherine Research Farm? Why is there a need to go to the Douglas Daly Research Farm?

Mr HENDERSON: My advice is, again, in terms of determining the commercial and environmental potential sustainability of any potential cotton industry, one of the issues that has to be addressed, as well as soil type, are insects and pests in different areas and different locations, so it is part of a trial that has been in place for a number of years, established under the previous government. It is just a continuation of those trials if, and only if, the OGTR gives approval.

Mr BALDWIN: So it could be assumed that if you were going to trial at the Douglas Daly Research Farm, because of the insect vectors and the soil types there, one would want to establish whether cotton can be grown, will be grown, should be grown in the Daly Basin region.

Mr HENDERSON: There is no decision or no proposal from any entity to grow cotton in the Douglas Daly; this is just an extension of trials that were put in place under the previous government.

Mr BALDWIN: No, I don't think it was an extension of the trial to go to the Douglas Daly Research Farm, minister. That is abusing the facts. However, my concern is that now we have an extension of the trial going from an area where the previous government did establish it to an area where I, for one, am not happy to see it established at all, in any form.

Mr HENDERSON: Look, there has been no decision. There has been no decision on a cotton industry, and that decision is some time off. However, the proposal is for an extension of the trials to determine whether there is any potential for a commercial industry in the Northern Territory. That is the bottom line: no decision has been made.

Mr BALDWIN: No, I appreciate that and I understand that. When the Gene Regulator says that further trials and expansions, you might give all sorts of conditions on that expansion, if she indeed expands it. But it appears to me that you have decided - the department, whoever - that we should extend these trials into the Daly Basin region. I want to know whether you think that is a good idea, because I do not.

Mr HENDERSON: We are purely looking at the science in terms of the [inaudible] impacts. The government is not considering any commercial growing of cotton in the Northern Territory. It is a scientific trial.

Mr BALDWIN: So why would you put it in the Douglas Daly Research Farm, then?

Mr HENDERSON: Because the advice that has been given is that it is essentially - in terms of the insects vector science that will be determined there.

Mr BALDWIN: There is a lot of different insect vectors, minister, with respect, in places in the Victoria River region that you might trial this. I am concerned, particularly, about the Douglas Daly.

Mr HENDERSON: We are playing with hypotheticals here. The OGTR has not made the decision. There is no proposal for any commercial industry; we are looking at a trial and the question is: may.

Mr BALDWIN: This is the last question I will pose, Mr Chairman. This is the last question.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay.. We are getting a little repetitious here.

Mr BALDWIN: Okay. This is the last time I will put this to the minister. Minister, if the Gene Technology Regulator allows an expansion of the trials that are currently under way for cotton, will you give the approval for cotton to be trialled at Douglas Daly Research Farm?

Mr HENDERSON: I am not going to provide a hypothetical answer on a hypothetical decision. I can say that I have just been advised, Mr Chairman – it is interesting the position that people take when they are sitting on the opposition benches - that cotton was trialled in the Douglas Daly in 1996-97 by the previous government. They have obviously had a total change of heart. All I am potentially looking at is the science. That is as far as it goes.

Mr BALDWIN: If I might just respond to that. That is why, Mr Chairman, there are concerns about new trials in that area. I suggest to the minister that he takes heed of those concerns.

Mr CHAIRMAN: You have made your point, member, so ...

Mr BALDWIN: Yes, I am happy.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Mr WOOD: Yes, there is a supplementary on that. How big would the trial be, or going to be?

Mr HENDERSON: It is a hypothetical maybe. There is no decision. There is no trial at the moment, so ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions related to this output area which is 01.04, Animal and Plant Resources Protection Service.

Mr BALDWIN: Can I just take the minister very quickly, and I will make a comment on the next question on page 678.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I thought it was 666. I am only joking.

Mr BALDWIN: No, sorry, two questions over 678. It is to do with the research farm allocations. There has been a fairly massive decrease there across the board of about 18.3% in their operational funding. I have great concern about that. The rest of the answer there goes to the fact that the minister touched on before; that additional revenue will be generated through produce sales over and above the budget allocation. I appreciate what they are trying to do there, and I hope it works; except that, having been in this business for quite some time, I know that additional revenue is not always generated from the sale of farm produce of any type; sometimes you have bad seasons. I would just get an undertaking from the minister that if that additional revenue cannot be made up, funds will be available to those research farms to continue their normal operations.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Supplementary?

Mr WOOD: Supplementary, yes. Minister, on the Coastal Plains Horticulture Research Station, is it being downsized at all and has the cut flower section being moved from Coastal Plains back to Berrimah Farm?

Mr HENERSON: I will pass that question to Mr Blake.

Mr BLAKE: No. The horticulture research station has not been reduced. In fact it is being expanded with the banana work there. As I understand it, the flower work was not the issue of removing ongoing research trials, it was a standing of flowers that were offered to industry to come and take selections from and then that collection was removed.

Mr WOOD: And is the main cut flower research done at Berrimah Farm now?

Mr BLAKE: Both there and still at Coastal Plains.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Mr BALDWIN: Can I get an answer to my previous question?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Oh well, the member for Nelson ...

Mr BALDWIN: Jumped in, I know.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I was not going to say that, but he pre-empted the answer.

Mr BALDWIN: I think it just needed a yes or no, just quickly.

Mr WOOD: I was filling in the gaps.

Mr HENDERSON: I would have to say I heard the preamble, but the specific question, member for Daly?

Mr BALDWIN: If they do not get a positive revenue generated through produce sales because we have been selling cattle for years and all sorts of things, will you ensure that there is enough additional money available to these research farms so that they can continue their normal operations?

Mr HENDERSON: We will certainly evaluate the budget and those research trials on an annual basis and certainly there is no intention to downgrade all reduce the quantum of any of the trials there. We will look at it on an annual basis.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay that is 01.04. I don't believe there are any further questions on that so that concludes consideration of that output area. Unless I am mistaken, the next output area is output 02.01, Mining and Petroleum Resource Management. There are a number of questions here. Are there any questions related to this output area? No. That being the case it, concludes consideration all those questions and the written answers will be incorporated in the *Hansard* record.

That brings us onto output area 02.02 Fisheries Resource Management Services. Are there any questions in relation to this output area? There being no questions ...

Mr MALEY: Mr Chairman I have a supplementary question to question number 437.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, member for Goyder.

Mr MALEY: That was a question asked by the member for Barkly, I think. Minister, you talk about the development of the sustainable of fisheries resources and the managing of it. The question asked you to outline what initiatives if any you have to assist in the management of those fisheries resources in the Territory and then goes on to talk about training opportunities for indigenous employees. Apart from the enforcement aspect which you have detailed in your answer, there does not seem to be anything here about some sort of sustainable aquaculture or some sort of economic development of that resource for them, a job creating initiative. Now that is something that appears in many of your party's policy documents. Is there any reason why it has been excluded?

Mr HENDERSON: Just a point of clarification. I am disappointed that there has been no questions at all on the mining area ...

Mr REED: Give us an extension of time and there would be plenty.

Mr HENDERSON: ... particularly the absence of the shadow minister ...

Mr BALDWIN: We can ask them, but we haven't got the time.

Mr HENDERSON: ... this is an industry that creates the largest is the largest contributor to the gross state product in the Northern Territory. I just wonder where ...

A member: And it's in decline.

Mr HENDERSON: I wonder where the shadow minister is but I suppose we will find out.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I hear he is at a Liberal Party conference.

Mr HENDERSON: I have heard something like that. Obviously, that is more important than scrutiny of the Territory budget and the crocodile tears that have been cried by members opposite on time. It is obviously not important.

But in terms of the question from the member opposite, there are a number of aquaculture initiatives being assessed at the moment in terms of potential fisheries opportunities for communities in the Northern Territory. Off the Arnhem coast, there are a number of proposals that are being evaluated at this point in time.

Mr REED: Mr Chairman, while we are on smartyisms, I will just cover that ridiculous point made by the minister. In terms of the options for opposition members to ask questions, we will determine when we want to ask questions and set what priorities we will. Unfortunately, that capacity has been impeded upon by the ridiculous time constraints placed on this process. The government was warned about those constraints and that this process would not work satisfactorily because of them. That was ignored by the government and in terms of government members, they, too, have questions that have been answered and they are not pursuing on this occasion either. So if it fits one side, it fits the other.

Mr CHAIRMAN: With respect, member for Katherine, the Chief Minister was in the seat there for 14.5 hours. I go back to it again. The Auditor-General was quizzed for over two hours - a staff of four and an expenditure of some \$2m. I suggest that you squandered the time.

Mr WOOD: A point of order, Mr Chairman. Repetition. I would like to get back to the summary. A question relating to fishing, please.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, which one is that?

Mr WOOD: The one we were just referring to.

Mr CHAIRMAN: 437

Mr WOOD: I would like to ask the minister has the department or is the department evaluating the prospects of either fish propagation areas or marine reserves for the sustainable development of our fisheries? I attended an AFANT Executive meeting a couple of months ago. I not only spoke on such an issue, there was a member of Fisheries who actually recommended that it would be a good idea.

Mr HENDERSON: Just taking question without notice, there is nothing specific to my knowledge before the department at the moment. We have just established a new Fisheries Forum here in the Northern Territory which combines all of the peak bodies that have a stake in our Fishery, being AFANT, the commercial industry as well as traditional owners through the land councils. There was the first meeting of that forum a couple of weeks ago to progress issues in terms of our fishery. If there was any such proposal, I would expect it to come through that forum, but I am not aware of one at this point in time.

Mr WOOD: I am wondering if you can keep it in mind, and perhaps there should be a person with at least an environmental angle to fish as well. You have the users. Perhaps there should be someone there looking at the fish, purely as a fish species in your forum.

Mr HENDERSON: I would certainly say that through the officers of my department that that capacity is actually made up, but if you are prepared to nominate a particular organisation that might be able to look at the area, I would be happy to consider it.

Mr WOOD: Coastal and Marine Network would be one.

Mr HENDERSON: I am happy to take that on board as a suggestion.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Good on you, minister. Any more questions in relation to output 02.02, Fisheries Resource Management Services? There being no more questions, that concludes consideration of that output. Any other questions will be incorporated into *Hansard* along with the written answers. Finally in this area, output 02.03, Animal and Plant Resource Protection Services. Are there any questions? There being no questions, that concludes consideration of this output group. Questions will be incorporated into *Hansard*.

We are in a changeover phase now. We are about to examine the Northern Territory Tourist Commission. I thank officers assisting the minister. We will move on. If people from the Tourist Commission could take their place.

Mr HENDERSON: May I put on the public record, Mr Chairman, my thanks to my CEO, Chief Financial Officer and everybody in the department who have put a huge amount of work into preparing this budget. It has been the agency which has been most affected by the restructure and I would like to put my appreciation on public record.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

Mr CHAIRMAN: In your capacity of Minister for Tourism, I welcome you and I see you are getting set with your paperwork. I invite you to introduce the officials accompanying you and, if you so desire, to make an opening statement on this portfolio area.

Mr HENDERSON: Again, in the interests of expediting the work of the Committee, I think we can move straight into the questions. I would like to introduce my CEO, Maree Tetlow, of the Tourist Commission and Angela Collard, the General Manager, Corporate Services.

Mr CHAIRMAN: You are very welcome.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you, Mr Chairman. Thank you, minister, for your attendance, and NTTC staff. Thank you also for the fulsome answers that were provided to our questions, that is appreciated. It is unfortunate that we do not have very much time to drill down, which seems to be the expression increasingly used by the Committee. In any event, I will use my best endeavours to get through this very quickly. Minister, you will be interested to note that when we discussed the Estimates Committee in parliament, I expressed concern that I might be in a position where I get 20 to 40 minutes to question you, and if I am quick we might be able to do it in 10.

Involves more than one Output Group

Question 555 (Ms Carney): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office, (b) by the minister's department or agency, and (c) by the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

(a) will be answered by Chief Minister. (b) \$810 was used to print copies of the ministerial statement from March 2002. (c) will be answered by Chief Minister.

Ms CARNEY: So having said that, there is one housekeeping matter, and can I direct you, please, to Question 555. Parts (a) and (c) of that question state that the answers will be provided by the Chief

Minister. I do not believe that, in fact, she answered that, and I am happy for you to provide the answers in due course. But, certainly to the best of my recollection, I do not think she answered it.

Mr HENDERSON: I am happy to take that on notice. My notes say that the answers were provided, but I will take it on notice and get back to you.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you. And also in relation to Question 527.

Mr HENDERSON: Is that within the same output?

Ms CARNEY: No, that is a separate area. Do you want me to deal with - there are three in all.

Mr HENDERSON: Let's get to it through the output group.

Ms CARNEY: Okay. So that is Question 555 dealt with. The next one, can I direct you to Question 558 in the first output group. Perhaps you could let me know when you're there.

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, got it.

Question 558 (Ms Carney): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

As at 9 September 2002, staffing comprised:

Full-time 78 (Total 99)
Part-time 1
Casual 14
Contract 6

As at 29 August 2002, staffing comprised:

Full-time 86 (Total 100)
Part-time 1
Casual 6
Contract 7

As at November last year, staffing comprised:

Full-time 86 (Total 102)
Part-time 2
Casual 7
Contract 7

For the last pay period in August, staffing comprised:

Full-time 80 (Total 102)
Part-time 1
Casual 14

Contract 7

Ms CARNEY: I note that we are advised that, as at 9 September 2002, 99 people are employed by the Tourist Commission. I also note that in the Annual Report of 2000-01, it is stated as at 30 June 2001, there was a total of 109 staff employed by the Commission. So I am wondering what has happened to the staff. It is a bit of a jump between 109 and 99 today. Can you assist on that?

Mr HENDERSON: My Chief Financial Officer will explain this.

Ms COLLARD: The Annual Report staffing figures of 109 actually includes our GBD staffing as well, which is the Territory Discovery staff, which at the time, I recall, was about 15. The reason why is we don't produce a separate Annual Report for the GBD, other than just separate financial statements. But from a budget point of view, they are treated as separate entities, therefore the staffing would be responded to as for the Tourist Commission and then for the GBD.

Mr HENDERSON: If we go to the same question on the TD staffing, you would probably get close to 109.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you. That is the end of that output area.

Mr CHAIRMAN: In relation to output 0.03, if there are no further questions, I say that that output is concluded, and any other questions will be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Question 539 (Ms Carney): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

Consultants 2001-02	Purpose of Consultancy	Cost 2001-02
DDB Needham Sydney P/L	Advertising Advice and Services Agreement	\$1 150 000
John Moriarty & Associates	Indigenous Tourism Matters	\$40 438
William Mercer	Benchmarking salaries etc for international offices	\$1785
John Garnsey	Auditing Advertising/Marketing agreements	\$11 857
Harman Consulting	Strategic Planning	\$9069
Balarinji	New logo design	\$4118
PWMS Pty Ltd	Ad Agency Review	\$2443
IR Squared	EBA advice	\$184
TOTAL		\$1 219 894

Consultants 2002-03	Purpose of Consultancy	Cost 2002-03	Spent to date 2002-03
Advertising Agency	Advertising Advice and Services Agreement	**	\$0
Robertson Strategic Solutions P/L	Aviation matters	\$20 000	\$0
John Garnsey	Auditing Advertising/Marketing agreements	\$12 000	\$0

Harman Consulting	Strategic Planning	\$50 000	\$1022
PWMS Pty Ltd	Ad Agency Review	\$11 000	\$1700
IR Squared	EBA advice	\$1500	\$1090
TOTAL		\$94 500	\$3812

** The NTTC is currently in the final stages of a public tender for an advertising agency. The exact contract price in 2002-03 will depend on the agency selected.

The need for the NTTC to use consultants evolves throughout the year. As such, the final amount spent in 2002-03 may change from that provided above as the NTTC's business needs change throughout the year, particularly in response to key priority actions contained in the NT Tourism Strategic Plan 2002 – 2007.

Question 542 (Ms Carney): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and the Working for Outcomes model has been achieved through the use of existing resources, maximisation of previously unused features available in corporate and agency systems and training and coordination provided by Treasury and DCIS. This has occurred over the last 18 months and will continue over the next two to three years. It would not be possible to differentiate the costs related to these developments from other financial management costs.

Question 544 (Ms Carney): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02? How much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's Budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The budget improvement target for 2001-02 was \$487 000. \$487 000 in efficiencies were achieved within the NTTC's budget for 2001-02, for example, efficiencies in travel, freight, property management issues. The efficiencies were applied at whole of agency level and, therefore, cannot be split between output. The majority of the efficiencies were absorbed through corporate services areas adjustments to back office functions.

For 2002-03, the above efficiencies will be maintained and contribute to ongoing savings of \$487 000. An additional \$421 000 efficiencies will be identified as part of the development of the NT Tourism Strategic Plan 2002–07, giving an on-going saving of \$908 000.

For 2002-03 efficiencies will be achieved through the deferral of non-core projects, such as \$300k relating to additional website development and \$100k relating to supplementary research projects. The consolidation of the NT Holiday Centre in Alice Springs will also realise long-term savings of \$100k per annum, with an estimated \$10 000 saving in 2002-03.

Savings 2002-03 budget
Web site development \$300k \$1.650m
Research \$100k \$1.016m

Holiday Centre savings \$10k likely net savings in 2002-03 (\$100k ongoing)
Miscellaneous efficiency \$11k
savings

Further efficiencies are expected to be identified as part of the development of the strategic plan.

Question 548 (Ms Carney): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

\$715 000 of NTTC's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers:
\$695 000 revenue received from Territory Discoveries as Other Agency Revenue.
\$20 000 revenue received from DIPE (Parks and Wildlife division) for a cooperative Visitor Satisfaction Monitoring Program in NT Parks.

At this stage, there are no purchases of goods and services budgeted for from any other agencies. These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction.

Question 550 (Ms Carney): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

\$1 620 000 paid to Territory Discoveries, \$815 000 as equity and \$805 000 as a Community Service Obligation grant.
\$191 000 paid to Darwin Port Corporation as a Community Service Obligation grant.
\$695 000 revenue received from Territory Discoveries as Other Agency Revenue.
\$20 000 revenue received from P&WCNT as Other Agency Revenue.

Question 556 (Ms Carney): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

Repairs and Maintenance budget for 2001-02 was \$5000.

Question 560 (Ms Carney): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) No, (ii) and (iii) not applicable.

Question 561 (Ms Carney): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03.

Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in agency Annual Reports. Information for 2002-03 is not provided in a form consistent with the mini-budget as 2002-03 information is on an accrual basis.

Question 563 (Ms Carney): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03 and what are the sources of that revenue.

Answer:

Other Agency Revenue has increased by \$50 000 in 2002-03, which is made up on an increase in commissions of \$5000 and an increase in the Service Level Agreement payment from Territory Discoveries of \$45 000.

Question 564 (Ms Carney): In relation to matters relating to tourism in *Building a Better Territory*, was there a cost to the NTTC of developing the Strategic Tourism Plan? (a) What was that cost, and did the NTTC receive additional funding to formulate the Plan? (b) What is the 2002-03 budgetted allocation for the plan? (c) Were any consultants employed to assist with the strategy, and, if so, what were the costs of those consultants? (d) The plan is due to be completed by October 2002. Is it on schedule? and (e) How will the plan be implemented, and is there a budget allocation for its implementation?

Answer:

(a) To date the plan has cost \$62 410 to develop. It is estimated that further costs of \$36 468 will incurred over the next few months, bringing the total cost of development to approx. \$100 000. The plan has been funded from within existing sources of the NTTC. (b) \$60 000 has been budgeted in 2002-03. (c) One consultant was employed to assist in the development of the Northern Territory Tourism Strategic Plan 2002-2007. To date the cost of this consultant has been \$22 754. (d) The plan is on schedule. (e) The plan will be implemented through a coordinated approach from the NT tourism industry, Australian and international travel and tourism partners, the NTTC and other government departments. There is not a specific budget allocation for implementation, as the Plan will define the core business of the NTTC and thus determine how the agency will allocate its existing resources.

Question 566 (Ms Carney): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

Whilst the amounts sought in this question are provided below it should be noted that the budget estimate, net of these various amounts, has no real meaning. Agencies pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other service provider. These items need to be included to assess the full costs of the outputs.

Appropriation	2001-02 Estimate (\$000)	2002-03 Budget (\$000)
Total Operating Expenses	\$25 872	\$28 164
Less Payroll Tax	\$351	\$385

Less Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$10
Less Depreciation	\$112	\$74
TOTAL	\$25 409	\$27 695

Question 570 (Ms Carney): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 597 (Ms Carney): In Budget Paper No 3 at page 165 an amount of \$6 789 000 appears next to the line item called 'Employee Expenses' for 2001-02 and \$6 705 000 appears for 2002-03. (a) Why has this figure reduced? (b) Have there been, or will there be any reduction in staffing levels?

Answer:

This figure has reduced as NTTC received additional one off funding in 2001-02 to cover redundancy payouts, which were mainly attributed to one long serving public service employee on secondment to another department being paid out. This situation is not expected to recur in 2002-03. There is no anticipated reduction in staffing levels for 2002-03.

Question 665 (Ms Carney): What is the budget expenditure for 2002-03 to meet the 'priority actions' contained in *Building a Better Territory*?

Answer:

The priority actions contained in *Building a Better Territory* form an integral part of the NT Tourist Commission's business plans for 2002-03. As such, the budget expenditure to meet these actions crosses outputs and operational divisions and cannot easily be provided. However, as an example, key priority actions contained in the Economic Development Strategy include:

- Revise and implement the Aboriginal Tourism Strategy by December 2002. Budget for this Strategy is \$115 000 in 2002-03.
- By July 2002, conduct consumer research on infrastructure requirements, identifying potential private/public investments. Budget for this initiative was \$45 000.
- Continue to develop business cases to increase capacity of domestic and international carriers to better service Alice Springs, Yulara and Darwin. The budget for the Aviation Strategy is \$125 000 in 2002-03.
- Other actions are being funded as priority, and core business areas.

Question 1104 (Ms Carney): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

NTTC has budgeted \$385 000 in 2002-03 for state taxes. The NTTC paid \$398 000 in 2001-02 for state taxes.

Marketing

Mr CHAIRMAN: That means that we move now to output 01.01, which has the output name of Marketing.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you. Minister, can I refer you to Question 527? This is, again, one of the ones that I have described as housekeeping. I don't recall that the Chief Minister answered that and I would be grateful if you could provide me with the answers in due course.

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, again, the same.

Question 527 (Ms Carney):

(a) What advertising/ promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including familiarisation visits, print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the office of the tourism minister, and the office and Department of the Chief Minister for the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002?

(b) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (a) by the office of the tourism minister, and the office and Department of the Chief Minister?

(c) What advertising/ promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including familiarisation visits, print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Northern Territory Tourist Commission, or any of its agencies in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002?

(d) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (c) by the Northern Territory Tourist Commission and its agencies?

Answer:

(a) Chief Minister to answer.

(b) Chief Minister to answer.

(c) NTTC accounting systems are based on a financial year basis. Data from 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002 cannot be gathered easily without substantial manual processing, hence data has been provided for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002. Advertising and promotion of the NT as a holiday destination is integral to the NTTC's business and its marketing function. The budget for the marketing output is listed on page 161 Budget Paper No 3 and is \$23.948m in 2002-03.

(d) Already answered in (c).

Ms CARNEY: Thank you. Can I now refer you to Question 551 and, in particular, the part of the answer (b) where it states: 'The figure of \$329 000 is a typo and should be \$329m'.

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, I was pleased to hear about that.

Question 551 (Ms Carney): In Budget Paper No 3 under the heading 'quality' at page 164, how is the 'visitor satisfaction' measured? Why is the aim only to satisfy 60% of visitors? How is the figure of \$329 000 representing the 'value of free publicity generated through familiarisation visits' calculated? Who attended and who was invited?

Answer:

(a) The visitor satisfaction benchmark is based on the proportion of visitors ranking their overall

satisfaction with their NT trip as being 'very satisfied'. That is, five out of five on a satisfaction scale. The measure is obtained from two separate satisfaction surveys, one for the domestic and one for the international market. For the domestic satisfaction survey conducted in 2001, a benchmark measure of 66% was obtained. The international satisfaction survey did not include this type of measure, so there is currently no benchmark value. However, general comments from other research activities indicate that international visitors tend to rate satisfaction more harshly. This is why an initial target of 60% was set.

With the return of the tourism infrastructure and investment unit to the NTTC, increased effort will be put into influencing the development of tourism product to meet consumer demand. This should assist in increasing visitor satisfaction levels for future years. Additionally, the NTTC is working to increase standards of tourism operators, through support of the NT Accreditation Program. In 2002-03, financial incentives will be available for accredited operators.

(b) The figure of \$329 000 is a typo and should be \$329m. This will be corrected during the budget review process. Value measures are calculated based on industry standards for PR value (which is 3 x value of advertising space equivalence). This industry standard rate is used by the ATC, other States and Territories and internationally. As an example, in 2001-02 the NTTC spent \$3483 on a 'famil' for Mr Bruce Holmes a freelance journalist. Following his NT visit Mr Holmes wrote two articles, one for the Christchurch Press NZ and one of the Sunday Express. The total publicity value of these articles was \$438 005.

In 2002-03, an additional \$250 000 has been allocated to boost public relations (PR) activities which promote visitation to the Northern Territory. PR activities, such as hosting travel journalists on familiarisation trips to the Northern Territory, generates an enormous amount of exposure through domestic and international media. The resulting exposure carries a higher credibility factor than paid advertising. Online marketing activities and cooperative campaigns with high profile business partners will also be increased.

(c) In 2001-02, there were 170 'famils' and these included 383 personnel. Of these, 157 personnel were part of the Australian Tourist Commission's Visiting Journalists Program. One 'famil' visit may include up to ten media personnel.

Ms CARNEY: Well, I will ask you a couple of questions on that. When did you become aware of that quite significant typo?

Mr HENDERSON: I can say as a result of the question coming in and researching the answer.

Ms CARNEY: So when you stood in parliament and sang the praises of the budget in August, you were not aware of that significant typo?

Mr HENDERSON: It is not that we have a budget of \$329m; I only wish that we did. This is just an issue in terms of the PR value that can be calculated as a result of the direct dollar spend. So the dollars spent in terms of budget appropriation on public relations stays the same; but the value calculation in the budget papers was wrong.

Ms CARNEY: I understand that very well, minister. It is just that it was a significant matter contained in your budget papers that I guess you just missed at the time.

Mr HENDERSON: Well, I accept that I will be crucified for that omission; but it is a much better story than \$329 000. At least we averaged it down and not up.

Ms CARNEY: That is the end of that output.

Mr CHAIRMAN: So this is Output 01.01. If there are no further questions, that concludes consideration of this output group and any further questions on the table will be incorporated into

the *Hansard*.

Question 529 (Ms Carney):

1 What promotional activities of the Northern Territory's history, attractions or resources in any form, including familiarisation visits, electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Northern Territory Tourist Commission or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of the Commission, a government department or agency in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002?

2 What were the titles of all the promotional activities referred to in question 1.

3 What was the total amount spent on the promotional activities referred to in question 1 by the Northern Territory Tourist Commission and or its agencies?

4. Of the promotional activities referred to in question 1, which were assisted by:

- (a) payments in advance;
- (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and
- (c) use of government administration support at no charge.

5 What was the total value of the assistance rendered in each promotional activity?

6 Which of the promotional activities contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion?

7 How many and in which of the promotional activities were there provisions for the costs incurred by the Northern Territory government, or its agencies, to be offset against future royalty income?

8 In how many, and in which of the promotional activities, were expressions of interest or tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion?

Answer:

1 Please refer to question 539.

2 Please refer to question 539.

3 Please refer to question 539.

4 Nil.

5 Nil.

6 Nil

7 Nil

8 All activities have been carried out in accordance with NT government procurement guidelines.

Question 568 (Ms Carney): On 28 November 2001, the Tourism Minister said that the government subsidy/payment to Virgin Blue would be a 'massive return on investment' and that 'the consequential returns will be tens of millions of dollars to the Northern Territory economy'. What have the returns been?

Answer:

Based on the extra seats per month, assuming a 70% loading factor and that 60% of traffic is incremental interstate and international business, for the 10 months December 2001 to September 2002 the return to the NT has been \$14m. This is a \$16.8m estimated return for the year, based on a \$2m outlay (or a 740% return).

Question 576 (Ms Carney): On ABC radio on 27 March, the minister said that growth in tourism for the 2001 calendar year was 8%, and expressed his confidence that that figure will grow. What was

the growth to the end of June 2002? What is the minister's current prediction?

Answer:

NT Travel Monitor results for the year ending June 2002 are not available yet. NTTM results are released by the NT Tourist Commission approximately four months following the end of a quarter. This year's tourist season has been patchy, but better than what was anticipated post-September 11 and the collapse of Ansett. This has been due to the resilience and initiative of the NT tourism industry, the efforts of the NTTC and the support of government.

Question 585 (Ms Carney): In an article in the *NT News* on 3 June, the minister was quoted as saying that the NT had launched its biggest ever international tourism campaign in February and that it generated \$700 000 in revenue for NT operators. How is this figure arrived at, and where does the figure \$700 000 come from?

Answer:

A total of 548 identified bookings were taken from this campaign, of which 268 were entirely for NT component and 280 included a part-NT component. Bookings are identifiable as they are to a dedicated telephone line. It is assumed that 50% of the part-NT component can be attributed to the NT, bringing total NT bookings to 408. The average purchase price of bookings was \$4565 AUD. $408 \times \$4565 = \$1\,862\,520$ generated for the partners in the campaign. Assume 40% of booking price is for ground component. $40\% \text{ of } \$1\,862\,520 = \$745\,008$ for NT operators. This has been rounded down to a conservative \$700 000.

Question 587 (Ms Carney): For 2002-02 detail expenditure for the NTTC on domestic and international marketing promotions and advertising, including costs, nature, subject and purpose.

Answer:

It is assumed that this question refers to 2002-03. This is a duplicate question with Q527c. Advertising and promotion of the NT as a holiday destination is integral to the NTTC's business and its marketing function. The budget for the marketing output is listed on page 161 of Budget Paper No 3 and is \$23.948m in 2002-03.

Question 589 (Ms Carney): In relation to the money allocated in Budget Paper No 3 for 'an additional marketing campaign', provide details about: (a) How and when the allocation will be spent; and (b) What outcomes are expected, and provide details of any relevant timelines.

Answer:

Proposed additional international marketing activities (2002-03)

Market	Timing	NTTC contribution	Potential return to NT
Japan	Apr–Sept 2003	\$40 000	\$1 057 500
UK #1	Jan–June 2003	\$75 000	\$462 000
UK #2	Oct 02–Mar 03	\$75 000	\$577 500
Europe	Jan–Jun 2003	\$75 000	\$1 131 000
The Americas #1	Oct–Jan 2003	\$75 000	\$645 000
The Americas #2	Apr–June 2003	\$60 000	\$1 182 500
New Zealand	Feb–Jun 2003	\$50 000	\$459 000
Unstructured (backpackers)	Oct 02–Jun 03	\$50 000	\$300 000
Total		\$500 000	\$5 814 500

Question 592 (Ms Carney): In Budget Paper No 3 at page 164 under the heading 'performance measures' an amount of \$18 000 appears for 'holidays sold'. Is this figure correct? If not, what is the correct figure? If it is correct, what is the basis of these calculations?

Answer:

The holidays-sold benchmark relates to the quantity of holidays sold through the NT Holiday Centre; it is not a dollar value.

Question 594 (Ms Carney): In Budget Paper No 3 at page 163, there is a reference to an 'additional \$1m for the international marketing campaign' for 2002-03. (a) What is the total figure for international marketing for 2002-03? (b) What was the total figure for international marketing for 2001-02? (c) Was all of the funding allocated for international marketing in 2001-02 spent? If not, what amount (if any) was carried over and/or included in the 2002-03 budget? Will all existing international offices/agency operations of the NTTC be retained in 2002-03? What are the budget allocations for each of these locations and what was the allocation for 2001-02?

Answer:

(a) The International Marketing budget for 2002-03 is \$5.287m. This amount only includes an addition \$0.5m as the other \$0.5m has been earmarked for use in the 2003-04 financial year.

(b) The International Marketing budget for 2001-02 was \$4.475m.

(c) International Marketing's budget for 2001-02 was all consumed and none was carried over into 2002-03.

All existing international offices/agency operations of the NTTC will be retained in 2002-03. The budget allocations are:

2001-02 2002-03

\$000 \$000

International Darwin 375 377

Inbound 328 408

Asia 108 123

Japan 500 580

America 621 960

France/Spain 138 178

Germany 1,067 1,072

Italy 187 212

New Zealand 216 266

Scandinavia 88 88

United Kingdom 847 1,023

Total 4475 5287

Question 596 (Ms Carney): The sum of \$2m was to be paid to Virgin Blue from 1 March 2002. (a) Was that money expended to subsidise seats on flights? If so, how many seats were subsidised? (b) How much of the total \$2m funding has been expended to date? (c) What was the outcome in terms of the numbers of seats and the number of flights? (d) What is the 2002-03 budgeted expenditure for additional subsidies?

Answer:

(a) No. The agreement with Virgin Blue is about subsidising additional air access to the NT, the agreement is not based on a specific per seat allocation.

(b) As at 30 June 2002, \$500K had been expended.

(c) The agreement guarantees Virgin Blue air services to the NT for two years. Virgin Blue fly to

Darwin daily from Brisbane. It provides an additional seat capacity of 1134 per week. Based on the extra seats per month, assuming a 70% loading factor and that 60% of traffic is incremental interstate and international business, the estimated return per year on a \$2m outlay is \$16.8m injected into the Territory's economy.

(d) Committed budgeted expenditure for the 2002-03 year is \$2m.

Question 598 (Ms Carney): The opposition asked in its written question to the minister dated 26 February 2002: 'To what extent is the official travel by government employees going to be directed to Virgin Blue?' The answer received was: 'Official travel by government employees is to be undertaken on the best price service at the time of booking, subject to availability of suitability of flights and connections'. (a) How many government employees by agency have travelled on Virgin Blue since it commenced flights into Darwin? (b) Is the number of government employees who have travelled in line with expectations? (c) How many times has the minister, other ministers or backbenchers representing ministers travelled from or to Darwin on Virgin Blue, and how many times have you or they travelled on Qantas?

Answer:

(a) This question has been asked of the NT Tourist Commission, which can only respond based on its use of the airline and that of Territory Discoveries staff. The NT Tourist Commission does not administer NT government travel, so cannot report from a whole-of-government perspective. NT government travel is based on the best price, subject to suitability of flights and connections, and aggregate numbers of employee travel should be interpreted with this in mind.

(b) DCIS advises that 37 invoices have been issued by Virgin Blue, some of these cover more than one person travelling. The following agencies have travelled on VB:

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
NT Tourist Commission
Territory Discoveries
Dept of Infrastructure Planning & Environment
Dept of Health & Community Services
Territory Housing
Dept of Business, Industry & Resource Development
Education
Health and Community Services
Construction Division

Government has no set expectations for employee travel. Each is determined on an individual basis, subject to overall government guidelines.

(c) The Minister for Tourism has flown to Brisbane once since December 2001, and that was on Qantas. In total the minister has travelled on Qantas 22 times, on charters 10 times, and on Air North five times.

Question 604 (Ms Carney): What is the 2002-03 budget impact of closing the Holiday Centre in Darwin and paying out any staff entitlements?

Answer:

To date staff entitlements totalling \$35 444.82 have been paid. Long-term gains in terms of operational efficiency, estimated at \$100 000, should be achieved as a result of consolidating Holiday Centre operations.

Question 635 (Ms Carney): The 2002-03 budget paper Regional Highlights at page 15 listed as an 'initiative' an allocation of \$2.33m for the NT Holiday Centre in Alice Springs. Where is the allocation for this payment of \$2.33m in the budget papers and what is it for?

Answer:

The \$2.33m allocation is included in the Marketing output costs for 2002-03. It is for the running of the NT Holiday Centre in Alice Springs. The NT Holiday Centre is a telesales based operation that not only actively sells holiday packages to interested consumers, but also provides general tourism related information about the NT to callers.

Question 641 (Ms Carney): In Budget Paper No 3 there is an amount of \$486 000 allocated to 'advertising promotions' under the heading of 'performance measures'. At the end of the table there is an explanatory asterisk which says that the figure 'includes trade/media familiarisation and trade/consumer shows'. (a) What is the breakdown of trade and media familiarisations? (b) What is the breakdown of trade/consumer shows?

Answer:

Activity	Number
International media famils	65
International trade famils	25
Domestic media famils	65
Domestic trade famils	20
Domestic trade/consumer shows	13
International trade/consumer shows	104
Convention and incentive famils	4
Trade and consumer shows – conventions	4

Question 667 (Ms Carney): In Budget Paper No 3 under the heading 'performance measures' there is a reference to 'value of airline subsidy' of \$2m for 2002-03. (a) Does this figure relate only to Virgin Blue? (b) Why is it inconsistent with what is described as an 'initiative' on page 163, namely \$0.5m in 2001-02 and \$1.5m in 2002-03?

Answer:

(a) Yes, this figure only relates to Virgin Blue.

(b) The \$1.5m at page 163 of Budget Paper No 3 is the variation from the \$0.5m in 2001-02: \$2m minus \$0.5m results in a positive variation for 2002-03 of \$1.5m.

Question 676 (Ms Carney): Have the staff levels in the NTTC Sydney office or Darling Harbour centre been reduced? (a) Was this due to budget changes? (b) Detail all of the staff changes that have occurred in the 2001-02 period. (c) Are there any anticipated changes to staffing levels and/or operations of the NTTC Sydney, Darling Harbour, Alice Springs or Darwin offices for the 2002-03 period?

Answer:

Staffing numbers in the NTTC's Sydney Office have been reduced by two. Staffing levels in Darling Harbour have not reduced.

(a) No.

(b) The positions of General Manager Marketing and the Personal Assistant to the General Manager Marketing have been relocated to the Darwin Office. One staff member at Darling Harbour has resigned, however this position has been advertised for recruitment.

(c) As you may be aware, the NT Tourist Commission is currently developing a five year Strategic

Plan for the NT tourism industry. The future role of the Commission, its functions and organisation structure will be considered as part of this review. Therefore, I am not in a position to respond to this question until the review is finalised.

Question 434 (Mr Kiely): Minister, I refer to the Northern Territory Tourism Commission budget, marketing output. What economic benefits to the Northern Territory will flow from the increase in the marketing budget this year, and how does this years allocation compare to the allocation under the previous government?

Answer:

I refer to Budget Paper No 3, page 161. The allocation for marketing was \$21.678m in 2001-02 and will increase to \$23.948m in 2002-03. Two new initiatives have been funded in 2002-03:

Virgin Blue facilitation package (\$2m) with an estimated return of \$16.8m for the year.

- Virgin provides 1134 seats a week into Darwin.
- With the collapse of Ansett they have been a valuable, additional domestic service to Qantas.
- Virgin Blue has provided discounted access to the Territory for tourists and important competition with Qantas.
- There is no doubt that Virgin Blue has helped the NT tourism industry survive a very rough year, globally, for tourism.
- As the largest employer in the NT, this assistance has been invaluable and can take some credit for the reasonably positive employment results the NT has enjoyed this last financial year.

International marketing funding (\$500 000) with an estimated return of \$5.815m for the year.

- The extra marketing money will be used in cooperative marketing campaigns, which will see the NT maximise our marketing spend.
- Tourism is a labour-intensive industry and the largest employer, directly and indirectly, in the NT.
- The extra marketing dollars is about driving more tourists to the NT, especially during the shoulder periods.
- This will have a direct effect on seasonal employment in the NT, creating more work for longer.

Industry and Infrastructure Development

Mr CHAIRMAN: We now move to output group 01.02 which goes by the name of Industry and Infrastructure Development.

Ms CARNEY: Minister, I refer you to question 650. Perhaps you could give me a hoy when you have found it.

Mr HENDERSON: Yes, got it.

Question 650 (Ms Carney): In the 2002-03 Budget Policy Initiatives include 'Increasing Domestic and International Air Services'. (a) What funding has been allocated to achieve this? (b) On what initiatives will the funds be spent? (c) How will these initiatives increase domestic and international services? (d) Are increased domestic and international air services likely to be achieved by the end of 2002?

Answer:

(a) The NTTC has allocated \$125 000 to aviation issues and an additional \$125 000 to the NTG (NTTC)/NT Airports partnership for an Aviation Development Director, bringing its overall commitment to \$250 000 in 2002-03.

(b) Developing and presenting business cases to airlines, and relationship management.

(c) By influencing the decision making process of airlines, with the aim of them including the NT services in their route network.

(d) The answer to this question needs to be provided in the context of the NT's position in the global market. Airlines will make commercial decisions regardless of how much we want them to come to the NT. We need to work with airlines to prove routes to the NT will be both profitable and sustainable and the NT government and NT Aviation Committee has been working very hard on this front. Government cannot guarantee any additional airlines, however I can report that discussions with a range of carriers have been positive. Due to airline scheduling requirements, any decisions made now are more likely to impact on 2003 capacity. I remain confident that we will see new developments in this arena next year.

Ms CARNEY: I notice that answer (c) is: '... by influencing the decision-making processes of airlines with the aim of them including the NT services in their route network'. I am wondering how it is that you do propose to influence the decision-making processes of airlines; given that, with the greatest of respect, it seems to have been a spectacular failure in recent times. Can you assist with that matter?

Mr HENDERSON: I certainly can. I suppose to put this in perspective, the good news is that we have interviewed just last week for the position of our Aviation Development Director. We had a number of good applications and we are probably not that far away from – we have three finalists. So I am hoping to have someone on board within the next month or so in that position.

At the end of the day, the initiative and approach that we have taken is that we have to work with the airlines that will potentially fly to the Northern Territory or extend their schedules within the Northern Territory. The only way that we can add leverage to their decision-making is to crunch the numbers and do the work for them in proposing and putting in front of them very concise business cases to support a commercial decision that they would take to expand their business or enter into business in the Northern Territory. We took the initiative, along with the owners of Darwin Airport, to join together in partnership and fund a position, and attempt to recruit a senior executive officer from the aviation industry to support and build those business places that we then take to the market place and into the board rooms. I am hopeful that that will bear fruit.

However, we are in a climate where we have seen a contracting aviation industry, not only in the Northern Territory, but globally. The aviation industry globally is worth \$US10bn less this year than it was last year. We have seen major contraction in the global aviation industry; and the Northern Territory has been hit very hard by that. But there are a number of prospects in the wings. Negotiations are continuing, and by getting this initiative up and getting somebody from the aviation industry working with government and Darwin Airport to put business cases to the airlines, we are hopeful that we can support the case for the Northern Territory even more.

Ms CARNEY: Can I ask since you used the words 'board rooms' how many times have you travelled to Asia specifically to get inside the board rooms of some of the Asian airline companies?

Mr HENDERSON: I have not been overseas to speak to international airlines but I can say that on 38 separate occasions within Australia, I have met with senior executive officers from a large number of aviation companies.

Ms CARNEY: Thank you.

Question 654 (Ms Carney): In the 2002-03 budget, have any funds been allocated to develop and present business cases to airlines to urgently increase services between Singapore and Darwin and increase domestic flights to Alice Springs? What business cases have been developed to date?

Answer:

A portion of the total aviation budget has been dedicated to develop business cases for airlines. Business cases have been developed and presented to a number of airlines with capacity to service the Singapore-Darwin route. Business cases have also been put to domestic carriers and discussions are ongoing in relation to Alice Springs. A total of four business cases have been put to airlines to date, including Qantas, Australian Airlines, Virgin Blue and Silk Air.

Qantas introduced new services from Brisbane to Alice Springs this year, which the NTTC understands have performed strongly. While Qantas will reduce services post-October, this occurs each year due to seasonality and was anticipated, as is the reinstatement of these services in 2003.

Ms CARNEY: I refer you to question 654. This is the question that related to flights between Singapore and Darwin. Of course, as we all know things are pretty grim in terms of flights in and out of the Territory and in particular Darwin. I note that there is a part of your answer that relates to Alice Springs. Would you like to amend any part of that answer? That is, the final paragraph.

Mr HENDERSON: No. Do you have any particular concerns?

Ms CARNEY: I understood that Qantas in fact reduced their flights from Alice Springs to Brisbane the week it was announced. So in other words, it is not the case that services will be reduced in October.

Mr HENDERSON: They will reduce the services post-October, yes, which is what it says here: 'They will reduce the services post-October'.

Ms CARNEY: So you do not concede that flights were reduced a week or so ago, whereas there were I think between three and five flights Alice Springs-Brisbane, it is now once a week or thereabouts? Look, I won't ...

Mr HENDERSON: I met with the executive director who is responsible for scheduling and marketing in Sydney last week and put the case very strongly to him for the Northern Territory on a number of routes. His response to me was that this was a season issue; that they do alter their schedules over the year and this is normal for this time of year. I did strongly make the point that it was not acceptable, given the overall status of capacity, but it is seasonal. He gave me an assurance that as demand grows and projected demand grows, they will reinstate those services. But without making excuses for Qantas at all, they are in a position where they are expanding their fleet. They are getting an extra 12 aircraft in to their fleet next year. The federal government refused to remove the foreign investment cap for them to seek additional capital to expand their fleet further. So without making excuses for Qantas, I have an assurance from that as demand grows, they will put the additional planes on and they are getting an additional 12 planes for their fleet next year.

Ms CARNEY: In addition to appointing the aviation ambassador, what else is government working on, or contemplating doing about the very serious situation that we as Territorians are in, in terms of our very limited airline capacity?

Mr HENDERSON: The title is not an aviation ambassador. It is an Aviation Development Director. There are a number of strategies that are being addressed at the moment. One is I am lobbying the Commonwealth government to remove cabotage restrictions for foreign airlines that would potentially seek to use Darwin as a gateway into Australia on routes to southern ports. I have written to the federal transport minister, John Anderson, on the issue. I have spoken on a number of occasions and only last week to the federal tourism minister, Joe Hockey, on this issue. The Tourism Ministers Council got agreement from all of the ministers that particularly for regional ports such as Darwin and Cairns that the Commonwealth government should look to review its policy on cabotage and have a commitment that the federal tourism minister will take that issue up with his colleague, John Anderson, and I will follow up with Minister Hockey next week on that issue. There are also ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, minister. I have just been advised that we have a technical problem and

we need to take five minutes break so that they can shut it down and re-boot it. I apologise for that.

Ms CARNEY: I should go home if I could catch a plane.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Five minutes.

Committee suspended.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right, we are back on air. I am sorry about that. Just to clarify, for the member for Araluen and others, what was said was not lost to the *Hansard* record, but the broadcast side of the equation broke down. Member for Araluen, I know it was a fairly complicated area that you were talking about, but if you just wanted to proceed with the interchange with the minister. I am just trying to ...

Mr HENDERSON: I can finish. There are a couple of other things I would like to report on, if that is okay. We have covered the cabotage issue in relation to the aviation hub concept for Darwin. That is caught up and will be addressed with and alongside the federal minister's 10-year tourism plan. Again, there was a commitment from minister Hockey in New Zealand last week that it will be formally progressed as a direct feasibility study that we will be seconding people to work with the Commonwealth. It is not just looking at a single hub, but the opportunities for Darwin and Cairns in that area. There is a lot of talk about this, but it is some years out. We will need to do the work now, but the new, long-haul aircraft are not arriving into commercial fleets for another four or five years. Now the time is right to look at the opportunities and feasibility studies, and we are progressing that in a collaborative manner with the Australian Tourist Commission, and through Joe Hockey's office. That is a positive move, and it is ongoing.

Of course, there is the Virgin Blue initiative that we undertook coming into government; to facilitate Virgin Blue's entry into the market place that has brought an additional 1300 seats a week into Darwin, and a return of around \$14m to the Northern Territory economy. It is not a great rosy picture, but it is not as appalling as it could have been, post-11 September and the Ansett collapse last year.

International is still a very big problem for the Northern Territory but, as I said yesterday or a couple of days ago in a forum, short of purchasing an airline and establishing an operation ourselves, we are doing as much as we possibly can to facilitate new entrance into the market place. I will be going to Singapore next month to talk to a number of people.

Mr REED: The chronic problem for the industry, no matter where you go, they tell you is the Singapore-Darwin-Singapore link; three services a week by a 767. There are heaps of people in Europe and the UK who want to come here, but cannot get here through the Singapore hub. Apart from talking, have you thought laterally in relation to how this might be resolved, and a service put in place? What have your discussions with Australian Airlines revealed in terms of them commencing a service?

Mr HENDERSON: Again, speaking with Denis Adams on a number of occasions, and in Sydney last week, it is looking very promising for Australian Airlines' first quarter next year when they get additional planes into their fleet. They are starting the operation very small with only four aircraft, but Darwin is very much on their horizon and we are working with them to get them into the market place for the next tourist season.

Mr REED: Operators: the NT tour operators are going broke while all this is happening. You did make, in fact, some reference to doing something a bit different, but I think it was a flippant comment rather than something serious. In 1989 when we had an airline strike, we did, in fact, charter an aircraft to overcome the problem. In the end, that came out pretty line ball in terms of cost.

There are more airliners sitting on tarmacs around the world now than ever before. This route has high loadings, high demand, and the people who would be coming here - and you are looking at 2000 to 3000 a week. If 1300 people coming on Virgin Blue into Darwin can create \$14m, who knows what 2000 or 3000 extra international tourists might produce? Have you considered or talked to an airline company about the government, perhaps, chartering an aircraft and getting, for example, Qantas to operate it? By the middle of next year, it is going to be a very serious situation regarding access into here internationally. It does require some lateral and innovative thinking on behalf of government to try and solve this problem. That is but one suggestion. It may not work, but would you pursue it?

Mr HENDERSON: The discussions we have had with a number of operators - and I do accept the issue that people are trying to get to Darwin and they cannot get here directly and are having to go via Perth and Sydney. As the amount of involvement government would have in the market place, without seeking further retaliatory action from people who are already in there, my understanding is that there is commercial opportunity on that Singapore-Darwin route, not only is Australian looking at that, but a couple of other international operators are looking at that route. I will be talking to them in Singapore next month to further explore how serious they are about flying to Darwin, and we will look at all strategies.

The scenario that the member for Katherine talks about, as my memory understands, was as a result of the pilots strike. We were talking about a situation there where we had no capacity until the RAAF got involved and it was a responsive fact that basically Qantas and Ansett shut down operations within Australia, and it was a move at the time where there was no capacity. Now, we do not have an issue where there is no capacity into Darwin. We have an issue where there has been a significant reduction of capacity, and whilst there is a demand in the market place, operators are looking at meeting that demand. It is not as fast as I would like but I am quietly confident that people will meet that demand early next year. That is pre-supposing that we do not have an eruption of international conflict in the Middle East. I am happy to look at that scenario, member for Katherine. It is not on the radar at this point, but maybe we can look at it.

Mr REED: Well, I think government has to be innovative and put things on the radar and make it happen to the benefit of the industry, and the talk has been going on long enough, the services have not increased, the visitors are not coming, the tourist operators are going broke because they do not have people to fill their vehicles. It is time to be innovative and proactive and see if something can be done in the interim and work with industry to achieve that, so I hope that the minister can pursue something.

Mr HENDERSON: We will, and we have been innovative getting Virgin into the market place in the Northern Territory. We are working with Darwin Airport. They are able to offer some incentives to the new carriers that we are working with, but we can explore all options.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thanks, minister. Are there any other questions in relation to this output area? That concludes consideration of this output area and any outstanding questions will go on the *Hansard* record.

Question 572 (Ms Carney): What is the budgeted 2002-03 expenditure to fulfil the election promise to 'support existing, and encourage the formation of new regional tourism associations'?

Answer:

\$2m allocated in 2002-03 for four RTAs. The government has no current plans to form new RTAs, and expects existing RTAs to work cooperatively with each other and the NTTC to maximise the returns for taxpayers funds to the tourism industry.

Question 579 (Ms Carney): What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to revise and implement the Indigenous Tourism Development Strategy? Will this be completed by December 2002?

Answer:

\$115 000 has been specifically allocated to the Aboriginal Tourism Strategy in 2002-03, however, other costs associated with this Strategy (for example, personnel costs, etcetera) are included within the overall budget for the Industry Development division. ATSIC and the Land Councils have already been invited to be part of the review process for the Aboriginal Tourism Strategy and input from the tourism industry has been collected during the development of the *NT Tourism Strategic Plan 2002 - 2007*. Key secondary stakeholders such as government, DCDSCA, DCM and DBIRD will be consulted over the next few months. A draft version of the new strategy will be distributed to all stakeholders for comment later this year, well before December.

Question 584 (Ms Carney): What is the budgeted expenditure for 2002-03 to review the Tourism Master Plan?

Answer:

The priority of government has been to implement the Master Plan. As I said in my ministerial statement:

'A lot of work went into developing the Tourism Development Master Plan under the previous government, and it contains a range of useful suggestions for taking the industry forward.'

'I was disappointed to find, however, that no implementation strategy had been developed to accompany the plan which remained something of a wish list without any real ownership. A priority task for the Tourist Commission now is to develop a realistic, fully-funded implementation plan in consultation with the tourism industry to deliver real outcomes.'

Research has been conducted to test Master Plan priorities with consumers to enable prioritisation of initiatives for implementation. This expenditure of \$45 000 was budgeted and paid for in 2001-02. A further expenditure of \$100 000 has been spent, or approved to finalise, the Northern Territory Strategic Plan, 2002-07.

Question 590 (Ms Carney): What initiatives is government developing to attract international air services to Darwin, and in particular on the strategic Darwin-Singapore-Darwin route?

Answer:

The answer is provided in response to Question 654.

Question 593 (Ms Carney): What efforts have been made in the last six months to have Virgin Blue commence services to Central Australia. What have been the costs of those efforts?

Answer:

The NT government has been engaging in ongoing dialogue with Virgin Blue over the last six months and providing updates of statistical data as required, to assist in route planning decisions. Virgin Blue is a standard agenda item for the Northern Territory Aviation Committee. The cost of this effort needs to be gauged in terms of staff time and travel. NTTC estimates time and travel costs exceeding \$100 000 per annum relating to aviation development work by the agency. This does not include support from other agencies involved, namely DIPE and DBIRD.

Question 600 (Ms Carney): Detail the level of funding in 2001-02 for each of the Regional Tourist Associations (RTAs) and did this increase in the 2002-03 budget? If not, why not, and can RTAs apply for additional funding?

Answer:

In 2001-02, Tourism Top End received \$640 000, Katherine Region Tourist Association received \$400 000, Tennant Creek Regional Tourist Association received \$320 000 and Central Australian Tourism Industry Association received \$640 000. Funding for the RTAs was maintained at this level in 2002-03, as is detailed in the Regional Highlights budget paper.

The RTAs are industry-based bodies that provide membership services to paid constituents. The NT Tourist Commission funds the RTAs to perform specific activities that they conduct on its behalf, as negotiated in the Partnership NT Agreement. Other sources of funding which are available to the RTAs include membership fees, cooperative marketing support from the NTTC for specific marketing initiatives, the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources under its Regional Tourism Program and other bodies with a tourism interest, such as local government.

Question 610 (Ms Carney): What is the budgeted 2002-03 expenditure to fulfil the election promise to provide 'additional funding to ensure all staff of Regional Tourist Associations undertake cross-cultural courses'?

Answer:

\$115 000 has budgeted by NTTC to support, review and implement the Aboriginal Tourism Strategy. Part of this funding will be used for cultural awareness training of NTTC and RTA personnel. A cultural awareness course will be held on 26 September 2002, for NTTC Darwin, Tourism Top End and Katherine Region Tourist Association staff.

Question 662 (Ms Carney): In the 2002-03 budget, have any funds been allocated specifically to actively promote Darwin as a Northern Air Hub for Australia? (a) How much? (b) How will this be spent? (c) When will the promotion occur?

Answer:

The NTTC has allocated \$125 000 to aviation issues and an additional \$125 000 to the NT government (NTTC)/NT Airports partnership for an Aviation Development Director, bringing its overall commitment to \$250 000 in 2002-03. The NT government has, as part of development of Commonwealth's 10 Year Plan for Tourism, urged the Federal government conduct a feasibility study into the Northern Hub concept and has offered resources to assist. The Federal government has acknowledged this offer and indicated they will accept, but they have not done so yet.

Question 683 (Ms Carney): What is the budget cost of the creation of a Destination Development Unit within the NTTC as announced in the budget?

Answer:

The 2002-03 budget for the NTTC Destination Development Unit is \$633 000.

Territory Discoveries

Mr CHAIRMAN: I think that concludes the Northern Territory Tourist Commission unless I am mistaken. We now move to Territory Discoveries.

Ms CARNEY: No questions, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: No question in Territory Discoveries. I am not sure how many output areas so moving through all the output areas ...

Mr REED: Mr Chairman, is the government intending to sell Territory Discoveries?

Mr HENDERSON: We are currently conducting a strategic review of all of our operations. There was a discussion paper that is about to go out to look at all opportunities, but there is no decision been made.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay, I notice there is a question there, 86, it stands in the name of the member for Nelson.

Mr WOOD: No, I am okay, thank you, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right, so all of those questions in Output 0.03 and Output 1.01 will go into the *Hansard* and then we move to the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development.

Question 86 (Mr Wood): Budget Paper No 3 at page 169 appears to show that Territory Discoveries blew its budget last year by more than 30% or about \$1.2m. It is estimated that it will overspend its operating budget this financial year by \$0.5m or 20%. Can the minister explain why Territory Discoveries is recording these results? Will the government continue to subsidise this business unit, and if so, why?

Answer:

Territory Discoveries is a Government Business Division and while managed on a commercial basis it is not yet commercially sustainable. Since its inception the NTG has provided it with equity injections to support its place in the market. In 2001-02 that was \$1.022m. Territory Discoveries is a loss-making venture but we subsidise it because of the value it adds to the Northern Territory tourism industry. Territory Discoveries allows tourism operators, especially small operators, exposure to consumers that they could not get through private wholesalers. TD lists 179 operators, private wholesalers carry a much smaller listing. Additionally, TD provides other unprofitable activities such as supporting the government's objectives of regional dispersal and promoting the NT as a year-round destination.

Sales of TD product are targeted to be \$17m (p169). Without a wholesaler performing the role TD does in listing and nurturing new and small product this amount of business would not have been generated. Tourism is a labour-intensive industry, and the NT's largest employer. TD creates jobs for Territorians. TD losses were \$1.071m in 1999-2000 and \$888 000 in 2000-01. The 2001-02 figure is yet to be audited, however is estimated at \$1.097m. The aim is to decrease losses incurred by TD overtime. As you may be aware, the NT Tourist Commission is currently developing a five year Strategic Plan for the NT tourism industry. The future role of the Commission and its wholesaling operation will be considered as part of this review.

Question 582 (Ms Carney): Refer to Budget Paper No 3 at page 169. According to the Performance Measure targets for 2002-03:

- The average value of a package sold through the program will be \$1137
- A participating tourism wholesaler will average 84 presumably additional sales
- Additional sales per operator will be about \$95 000
- The cost of the wholesale program will be \$14 033, or 15% of these additional sales

Does the responsible minister consider this value for money?

Answer:

Yes. Costs to operators for participation in TD are retrospective. They are \$500 if TD produces (for

the participating operator) more than \$10k in gross sales and \$250 if TD produces less than \$10k in gross sales. Operators also pay TD a commission based on sales. In return, on average operators receive an additional \$95 000 in sales. In 2001-02 Territory Discoveries injected \$24.8m.

Question 623 (Ms Carney): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

\$805 000 of TD's revenue attributed to an inter-agency transfer.
\$695 000 of goods and services purchased from NTTC.
\$150 000 of goods and services purchased from DCIS.

These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction.

Question 629 (Ms Carney): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

\$695 000 of goods and services purchased from NTTC.
\$150 000 of goods and services purchased from DCIS.

These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction.

Question 633 (Ms Carney): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

Nil.

Question 634 (Ms Carney): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? - 13

How many are employed on a full time basis, part-time, casual and contract?

Employees as at 9 September 2002, comprised:

Full-time 12
Part-time 0
Casual 0
Contract 1

How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full time basis, part-time, casual and contract?

Full-time 13
Part-time 0
Casual 0
Contract 1

How many were employed by the agency on a full-time basis, part-time, casual or contract when the public service was restructure in November last year?

Full-time 13
Part-time 0
Casual 0
Contract 1

How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Full-time 12
Part-time 0
Casual 0
Contract 1

Question 637 (Ms Carney): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget? In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods?

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in agency Annual Reports. Information for 2002-03 is not provided in a form consistent with the mini-budget as 2002-03 information is on an accrual basis.

Question 640 (Ms Carney): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

Operating revenue is increasing by \$31 000 in 2002-03 and is made up of the following:

Community Service Obligation payments increasing by \$14 000.
Commissions increasing by \$41 000.
Profit on sale of assets decreasing by \$24 000.

Question 643 (Ms Carney): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

		Cost 2001-02	Cost 2002-03	Spent to date 2002-03
Consultant	Purpose of Consultancy	\$000	\$000	\$000
Graeme Willingham	Public Relations	\$25 838	\$30 000	\$2270
Travel Management Services	Representative Agreement WA	\$12 416	\$0	\$0
Travel Management Services	Representative Agreement SA	\$0	\$20 000	\$0

Question 647 (Ms Carney): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The budget improvement target was \$60 000 in 2001-02 and \$111 000 in 2002-03. This target has already been included in the operating expenses approved for both the 2001-02 and 2002-03 financial years.

Question 652 (Ms Carney): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 657 (Ms Carney): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

Whilst the amounts sought in this question are provided below it should be noted that the budget estimate, net of these various amounts, has no real meaning. Agencies pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other service provider. These items need to be included to assess the full costs of the outputs.

Appropriation	2001-02 Estimate (\$000)	2002-03 Budget (\$000)
Total Operating Expenses	\$3203	\$2502
Less Payroll Tax	\$29	\$29
Less Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$0
Less Depreciation	\$2	\$2

TOTAL	\$3172	\$2471
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Question 659 (Ms Carney): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office, (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) the minister's electorate office

Answer:

- (a) Will be answered by the Chief Minister.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Will be answered by the Chief Minister.

Question 777 (Ms Carney): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? (iii) and where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the Budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

No.

Question 786 (Ms Carney): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

As a GBD, Territory Discoveries has been operating in an accrual environment since its inception.

Ms CARNEY: Thanks, minister, and I thank the staff of the Commission.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We still have Business, Industry and Resource Development ...

Mr HENDERSON: We have done that.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We have, have we? Sorry, NT Railway. There are a number of questions standing in the name of the member for Brennan, the Opposition Leader, and I would assume that the Deputy Opposition Leader would have carriage of that.

Mr HENDERSON: May I again record my thanks to my CEO and staff of the Tourist Commission and Territory Discoveries. It has been a very trying 12 months in the industry and they have done a fantastic job and I just want to put my comments on record.

NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister. If we could have those staff in relation to the NT Railway join the minister. I should not push things along too fast. Minister, I think everyone knows who is sitting there beside you.

Ms CARNEY: For the benefit of the *Hansard*, for the recording and for those people who are riveted to their seats wondering who is next ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Araluen.

Mr HENDERSON: I will get there.

Mr CHAIRMAN: The member for Araluen is quite correct. If you could introduce ...

Mr HENDERSON: I was going to introduce ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Who am I to stand against the member for Araluen?

Mr HENDERSON: I was going to introduce the Chief Executive, Mr Paul Tyrrell. Also behind us we have the Deputy Chief Executive of Railway Corporation, Brendan Lawson, and the Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Kirkman.

Mr REED: We note the answers provided and at this stage have no further ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Question 17 (Mr Wood): Previous Territory governments have committed more than \$200m to the Alice Springs to Darwin railway. The budget papers and speeches appear to indicate that further amounts of \$16.5m, \$13.5m, \$5m and \$8m will be spent on the railway this year. (1) Can the minister tell us what the total government railway commitment is for 2002-03 and what the money will be spent on? (2) Can the minister explain how the budget and responsibilities for the railway are split between his office and the Chief Minister's? (3) How much funding for the railway is likely to be committed in 2003-04 and 2004-05?

Answer:

The railway project commitments of the Territory incorporates:

- \$140m in direct payments to the rail consortium for construction works (expended in 2001-02)
- \$25m in the form of a loan to the consortium (expended in 2001-02)
- \$10.1m for mezzanine debt funding to the consortium of which \$5.05m will be funded from the Commonwealth (expended in 2002-03)
- \$17.7m for equity funding to the consortium of which \$8.85m will be funded from the Commonwealth (to be expended in 2003-04)
- Although unlikely to be required, \$25m for contingent equity funding to the consortium of which \$12.5m will be funded from the Commonwealth (if necessary between 2003 and 2006)
- Construction costs resulting from land acquisition agreements estimated at almost \$18.9m.

Under project agreements, the Territory is also required to provide financial support to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation and promotion of the new railway. The total government railway commitment for 2002-03 is \$26.4m. The Territory is committed to certain obligations under the railway project documents including construction obligations such as fencing the corridor, construction of occupation crossings, community development programs, replacement housing at Harry Creek and amelioration works identified under the railway impact assessment study. Other commitments include Mezzanine Debt investment, promotion and policy advice on the railway and financial assistance to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation. The railway commitment for 2002-03 of \$26.4m includes:

- \$10.1m for mezzanine debt funding to the consortium of which \$5.05M will be funded from the Commonwealth
- \$14.6m for 2002-03 construction spend resulting from land acquisition agreements, including:
 - Pre-agreed variations to the construction of the new railway (changes to the level crossing and bridge schedule)

- Fencing
- Occupational level crossings
- Further land settlement costs (mainly legal)
- Replacement water sources
- Replacement roads
- Relocation of the Harry Creek Community
- Works to be provided under the Railway Impact Assessment study
- Works to be provided as part of the Community Development Package.
- \$1.7m in personnel and operating costs for promotion of the railway and other financial assistance to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation (set up to ensure obligations of consortium and governments under project agreements are met).

NT Railway is an output group of the Department of the Chief Minister. Although the budget for the railway is included within the overall budget for the Department of the Chief Minister, the Minister for the Railway has responsibility for the development of the rail link and under the Administrative Arrangements Order has roles under the *AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act*, the *AustralAsia Railway (Special Provisions) Act* and the *AustralAsia Railway (Third Party Access) Act*.

The estimated expenditure less receipts for the 2003-04 financial year, which is not yet an approved commitment, is approximately \$13m. This includes:

- Completion of construction works (ie fencing, crossings) \$3m
- Equity funding to the rail consortium \$18m
- Contribution from the Commonwealth for the equity funding (\$9m)
- Grants, operational and personnel costs \$1m

Unless contingent equity is called on or a carry-over of the Territory's construction works along the corridor is necessary (that is, fencing), there is currently no expenditure anticipated for the railway in 2004-05.

Question 65 (Mr Wood): Budget Paper No 3 at page 19 shows that the Capital Appropriation for the Department of the Chief Minister has risen by more the \$22m. Can the minister explain what that money is being used for?

Answer:

Capital Appropriation for the department is for use by NT Railway for financing the NT government's obligations under the railway project. The railway project commitments of the Territory incorporates:

- \$140m in direct payments to the rail consortium for construction works (expended in 2001-02)
- \$25m in the form of a loan to the consortium (expended in 2001-02)
- \$10.1m for mezzanine debt funding to the consortium of which \$5.05m will be funded from the Commonwealth (expended in 2002-03)
- \$17.7m for equity funding to the consortium of which \$8.85m will be funded from the Commonwealth (to be expended in 2003-04)
- Although unlikely to be required, \$25m for contingent equity funding to the consortium of which \$12.5m will be funded from the Commonwealth (if necessary between 2003 and 2006)
- Construction costs resulting from land acquisition agreements estimated at almost \$18.9m.

The railway capital appropriation budget for 2002-03 is \$24.7m and includes:

- \$10.1m for mezzanine debt funding to the consortium of which \$5.05M will be funded from the Commonwealth
- \$14.6m for 2002/03 construction spend resulting from land acquisition agreements, including:
 - Pre-agreed variations to the construction of the new railway (changes to the level crossing and bridge schedule)

- Fencing
- Occupational level crossings
- Further land settlement costs (mainly legal)
- Replacement water sources
- Replacement roads
- Relocation of the Harry Creek Community
- Works to be provided under the Railway Impact Assessment study
- Works to be provided as part of the Community Development Package

Under the rail project documents, the Northern Territory government has an obligation to acquire the necessary land along the new rail corridor. Agreements with land owners for the acquisition of this land has meant that the NT has incurred a number of construction obligations such as fencing of pastoral properties and the provision of crossings and replacement roads across and along the corridor. Land compensation packages of a construction nature have also been negotiated with land councils and community groups along the corridor.

As the debt investment is an asset for the Territory, the \$10.1m mezzanine debt funding is accounted for within the \$24.7m 'Capital Appropriation' within the Department of Chief Minister's Outputs and Appropriation, in accordance with accrual accounting presentation. The \$2m estimate for 2001-02 was for commencement of construction activities associated with the land acquisition agreements as detailed above.

Question 81 (Mr Wood): In Budget Paper No 3 at page 279 under the heading Specific Purpose Grants to the Chief Minister's Department is a figure of \$5m – it is the Commonwealth's contribution to the Mezzanine Debt. Can the Treasurer explain what the Mezzanine Debt is?

Answer:

Mezzanine debt is the commercial equivalent to a second mortgage. In the event it is called upon Mezzanine debt will be repaid only after initial debt funding is repaid (that is, repayment of the first mortgage). Due to the fact that other debt is paid back first, Mezzanine debt will generally attract a higher rate of interest than the initial debt. The mezzanine debt grant from the Commonwealth is part of the railway funding. The railway project incorporates a complex financing structure, with funding coming from private enterprise as well as the governments of the Northern Territory, South Australia and the Commonwealth in the form of payments for capital works and funding of debt and equity to the rail consortium. Both the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments have committed to \$5.05m for Mezzanine debt funding in the rail project in 2002-03. The Commonwealth has agreed that they will pay their portion of debt funding in the project in the form of a grant to the Territory government, so that this investment is held in the name of the NT. The \$5.05m Specific Purpose Grant to the Chief Minister's Department is the Commonwealth's contribution to Mezzanine debt investment in the project.

Question 119 (Mr Burke): The department has a capital appropriation of \$24 742 000 yet only \$6.6m is accounted for under the department's capital works. What is the remaining \$18 142 000 to be used for?

Answer:

The remaining \$18.1m will be used for the Territory's mezzanine debt funding to the rail project and other capital expenditure on the rail project, not expended in the previous financial year. Capital Appropriation of \$24.7m for the Department includes:

- \$6.6m Capital Works on the railway project (fencing, crossings, roads)
- \$8.0m other capital expenditure on the railway project (fencing, crossings, land compensation)
- \$10.1m for mezzanine debt investment in the railway project

As the debt investment is an asset for the Territory, the \$10.1m mezzanine debt funding is accounted for within the \$24.7m 'Capital Appropriation' within the Department of Chief Minister's Outputs and Appropriation, in accordance with accrual accounting presentation. The new \$6.6m allocated in the 2002-03 budget has been more appropriately included in the departments capital works program.

Question 139 (Mr Burke): The department has received a specific purpose grant of \$5 050 000 from the Commonwealth as the Commonwealth's contribution towards mezzanine debt (see p. 279 Budget Paper No 3). What is the money for and where is it accounted for in the agency's Outputs and Appropriation (p. 19 of Budget Paper No 3)?

Answer:

The mezzanine debt grant from the Commonwealth is part of the railway funding. The railway project incorporates a complex financing structure, with funding coming from private enterprise as well as the governments of the Northern Territory, South Australia and the Commonwealth in the form of payments for capital works and funding of debt and equity to the rail consortium. Both the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments have committed to \$5.05m for Mezzanine debt funding in the rail project in 2002-03. The Commonwealth has agreed that they will pay their portion of debt funding in the project in the form of a grant to the Territory government, so that this investment is held in the name of the NT. The \$5.05m Specific Purpose Grant to the Chief Minister's Department is the Commonwealth's contribution to Mezzanine debt investment in the project.

As the investment is an asset for the Territory, the \$10.1m debt funding is accounted for within the \$24.7m 'Capital Appropriation' within the Department of Chief Minister's Outputs and Appropriation. The receipt of the grant from the Commonwealth is accounted for within the \$5.3m 'Agency Revenue' within the Department of Chief Minister's Outputs and Appropriation.

Question 169 (Mr Burke): The mini-budget allocated \$11.211m to NT Railway. How much was spent? Why is the estimate for 2001-02 of \$1.998m now different from the mini-budget?

Answer:

It needs to be kept in mind that the mini-budget was presented in cash terms, whereas the figures presented in the current budget estimates are in accrual terms. Cash expenditure in the mini-budget included capital expenditure, whereas capital spend is excluded from operating expenses in the current budget estimates and reported separately under 'Capital Appropriation', in line with accrual presentation. With this in mind, the latest published estimate of \$1.998m for Operating Expenses needs to be added to the Capital Appropriation for NT Railway of \$2.066m to arrive at the total estimate of \$4.064m for 2001-02. Turning to the mini-budget allocation, over \$7m was carried over to the 2002-03 financial year as the actual construction schedule for works along the corridor, such as fencing, differed from the original estimated timing for these works in sequence with actual construction of the new railway. Subject to final audit, financial information indicates that the actual spend for NT Railway for 2001-02 was \$3.912m.

Question 172 (Mr Burke): How much will actually be spent in 2002-03 and why?

Answer:

The total government railway commitment for 2002-03 is \$26.4m. The Territory is committed to certain obligations under the railway project documents including construction obligations such as fencing the corridor, construction of occupation crossings, community development programs, replacement housing at Harry Creek and amelioration works identified under the railway impact assessment study. Other commitments include Mezzanine Debt investment, promotion and policy advice on the railway and financial assistance to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation. The railway commitment for 2002-03 includes:

- \$10.1m for mezzanine debt funding to the consortium of which \$5.05m will be funded from the Commonwealth
- \$14.6m for 2002-03 construction spend resulting from land acquisition agreements, including:
 - Pre-agreed variations to the construction of the new railway (changes to the level crossing and bridge schedule)
 - Fencing
 - Occupational level crossings
 - Further land settlement costs (mainly legal)
 - Replacement water sources
 - Replacement roads
 - Relocation of the Harry Creek Community
 - Works completed under the Railway Impact Assessment study
 - Works completed as part of the Community Development Package.
- \$1.7m in personnel and operating costs for promotion of the railway and other financial assistance to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation (set up to ensure obligations of consortium and governments under project agreements are met).

Detailed cost estimates of the NT's construction obligations along the rail corridor were not possible until design and construction of the new railway had advanced. As a large portion of design is now complete and construction of the railway is well underway, revised estimates have been compiled, highlighting the increase in level of resources required to complete works. Uncertainty will still exist for items such as land acquisitions, of which a few are subject to further legal challenges for increased compensation. Construction obligations that resulted in an increase on original cost estimates include:

	Original Estimate	Revised Estimate	Increase in Estimate
· Fencing	\$4.1m	\$6.3m	\$2.2m
· Occupational crossings	\$3.0m	\$4.6m	\$1.6m
· Pre-agreed variations	nil	\$1.7m	\$1.7m
Total Increase			\$5.5m

Construction works such as fencing and occupational crossings are linked with the construction sequence of the railway, whereas previous budget estimates lumped expenditure into the first years of construction. Uncertainty still exists in relation to the timing of \$4.4m of works agreed under the Railway Impact Assessment Study and the Community Development Package, that requires further input by the NLC and CLC acting on behalf of various communities along the corridor before work can proceed.

Question 175 (Mr Burke): What funding has the government provided in 2002-03 to establish road-rail freight interfaces in Territory centres to maximise the benefits of the Alice Springs to Darwin railway?

Answer:

No funding is provided in the 2002-03 budget because the scope of the New Railway includes freight terminals at Darwin, adjacent to the New Port, and at Alice Springs and freight handling facilities and associated infrastructure at Katherine and Tennant Creek. These facilities are to be provided by the Asia Pacific Transport Consortium (the Company) as an obligation under the Concession Deed. No requirement for any other facilities have been identified at this point.

In addition to the facilities to be provided by the Company, the government has commenced preliminary planning for development of a Business Park at East Arm adjacent to the marshalling yard of the new railway which will provide for a range of value adding operations. FreightLink, the operating arm of the company, with the assistance of the Northern Territory government is examining potential for Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to further develop as regional freight hubs.

Question 179 (Mr Burke): What funding has been provided in 2002-03 to investigate passenger rail terminal services in Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek?

Answer:

Whilst the railway was premised upon the provision of freight services, the government is aware of the importance of passenger rail services to the NT. It is pleasing to note that the operators of *The Ghan* have been able to promote the early commencement of services in response to unprecedented demand. In order to examine the necessary infrastructure requirements for the commencement of passenger services the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment was provided with \$100 000 in the 2001-02 budget. \$94 083 was revoted to the 2002-03 financial year and \$43 102 has since been spent so far this financial year developing a number of options and preparing budget estimates. The government is sensitive to the public debate on the location of a passenger station to service Darwin and expects to be in a position to develop the concepts following consideration of a Cabinet submission which is nearing completion. It is likely that interim facilities will be provided at the commencement of services in 2004 for the medium term.

Mr CHAIRMAN: The member for Nelson, I am keen to move along.

Mr WOOD: I was actually going to ask what if that's the correct pronunciation of it. It should be mezzanine, but anyway that's not my question. Question 65 hasn't turned up the file. I don't know whether it should have.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right, if you could read it, please.

Mr WOOD: I will make it supplementary to the first question first, Mr Chairman, number 17. In your answer, do those total figures that you have given, \$26.4m, include the \$6m for fencing?

Mr HENDERSON: Yes.

Mr WOOD: Short and sweet. That's one. The second question was, the one that's missing: Budget Paper No 3, page 19, shows that the capital appropriation for the Department of Chief Minister has risen by more \$22m. Can the minister explain what that money is being used for?

Mr HENDERSON: I can provide you with a copy, but just for the *Hansard* record, capital appropriation for 2002-03 for the Department of Chief Minister of \$24.7m is for use by NT Railway for financing the Northern Territory government's obligations under the railway project and includes \$10.1m for mezzanine debt funding and \$14.6 for 2002-03 construction spend, including fencing, resulting from land acquisition agreements. The \$22.7m increase is the difference between the \$2m estimate for 2001-02 and the budget of \$24.7m for 2002-03. So it is for the mezzanine debt financing and for the construction spend and it goes through the Chief Minister's department.

Mr WOOD: Thank you. I will get a copy later.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I think there is only the one output area. There being no more questions, that concludes consideration of this output group.

Mr WOOD: That's called fast tracking.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, fast tracking. I thank the minister and Mr Tyrrell.

Committee suspended.

MINISTER AH KIT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Mr CHAIRMAN: We will now move on to the next minister, Minister Ah Kit, Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs. Minister I would ask you, and your staff to take your place at the table.

Mr AH KIT: Yes, certainly.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right. I think have the taste of a little bit of what are in for here. I welcome the minister for the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, and invite you to introduce the officials accompanying you and, if you so desire, to make an opening statement on behalf of your department and portfolio. I remind witnesses who appear with the minister, questions comes through the minister who redirects them to you and you should state your name and your position for the *Hansard* record.

Mr AH KIT: Thank you, Mr Chairman. I have to my left the Chief Executive Officer, Michael Dillon and further to the left, Kevin Glover who is the Director of Business Analysis within the department. I also have David Coles, Executive Director, Regional Development and Local Government; Trish Angus, Executive Director, Regional Services, Phillip Leslie, Executive Director, Sport and Recreation and David Ritchie who is the Chief Executive of the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority. They will be called upon to assist on matters relating to their outputs and on detail if necessary.

I don't have any opening statement other than to say I am mindful of the time and there are another couple of ministers to come before the Committee. I am quite happy to go into the questions or the supplementaries.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister. I notice on the first output area, on which I really can't see a name, there is a question number 1998 that is in the name of the member for Macdonnell and I had the feeling it was how many nights of the year is the Araluen Centre for Arts and Entertainment actually booked out for use in terms of stage nights. I have the feeling that that question was asked of the Chief Minister.

Mr ELFERINK: It was, and I believe there is an undertaking already to give me the answer to that. So I am prepared to let that sit.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Macdonnell, and I will undertake to follow that up for you. Output 0.03, which involves more than one output group. Most of the questions stand in the name of the member for Greateorex.

Involves More than One Output Group

Dr LIM: Thank you, Mr Chairman. I want to put on record that I feel constrained with this afternoon's questioning with the very limited time that we have. I want to draw the same reference to the order of questions that I spoke about with the Minister for Corporate and Information Services. I e-mailed the Minister for Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs on the sequence of questions that I prefer to put to him.

For output 0.03, I would request that *Hansard* have the questions and answers in the following order: numbers 722, 721, 713, 717, 720, 719, 723, 727, 653, 724, 726, 689, 686, 681, 715, 680, 730 and 733.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Bingo!

Dr LIM: I will provide the Secretary with a copy of this shortly. For that particular output, for now, you will recall, Mr Chairman, that last night I complained about the lack of tables and other stuff that were

referred to ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I went straight up there, member for Greateorex, and I pressed them ...

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman, you keep interrupting. I am not asking you for a comment; I am explaining what is happening.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I apologise, member for Greateorex.

Dr LIM: I asked for the tables, and this morning I was lumbered with a huge yellow arch file full of papers. Now, out of that, still missing are some tables for Question 720 and Question 699. So I request that the minister please provide them so that we can have a complete answer to the questions that were asked.

I now lead the minister to my first question of that output, Question 679. Now, I do not require any elaboration on the answer that he has already provided, but I would like to ask ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: 679, you said?

Dr LIM: 679.

Mr CHAIRMAN: In output 0.03?

Dr LIM: My apologies. I do not have any other supplementaries for 0.03.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions related to Output Area 0.03? There being no other questions, that concludes consideration of that particular output group, and all those questions in the order that the member for Greateorex has requested will go into the *Hansard* record. So if we could move on from there.

Question 722 (Dr Lim): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the Budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The data published for my agency in the Budget Papers does not differ materially from that understood by my agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled.

(i) No (ii) Not applicable and (iii) Not applicable

Question 721 (Dr Lim): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of agency level in the Treasurer's

Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in my agency's annual report. Information for 2002-03 is not provided in a form consistent with the mini-budget as: (1) 2002-03 information is on an accrual basis; and (2) my agency underwent an extensive restructuring process to achieve budget improvement measures. Details of expenditure were given in answer to question 653.

Question 713 (Dr Lim): Explain what the entry 'Expenses relating to prior year receipts' or, in the case of some agencies, 'Receipts relating to prior year expenses' means? Detail what the amounts listed against this entry are for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

Agencies will often receive revenue, particularly from the Commonwealth, close to the end of a financial year (ie 2001-02), but will not spend against that revenue until the following year (ie 2002-03). Appropriation is not required for these expenses as the prior year's revenue is still in the agency's operating account, and should be utilised for this purpose. Therefore the item 'expenses relating to prior year receipts' identifies the amounts available for use from the operating account, and reduces the requirement for appropriation.

Carryover of balances from 2000-01 to 2001-02 and 2001-02 to 2002-03 are:

	2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
TOTAL	1694	744
Excess balances returned to CHA	2438	
Carryover from 2001-02 to 2002-03	-744	744

Question 717 (Dr Lim): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

The following is provided in relation to expenditure by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs that included either my or my fellow colleagues' photograph and/or message:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Advertising Photo/Message Cost \$150

ARTS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Promotion Photo/Message Cost \$30 565

SPORT & RECREATION

Advertising and Promotion Photo/Message Cost \$9832

Question 720 (Dr Lim): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The term activity has no particular meaning under the new framework. As outputs do not align with organisation structures it is not possible to provide the break up requested. The number of staff employed in the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, as at 29 August 2001, November 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment.

Staffing	29/08/2001	November 2001	29/08/02
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-TimePart-Time
Permanent	269	19	2621725720
Temporary	69	7	6877810
Casual		187	201212
	551	555	577

Notes

Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay)

Figure includes Executive Contract Officers and staff on temporary contracts as detailed below.

Staffing	29/08/2001	November 2001	29/08/02
Non Permanent Executive Contract Officer	8	8	8
	68	67	80
Other			
Total	76	67	88

Question 719 (Dr Lim): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment has advised the following expenditure for 2001-02 :

By Output Group:

Local Government and Regional Development - \$13 593

Arts Museums and Library Services - \$2 066 000

Sport and Recreation - \$585 261

Question 723 (Dr Lim): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-2002? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-2003 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

Across the agency, \$163 000 was spent on information technology consultancy services and \$413 000 was spent on general consulting services in 2001-02.

By output group, general consulting services were provided to:

Local Government and Regional Services \$ 39 000
Housing Services \$ 31 000
Infrastructure and Services \$ 55 000
Arts Museums and Library Services \$ 57 000
Sport and Recreation \$231 000

Detailed estimates are not available for 2002-03. So far this year, payments have been made for \$5000 on information technology consultancy services and \$19 000 on general consulting services.

Question 727 (Dr Lim): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

In 2002-03, it is estimated that the agency will incur payroll tax of \$1.5m. In 2001-02 the actual cost of payroll tax was \$1.448m. There is no budget item for stamp duty, dividend or income tax equivalents.

Question 653 (Dr Lim): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

This information is not available by output. Excluding repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, the department's budget for 2001-02 and 2002-03 is:

	Appropriation	Estimate 2001-02	Budget 2002-03
		\$000	\$000
	Total Operating Expenses	189,839	211,816
	Less state taxes (payroll)	- 1,448	- 1,500
	Less repairs and maintenance		- 2,439
	Less depreciation	- 3,207	- 3,174
	TOTAL	185,184	204,703

Question 724 (Dr Lim): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer that question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 726 (Dr Lim): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03 and what are the sources of that revenue.

Answer:

There are three significant variations in agency revenue from 2001-02 to 2002-03. The overall variation is a decrease of \$3.14m.

Output Group: Indigenous Infrastructure and Services

There is a one-off increase in Commonwealth State Housing Agreement funding of \$4.3m.

Output Group: Sport and Recreation

There is the cessation of receipts from the Lotteries Act of \$6.945m, as this is to go into the Central Holding Authority in NT Treasury.

Output Group: Arts, Museums and Library Services

There is a reduction of \$385 000 in grants from the Commonwealth government.

The budget papers also show decrease of \$119 000 in Commonwealth funding for the Local Government Financial Assistance and Roads Grants. The Commonwealth has since advised an increase in grant funding of \$1.414m.

Question 689 (Dr Lim): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

This question has been answered on Question 686.

Question 686 (Dr Lim): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

In most cases these amounts would not be known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction.

Revenue

The agency expects to receipt grants from the Commonwealth government of \$65.7m.

Other inter-agency revenue includes a contribution of \$32 000 from the Department of Corporate and Information Services towards the employment of apprentices, and an estimated \$593 000 from various departments for interpreter services provided within the Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

Purchase of Goods and Services

The agency purchases housing services, within the output of the same name, from Housing Business Services. The budget is \$33.771m. This is made up of CSHA grants and other Community Service Obligation funding.

CSHA grants -

- Crisis Accommodation 404
- Community Housing Program 652

- Goods and Services Tax compensation 3843
- Rent Assistance 297
- Contribution to Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding 13 188

Other CSO funding –

- Rental Subsidy 12 479
- Police rent foregone 634
- Fringe Benefits Tax payable on staffing loans 140
- Interest subsidy scheme 240
- Early Start Deposit Assistance 790
- Interest rate difference between market rate and rate charged 904
- Stamp duty grants 200

The department also pays a fee of \$597 000 for administration services to Housing Business Services.

Question 681 (Dr Lim): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The department achieved the budget improvement target of \$935 000 in 2001-02 by rationalisation of functions across the agency. Each output group contributed to the improvement. For example, the number of vehicles leased was reduced, and there were efficiencies made in telecommunications.

The target for 2002-03 is \$2.093m. Apart from the full year effect of the measures commenced in 2001-02, savings will be made through the amalgamation of some corporate functions, including the saving of one Chief Executive Officer. Other savings were made in combining the field staffs from the previous Office of Aboriginal Development and Local Government.

The 'cash' relating to the budget improvement cut is included in the agency's budget. The 4% was applied to operating expenses in 2002-03. In 2001-02, the cut was brought in from 1 January 2002, and therefore was 2% of the full year budget.

Question 715 (Dr Lim): How many staff are employed by the minister in his ministerial office, including Alice Springs or any other centre. How many of these staff are paid for by the Department of the Chief Minister and how many are paid for by the minister's agency or department?

Answer:

One paid by the agency.

Question 680 (Dr Lim): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and the Working for Outcomes model has been achieved through the use of existing resources, maximisation of previously unused features available in corporate and agency systems and training and coordination provided by Treasury and DCIS. This has occurred over the last 18 months and will continue over the next two to three years. It would not be possible to differentiate the costs related to these developments from other financial management costs.

Question 730 (Dr Lim): (1) What promotional activities of the Northern Territory's history, attractions or resources in any form, including electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (2) What were the titles of all the promotional activities referred to in question (1) and who were the persons/person engaged to undertake them. (3) What was the total amount spent on the promotional activities referred to in question (1) by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs and its agencies? (4) Of the promotional activities referred to in question (1), which were assisted by: (a) payments in advance; (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and (c) use of government administration support at no charge? (5) What was the total value of the assistance rendered in each promotional activity? (6) Which of the promotions contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotional activity? (7) How many and in which of the promotional activities were there provisions for the costs incurred by the Northern Territory government, or its agencies, to be offset against future royalty income? (8) In how many, and in which of the promotional activities, were expressions of interest or tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion?

Answer:

The Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs promoted the activities of the Northern Territory's history, attraction or resources, with the use of external services/suppliers, in the following way:

ARTS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Title/Consult(2)	Total Exp (3)	Paymnt (4)	Total Assist (5)	Royalties (6)	Future Royal (7)	Process (8)
Territory Artifacts Magazine (First Class in Graphic Design) <i>Desktop Publishing</i>	\$26 440 (2 editions)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Tenders
Araluen Theatre Season Brochure (Colemans Printing Alice Springs) <i>Design and Artwork</i>	\$1670 (3000 copies)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2 quotes received

SPORT & RECREATION

Title/Consult(2)	Total Exp (3)	Paymnt (4)	Total Assist (5)	Royalties (6)	Future Royal (7)	Process (8)
Alice Springs Masters Website (Netgrrl) <i>Electronic Media Advertising</i>	\$783.75	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Arafura Games Website /Templates	\$2519	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Expression of

(Sprout Creative) <i>Electronic Media Advertising</i>						Interest
Arafura Games Portable Displays (Sprout Creative)	\$803	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Expression of Interest
Arafura Games Promotional Matter (Sprout Creative)	\$33 261.80	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
<i>General Printed Matter</i>						
Alice Springs Masters Games Logo (New) (Dunnart)	\$7405.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Certificate Of Exemption
Alice Springs Masters Games promotional matter (Dunnart)	\$25 218.70	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
<i>General Printed Matter</i>						
Design Layout of Arafura Games vehicles (Sprout Creative) <i>Other</i>	\$676.50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Title/Consult(2)	Total Exp (3)	Paymnt (4)	Total Assist (5)	Royalties (6)	Future Royal (7)	Process (8)
Brochure – Year of the Outback 02 (Sprout Creative) <i>General Printed Matter</i>	\$1,100	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Question 733 (Dr Lim): (a) What advertising/promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Office of Community Development, Sport and Cultural affairs, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (b) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (a) by the Office of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister? (c) What advertising/ promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, or any of its agencies in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (d) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (c) by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs and its agencies?

Answer:

The following details advertising/promotional activities conducted by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs in relation to attractions under the department's responsibilities: The total amount spent on advertising/promotional activities is \$299 809.

ARTS AND MUSEUMS: Activities include the advertising and promotion of facilities, exhibitions,

performances and film screenings at the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory facilities in Darwin and Alice Springs.

NTLIS: Promotion of Northern Territory Library and Information Services related events and exhibitions including:

The Eric Johnston Lecture
Australian Library Week
Advertising of NT Library general activities (eg book sales)

SPORT AND RECREATION: Activities include:

Alice Springs Masters Games Website
Arafura Games Website and templates
Arafura Games promotional matter
Alice Springs Masters Games promotional matter

Dr LIM: I trust, in closing output 0.03, that the minister will be prepared to accept written questions from me in response to the answers he has already provided?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, with respect, member for Grotorex, it sort of makes our processes an endless loop, but I will leave it to the ...

Dr LIM: Well, we have not been accorded enough time to get adequate scrutiny of the budget through supplementaries.

Mr AH KIT: My response to that request is that the member for Grotorex understands that he is quite welcome to raise issues of concern that he has shadow responsibilities for. He can continue to approach my office for briefings. I do not believe it is necessary to commit, here, myself to responding to letters or questions following up. He has an opportunity now to put supplementary questions to me. I am quite happy to continue to leave the door open. Most members of parliament understand that is how I operate, and if he wishes to pursue further areas after we finish the session today, then he is quite welcome to do that.

Local Government Performance and Support

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister, I think you have made your point plain. That was in relation to 0.03. We are now moving to 1.01, which is Local Government Performance and Support. Member for Grotorex.

Dr LIM: With regard to output 1.01, I would like the questions and answers to be in the order of 663, 668, 673, 679, 682.

Question 218 (Mr Maley): How much money, if any, has been allocated for the relocation of the Humpty Doo rubbish dump in 2002-03? How much money, if any, has been allocated to compensating rural people living within close proximity to the Humpty Doo dump for health related problems caused by the dump in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

The Humpty Doo Rubbish dump is the responsibility of the Litchfield Shire Council

Question 663 (Dr Lim): Given the government's emphasis on community governance, provide details of programs and costings for elected members training in 2002-03.

Answer:

For 2002-03 as for previous years there is no specific allocation for elected members training. Training for elected members is properly a responsibility of each council. Where councils wish to collaborate to provide training the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory would be an appropriate body to co-ordinate training. A considerable amount of training is provided by Community Development Officers and Finance Officers. Funding for this is held within the Local Government Performance and Support Output. As a matter of course all newly elected councillors are offered training in the roles and responsibilities of elected members within three months of their election. The priority for the government in 2002-03 with respect to community government councils will be a focus on capacity development and the negotiation of partnership agreements with regions and communities. Funding for these activities is held within the Regional and Community Development Frameworks Output Group.

Question 668 (Dr Lim): What amount of money is set aside for specific purpose grants for Municipal Councils or Community Government Councils wishing to make application in this financial year from the Office of Local Government?

Answer:

The amount of funding set aside for the 2002-03 financial year for specific purpose grants is \$1 569 173. Of this amount, \$600 000 will be specifically targeted to the provision of funding for capacity building projects. Decisions on the distribution of funds will normally be made in two stages. The first group of grants will be settled by the end of October with the second being settled in March or April 2003.

Question 673 (Dr Lim): The Local Government Reform and Development Agenda commenced by the CLP government has now been rebadged as regional reform. Will the minister explain what level of support he gives to reform of governance in bush communities? What level of support from local government bodies does he have to continue with this reform of community governance? Does the government have a proposal that the regional reform will take in areas of the Territory, coinciding with the 21 health zones as proposed by the Health minister? Please provide detail on which communities and the time frame within which the minister has to enhance community governance in the nominated communities.

Answer:

The Local Government Reform and Development Agenda failed to achieve success partly at least because local governments could not see the value in moving in that direction and also because of the way that the previous government drove the process. There is no doubt that there is a need for change in the way that communities are governed at a local level. Current councils are often not providing an effective form of governance nor are they providing an effective framework for service delivery. The government's approach differs from that attempted by the previous government in two major ways.

First, there is a strong emphasis on the development of regional and community partnerships. Effective partnerships will provide clear and demonstrable value for councils thus overcoming a major deficiency in the previous approach. The second major difference is in the focus on the building of capacity of communities to negotiate. This work is vital if an effective partnership is to be negotiated. As capacity to negotiate is developed more effective and legitimate forms of governance will emerge.

There is no set plan for what communities might come together in a regional arrangement. There is a strong element of self selection. It would obviously make considerable sense if there was a commonality of boundaries of regional service delivery arrangements. The proposed Wangka Wilurrara Regional Authority boundaries in the West Macdonnell Ranges complies with the West Macdonnell Health Zone however the Nyirrunggalung Muldrak Gadberre Regional Authority boundaries to the east of Katherine are only a portion of the Sunrise Health Zone that extends further east to Ngukurr.

This year there will be an attempt to negotiate three regional partnership agreements with Thamurrurr, Wangka Wilurrarra and Nyirranggulung Mudrulk Gaadberre.

- i. Wangka Wilurrara which includes Papunya, Kintore, Ikuntji and Mt Leibig but at a later stage could also include one or more of Ntaria, Areyonga, Tjuwanpa and Wallace Rockhole, with an aim to have the new governance structure in place in mid 2003 with elections later in 2003,
- ii. Nyirringgalung Muldruk Gadberre which includes Wugularr, Barunga, Manyallaluk and Jodetluk but at a later stage could also include one or more of Werenbun, Gulin Gulin, Weemol, with an aim to have the new governance structure in place by mid 2003 and elections held in the Dry season of 2003, and.
- iii. Thamarrurr, which includes the land around Pt Keats but at a later stage, could include one or more of Palumpa, Peppimenarti and Daly River with an aim to have the new governance structure in place by December 2002 and elections held in early 2003.

Question 679 (Dr Lim): A new accounting code was introduced for all local government bodies some 12 months ago. What is the status of the accounting code, and what level of compliance must municipal and community governments have to this new code.

Answer:

The Local Government Accounting Code (the Code) came into full effect on 1 July 2002. All councils, both municipal and community government must fully comply with the requirements of the code from this date with no exceptions. The Code is now mandated through the Local Government Accounting Regulations. An extensive process has been undertaken to inform councils of the requirements of the new Code. This has involved workshops with accountants, clerks and bookkeepers in during the development of the Code. Further workshops were held during last year to further inform councils and these will be followed up with more advice and support during this year.

Question 682 (Dr Lim): Provide details of the Financial Assistance Grants and Road Grants to Municipal and Community Government Councils for 2002 – 03.

Answer:

NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2002/2003
SCHEDULE OF CASH PAYMENT

	Estimated Cash Entitlement 2002-2003	Actual Cash Entitlement 2001-2002
Council	General	General
	Purpose	RoadsTotalPurposeRoadsTotal
	\$	\$\$\$\$\$
Aherrenge	72,005	26,280 98,285 74,743 22,311 97,054
Ali Curung	58,425	48,317 106,742 60,638 49,256 109,894
Alice Springs	1,109,912	703,290 1,813,202 1,150,465 707,323 1,857,788
Alpururulam	72,743	30,318 103,061 63,865 20,000 83,865
Amoonguna	35,703	10,499 46,202 37,069 20,000 57,069
Angurugu	111,458	92,529 203,987 76,684 92,643 169,327
Anmatjere	205,446	97,416 302,862 149,404 99,218 248,622
Aputula	45,506	28,858 74,364 47,257 29,419 76,676

Areyonga	48,627	28,886 77,513 50,492 29,446 79,938
Arltarlpilta	52,754	19,948 72,702 54,787 20,000 74,787
Barunga/Manyallaluk	74,889	85,316 160,205 72,784 86,926 159,710
Belyuen	36,255	23,832 60,087 37,653 24,328 61,981
Binjari	33,613	12,518 46,131 34,909 20,000 54,909
Borrooloola	98,536	58,843 157,379 58,071 59,912 117,983
Coomalie	138,623	287,215 425,838 81,385 278,981 360,366
Cox Peninsula	18,492	41,658 60,150 12,962 41,934 54,896
Daguragu/Kalkaringi	103,820	93,522 197,342 77,762 95,297 173,059
Darwin	1,322,965	1,342,771 2,665,736 1,373,960 1,351,539 2,725,499
Elliott	65,406	40,877 106,283 53,308 20,000 73,308
Galiwinku	215,200	140,258 355,458 175,728 142,982 318,710
Gapuwiyak	145,383	152,820 298,203 112,100 155,614 267,714
Gulin Gulin	32,199	51,473 83,672 69,199 40,156 109,355
Ikuntji	60,870	35,037 95,907 63,215 35,712 98,927
Imanpa	43,525	21,930 65,455 45,203 22,356 67,559
Jabiru	91,444	75,876 167,320 94,969 77,305 172,274
Jilkminggan	39,578	23,092 62,670 41,070 20,000 61,070
Kaltukatjara	69,283	85,504 154,787 71,953 87,148 159,101
Kardu Numida	305,207	176,652 481,859 279,721 123,063 402,784
Katherine	527,555	441,806 969,361 547,295 450,325 997,620
Kunbarllanjnja	209,036	396,072 605,108 148,670 396,789 545,459
Lajamanu	120,263	83,207 203,470 96,513 62,525 159,038
Litchfield	799,758	1,482,011 2,281,769 755,012 1,417,712 2,172,724
Ltyentye Purte	71,622	67,170 138,792 59,528 68,475 128,003
Maningrida	207,221	184,475 391,696 181,440 113,002 294,442
Marngarr	33,386	11,058 44,444 34,672 20,000 54,672
Mataranka	27,304	45,217 72,521 21,199 43,300 64,499
Milingimbi	108,968	41,420 150,388 85,076 42,172 127,248
Milyakburra	61,262	17,983 79,245 63,092 20,321 83,413
Minjilang	51,554	65,674 117,228 53,540 65,364

		118,904
Naiyu Nambiyu	67,714	137,284 204,998 56,294 96,294 152,588
Nganmarriyanga	60,428	49,208 109,636 62,712 50,164 112,876
Ntaria	75,873	81,874 157,747 66,760 83,464 150,224
Numbulwar	154,315	128,808 283,123 121,735 131,335 253,070
Nyirripi	70,095	93,068 163,163 72,744 80,310 153,054
Palmerston	791,063	412,931 1,203,994 821,083 409,953 1,231,036
Papunya	55,956	40,816 96,772 58,112 47,702 105,814
Peppimenarti	81,804	122,866 204,670 84,247 141,231 225,478
Pine Creek	39,730	107,896 147,626 27,300 109,997 137,297
Ramingining	96,605	99,315 195,920 100,328 93,783 194,111
Tapatjatjaka	39,212	20,209 59,421 40,717 20,000 60,717
Tennant Creek	315,694	338,893 654,587 327,474 299,436 626,910
Timber Creek	47,877	79,231 127,108 46,029 86,743 132,772
Tiwi Island Council	378,287	578,176 956,463 263,565 387,684 651,249
Umbakumba	75,036	97,803 172,839 72,533 85,672 158,205
Urapuntja	136,867	73,222 210,089 113,563 61,073 174,636
Walangeri Ngumpinku	71,439	47,370 118,809 74,127 20,000 94,127
Wallace Rockhole	37,103	15,418 52,521 38,532 20,000 58,532
Walungurru	79,265	94,794 174,059 82,321 96,674 178,995
Warruwi	65,126	81,129 146,255 67,587 82,672 150,259
Watiyawanu	47,611	24,474 72,085 49,033 20,000 69,033
Willowra	-	-- 65,530 77,473 143,003
Wugularr	86,685	134,216 220,901 47,900 27,375 75,275
Yirrkala	94,532	49,927 144,459 69,678 50,906 120,584
Yuelamu	53,520	55,852 109,372 55,118 55,034 110,152
Yuendumu	239,489	254,305 493,794 117,574 186,091 303,665
Yugul Mangi	251,219	163,102 414,321 196,208 166,169 362,377

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The amounts indicated in the attached table are the recommendations of the Northern Territory Grants Commission. The Commission is an independent statutory body that makes recommendations to the Northern Territory and Commonwealth ministers responsible for Local Government. The Northern Territory minister is responsible for ensuring that the Commission carries out its statutory duty and has no capacity to interfere in the recommendations. The total grant allocation for 2002-03 on the table is based on the latest advice from the Commonwealth and does not relate to the figure in the budget papers. The Grants Commission has updated its formulae based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics data on local government income and expenditure. This replaces data that was 5 years old. The variation between years is therefore based on updated information.

Question 698 (Mr Baldwin): The government has promised \$300 000 for the Wadeye pool. (a) Is this funding available in the 2002-03 Budget? (b) If yes, when will the funds be granted? (c) If no, why not?

Answer:

The \$300 000 was paid to the council in 2000-01. There is no further funding to be provided in 2002-03. (b) and (c) are not applicable.

Question 701 (Mr Reed): What funding was provided to the Katherine Town Council in 2001-03, broken down by specific grant/allocation? What are the funding levels for 2002-03? Provide details of increases/decreases.

Answer:

The funding provided to Katherine Town Council in 2001-02, broken down by specific grant allocation was:

Financial Assistance Grants
- General Purpose Component \$547 295
- Roads Component \$450 325
Special Purpose Grants
- Access Centre \$32 000

Reimbursement of Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements (NDRA) - \$66 300

In 2002-03, a decrease in funding levels is estimated for the Commonwealth funded:

Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose Component of \$19 740
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads Component of \$8519

The NT funding for the access centre will remain the same at \$32 000, and funding of \$42 000 is to be provided for maintenance of the Low Level Reserve. Responsibility for the reserve maintenance funding has been transferred to this portfolio from 1 July 2002.

There are two issues particularly relevant in relation to the grant to the Katherine Town Council. First, there has been correspondence between the Council and both the minister and the Northern Territory Grants Commission. This correspondence makes it clear that a major reason for a decrease in the grant to Katherine was a decrease in its population. The second and most important issue affecting NT councils is the distribution of Local Government Financial Assistance Grants by the

Commonwealth on a per capita basis. This means that NT councils are grossly disadvantaged in terms of their relative need as against councils in other states.

Question 708 (Mr Dunham): Can the minister provide details on funding for Robbie Robbins Reserve? Have any approaches been made to government to extend the reserve onto adjoining government owned Berrimah Farm land to provide for more polocrosse fields?

Answer:

There is an allocation of \$58 000 in this year's budget for Robbie Robbins Reserve. There have been no approaches made by the reserve for extensions.

Question 714 (Mr Burke): The Palmerston City council has signed a partnership agreement with the NT government. When was the agreement signed? What task groups have been formed? How many times has each task group met? What is the level of government representation of each task group (minister/CEO)? How many times have minister/CEO met with the Palmerston City Council to progress objectives in the agreement?

Answer:

This is not a budget-related question.

Dr LIM: I now draw the minister's attention to 679, where he has provided an answer in writing. I want to have clarified, minister, that the new accounting codes are now in regulations and are mandated; that it is going to be backdated to 1 July of last year. Is that correct?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Question 679, minister.

Mr AH KIT: The answer was provided to the member and he should have it before him. It was tabled last night. It comes in from 1 July 2002. All councils, both municipal and community government, must fully comply with the requirements of the code from this date with no exceptions. As it says, the code is mandated through the Local Government Accounting Regulations, and an extensive process has been undertaken to inform councils of the requirements of the new Code. This has involved workshops with accountants, clerks and bookkeepers during the development of the Code. Further workshops were held during last year to further inform councils and these will be followed up with more advice and support during this year.

Might I add Mr David Coles has recently been to a conference with 36 council representatives. That was the other day on the 17th. We have are not even at the end of the first quarter, and we will start checking the compliance then.

Dr LIM: A further supplementary to the question, Mr Chairman. It is my understanding that many councils have not fully implemented the accounting Code. To say that it is mandated back to the 1 July of this year would place some councils under great hardship. I understand also that, under the accounting Code, amortisation and depreciation schedules are yet to be completed. How do you expect municipal councils or any other community council to comply to this accounting Code when those issues have not been resolved?

Mr AH KIT: Member for Greatorrex, you were the minister responsible in the previous government and you had dealings with this. You should be aware that the Code has three new initiatives. They are (1) a requirement for a business plan; (2) the mandated performance indicators, and (3) the introduction of a standardised chart of accounts. These initiatives are subject to phase-in periods. Full compliance will be achieved from the beginning of the 2003-04 financial year.

What we are attempting to do is to introduce this in a manner that is being understood fully and

completely by the community government councils. This is not an exercise, as we saw in the past, where the previous government introduced the Local Government Reform Agenda, and there was no commitment to ...

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman, a point of order!

Mr Kiely: There is no point of order, he is giving the answer.

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman. I wish to submit - member for Sanderson, I am calling a point of order and I ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I heard you, member for Greateorex. What is your point of order?

Dr LIM: First of all, I think the member for Sanderson should just restrain himself. Number two, I asked the minister about the Local Government Accounting Code, not about the Local Government Reform Agenda or anything else. I think he should stick to that.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We have already had a ruling on this from the Speaker, member for Greateorex, as you are aware, that ministers have the right or ministerial privilege to answer questions the way that they see fit. So I would ask the minister to continue to answer his question and, if you have a supplementary to that, please feel free.

Mr AH KIT: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Mr Kiely: Don't be so agro, Richard. You should know that ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, no. Order! I want to transact this business. I am a heavy-handed Chairman.

Mr AH KIT: Thank you, Mr Chairman, and I think you have been doing a remarkable job to date.

I have tied in the previous local government reform process in the manner in which the consultations took place because I am speaking of experience where people have told me, across the Territory, that this was being rammed down their throat and that it was unacceptable; and that the initial discussions, the initial meetings, they were told nobody would be forced into local government reforms. I saw a document that came out of the first meeting at Pine Creek and what did we see over the preceding 18 months? Community government councils being told that if you weren't going to comply with this request, then you are going to suffer funding cuts. This is not an attitude that I bring into this portfolio as the minister responsible, Mr Chairman.

We will consult and we will introduce and we will ensure that compliance is done and it is done properly. Surely the member for Greateorex is not suggesting that we rush this and that councils are not properly accountable. That is not an attitude I wish to adopt. We have a lot of problems out there. I even said in March that there are dysfunctional communities out there. Members in opposition will have to agree with that. In fact, at the time of the debate there were two responses - I think they were from the member for Macdonnell and the member for Greateorex - and it made me ponder the serious commitments of the opposition in terms of turning the situation around in the bush.

Mr DUNHAM: A point of order, Mr Chairman. While it is true that ministers can answer in any way, shape or form, it is certainly not in keeping with the spirit of what the Leader of Government Business said when he talked about having brevity of question and brevity of answers. I believe that this tantamount to filibustering.

Mr CHAIRMAN: All right, member for Drysdale. I would exhort the minister - I know you haven't been hiding up there on the fifth floor; you have been wanting to get down here and showcase your portfolios, minister, and I suppose it is a bit disappointing that there is a lack of time. I won't constrain you in your answers but if we could just try to move it along, that's all.

Mr AH KIT: Mr Chairman, I was accused of wiping my brow yesterday by the member for Greateorex as I sat in the gallery, and that was after the deliberative session - I don't know what went on, but I certainly understood what the decision was after. Being accused like that, it made me wonder whether the member for Greateorex and his colleagues are really serious about wanting to go through this process. I am disappointed that they haven't organised themselves properly ...

Mr DUNHAM: You want more time? You can fix it, Jack. Go and talk to Loraine.

Mr AH KIT: You are not going to get more time. You have been told that you are not going to get more time. You are finding it hard being in opposition and being a good opposition. I am not wanting to sit and have a political debate, Mr Chairman, but if you can't organise yourselves properly, how can you organise yourself in government? People caught you out at the last election. Let's get on with the questions.

Mr CHAIRMAN: 679, member for Greateorex.

Mr WOOD: Did you actually answer whether Councils ...

Mr DUNHAM: Don't ask! Don't go there!

Mr AH KIT: Well, if the member for Goyder insists, I will rephrase it.

Mr WOOD: No, not the member for Goyder. He is out there – Nelson.

Mr AH KIT: Nelson, sorry.

Mr WOOD: It is okay. Don't worry.

Dr LIM: I will make one further attempt, Mr Chairman. I will accept the minister's response to 679 as complete. I now go to question 682 and it is in regard to financial assistance grants and road grants to municipal and community government councils for 2002-03. Information given to me suggested that the Grants Commission had proposed a certain schedule to be conveyed to the minister but for some reason or other that schedule was not provided to the minister and subsequently another schedule was provided. Can the minister advise me on that?

Mr AH KIT: Mr Chairman, I would like to see the member for Greateorex table this document that I supposedly have had switched on its transit to my ministerial office because I am unaware of what he is referring to if it can't be substantiated.

Dr LIM: Yes or no?

Mr AH KIT: How can I confirm something that is not given to me? You want an answer: yes or no. I mean, how can I confirm something that I haven't received? I haven't seen it. It doesn't make any sense.

Mr WOOD: Just a supplementary on the same question, which is an important question about Financial Assistance Grants, there hasn't been enough time to go through every question in this massive pile of questions. Those tables are also missing in my documents. I would have liked to ask questions about Financial Assistance Grants and Road Grants but I am unable because I don't have the tables, either.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Do you have the table there, minister?

Mr AH KIT: Yes, I can table it.

Mr CHAIRMAN: A table that you want to table? Could you give it to Mr Gray, please.

Mr AH KIT: I thought you might have received it.

Mr WOOD: No. I don't know what happened. There are quite a few tables missing.

Mr AH KIT: Can I also add, Mr Chairman, that the total grant allocation for 2002-03 on the table is based on the latest advice from the Commonwealth and does not relate to the figure in the budget papers. The total split of grants payable is determined by the Grants Commission. This body has updated its formulae based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data on local government income and expenditure. This replaces data that was five years old. The variations between years is therefore based on updated information. So basically, if you end up in a situation like Katherine with some of the Defence Force people moving out or maybe some people moved out from the 1987 flood, you end up with a situation with less population and therefore on that Grants Commission formulae, you will end up with fewer dollars.

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman, look ...

Mr WOOD: I have one more supplementary when you have finished.

Dr LIM: I do not propose to ask the minister any more supplementaries. I think we are into time wasting, and I propose that there will be no further supplementaries from me for output number 1.01.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I think the Member for Nelson does.

Mr WOOD: Yes. I would like to ask a question.

Mr AH KIT: Could I first respond to that, Mr Chairman, in respect of the time wasting?

Dr LIM: Oh, come on. Let's get on with it.

Mr AH KIT: I mean, the time wasting, I am ...

Dr LIM: I do not ask the minister a question, Mr Chairman. Mr Chairman, this is about question and answer. I said to you that I have no supplementaries. I mean, how can you respond to no supplementary question?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Greentree, I think I have been pretty liberal, to use the word, in allowing members to make statements from both sides. You made a statement. In fairness, in brief, the minister may respond to that accusation.

Mr AH KIT: Well I believe, Mr Chairman, that that accusation was cast directly and deliberately at me. If the members opposite, especially in opposition, want to talk about time wasting, they need to go back and assess how they approached their strategy in respect of the Estimates Committee and how they have interrogated ministers on the budget. Time wasting, they have become experts at it.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Hopefully that is the end of this.

Mr WOOD: Mine is the question with a supplementary at the end of it, but I need to read it. It is question 218 and was put by the member for Goyder, Mr Maley, who asked: 'How much money, if any, has been allocated for the relocation of Humpty Doo Rubbish Dump in 2002-03? How much money, if any, has been allocated to compensating rural people living within close proximity to the

Humpty Doo dump for health-related problems caused by the dump in the 2002-03 budget?’

I believe the answer is totally insufficient and incorrect: ‘The Humpty Doo Rubbish Dump is the responsibility of Litchfield Shire Council.’

Minister, for many years, the Litchfield Shire council has tried to move the tip to another block of land. The land is actually owned by the NT government. The Litchfield Shire Council cannot move that tip site until it has permission from the Northern Territory government. I am not particularly saying that this government is any worse than the previous government, but the case is the removal of this dump to another piece of land is not the responsibility of Litchfield Shire Council. Would the government seriously consider the original proposal by Litchfield to go to Sunday Creek which was the site nominated in our area?

Mr AH KIT: How long ago was that request?

Mr WOOD: I would say that request has been over the last 10 years.

Mr AH KIT: Well, there was another government responsible.

Mr WOOD: It may be, but now the responsibility is in your hands and you are saying it is the responsibility of the Litchfield Shire Council. I am saying the answer is incorrect.

Mr AH KIT: Let me elaborate on the answer, member for Nelson. I am quite happy to accommodate the request if it comes to me - to me, as the minister in this Martin Labor government. But the dump is managed by the shire in accordance with environmental standards set out by the Territory government. Environmental officers from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment provide a monitoring and advisory service to the council. Environmental health officers from Territory Health also provide waste management advice to the shire.

A new regional waste disposal site has been identified, as you say, in the Howard River area. It has been set aside for future development. This proposed facility will cater for the future waste disposal needs of Darwin, Palmerston, Litchfield, Coomalie and Cox Peninsula. Planning for the design, timing and construction of the facility will take into account the life left at the existing Shoal Bay waste management facility. Once the regional facility is commissioned, the Humpty Doo site will not be required in its present role. It would be likely the site would then remain as a transfer station, but that is something for the Litchfield Shire Council to decide at the time. But I am quite happy to deal with the Litchfield Shire in respect of ...

Mr WOOD: I think there is some confusion, minister. I do not have that. Was that part of the answer?

Mr AH KIT: No, it is not.

Mr WOOD: Sunday Creek is not the regional dump. The regional dump is a new site which has been possibly selected for the three councils. If Shoal Bay continues on for another 10 years, Humpty Doo will just continue to be a problem.

The Litchfield Shire, long before the regional site was identified, identified an area at Sunday Creek which is basically south of the Wanderie Road area. It has been identified for a long time. The council built a road wider than normal roads, to take trucks, and it was rejected time after time after time because people said: ‘Well, maybe one day it will be the regional tip site’. It is not Litchfield’s problem. They are doing their best to run that tip at a good standard today. It has been upgraded quite considerably but it is not going to get any better, because more people will live in that area, right next to the tip. I am happy to go back to the Litchfield Shire Council and say you have made a commitment ...

Mr AH KIT: Please do, change of government, change of heart. Maybe we can something moving.

Mr WOOD: Thank you.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thanks, minister. Are there further questions on this output area 1.01? I take it that there are no further questions, so I believe that concludes consideration and any outstanding questions on the paper there will go into *Hansard* with the written answers.

Regional Community Development Frameworks

Mr CHAIRMAN: On the output area 1.02, Regional Community Development Frameworks. Are there any questions in this output group? There being no questions in this output group, this concludes consideration. Outstanding questions will be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Question 364 (Mr McAdam): \$90 000 has been allocated in the budget for the continuation of the Aboriginal Law and Justice Project. Does this provide any capacity for the expansion of the project? How does the government intend to use the model developed for the project for further capacity building activities?

Answer:

Capacity building projects, including the Aboriginal Law and Justice Project, are a high priority for the government. The Law and Justice Project will continue to be delivered in the current communities targeted - Ali Curung, Yuendumu and Lajamanu. It will expand this year into Willowra and meetings have already been held in that community.

Funding has been provided for current projects through two grants made the Yuendumu Council of \$180 000 and \$80 000 respectively. These funds will be expended on the decision of a Project Management Group which will include representatives of the Kurduju Committee, the councils concerned and the department. In addition to the funds specifically provided for the current project and its expansion into other related communities, an amount of \$600 000 per year will be allocated for the next three years to capacity building projects. Wherever it is appropriate, the participatory planning approach will be used in these projects.

To ensure that capacity building projects are properly supported the department has established a small unit in its Central Office that will develop an evaluation framework, establish long term policy directions, maintain liaison with project officers and ensure that effective relationships are developed with other relevant agencies and stakeholders. The \$90 000 allocated in the budget will be used in the establishment of a specific evaluation framework and to ensure that the outcomes of the projects can be effectively measured.

Question 705 (Mr Reed): In the 2002-03 budget, what projects and activities will generate new economic growth and development in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine?

Answer:

In 2002-03, the following regional projects and activities in my department will generate new economic growth and development:

Alice Springs region

- \$1.3m to upgrade runways at Kintore and Lajamanu
- \$1.7m to upgrade essential services at Papunya, Hermannsburg and Docker River
- \$0.8m to upgrade the Alice Springs hockey field at Traeger Park Sports Complex

Tennant Creek region

- \$0.45m to upgrade power generation facilities at Canteen Creek

- \$1.5m to complete construction of the Nyinkka Nyunya Cultural Centre in Tennant Creek

Katherine region

- \$1m to regrade the existing gravel strip and seal the landing strip at Kalkaringi, complete seal widening of the road to Daguragu.

Indigenous Housing Services

Moving on to output group 2.02, Indigenous Housing Services. Are there any questions in this area? There being no questions, that concludes consideration of this output group and all those outstanding questions will be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Question 262 (Mr Bonson): Can the minister detail expenditure on the itinerants project this financial year?

Answer:

The budget breakdown on the 'Itinerants' Project this financial year is as follows:

RESOURCE	FUNDING
Project Co-ordinator including office costs and administrative support	\$150 000
Education and Regional Strategy Larrakia Campaign	\$70 000
Expansion of existing Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter	\$100 000
Feasibility studies and consultations including land utilisation, survey & consultations	\$25 000
Information and Referrals Office including Proof of Identification facility, Outreach Coordination and diversionary day activities	\$155 000
TOTAL	\$500 000

Question 311 (Mr McAdam): The budget shows an increase in expenditure of Indigenous Housing Services of \$6.998m. What contribution will this make to the provision and sustainability of indigenous housing?

Answer:

The increase is all about improving housing management on communities (\$4.3m), addressing itinerant homelessness (\$0.5m) and providing government housing for some indigenous government employees (\$2m). Funding will contribute to the establishment of additional housing management offices in communities staffed by indigenous personnel. Improvement in housing management will improve the life of the housing assets. It will contribute to the investment in skills development for housing management in the communities. Overall, it will increase the sustainability of indigenous houses and deliver improved health and safety.

The 'Itinerants' Project was allocated \$0.5m in 2002-03 to commence implementation of strategies to address Indigenous itinerancy issues in the Darwin and Palmerston region. Priority initiatives are to employ a Project Coordinator and support costs, an extensive education campaign in urban and regional centres, expansion of the Darwin Community Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter, the establishment of an Information and Referral Office and further research and consultation. The project is a community initiative that government and peak Indigenous organisations are collaboratively working together on to resolve itinerancy issues in facilitating pathways for people to return to home communities or appropriate accommodation in town.

Question 675 (Dr Lim): What is the level of funding for the IHANT program, which is passed through

Local Government, for 2002–03? What are the funding sources and the actual funding levels from these sources?

Answer:

IHANT funding does not pass through Local Government and Regional Development Output Group. The funding sources and levels of funding for 2002-03 are as follows:

CSHA Aboriginal Rental Housing Program (ARHP) \$19.5m

Additional CSHA funding \$ 4.3m

NT matched funding \$ 4.7m

CSHA (ARHP) supplementation \$ 1.4m

2002-03 Total: \$29.9m

Question 760 (Ms Carter): How many Aboriginal people are presently living in the major urban centres as 'itinerant town campers'? If your department does not have an accurate idea of facts/issues pertaining to the problem of itinerants, can a survey be done as a matter of urgency, which would establish on each itinerant questioned their community of origin, their length of stay in the major town they are currently living in, and their reasons for not returning to their traditional community? Of the \$500 000 provided for the itinerant project in Darwin:

- how many hours will the community patrol be increased by?
- how much will the information and referrals office cost to run?
- what is the target number of people a) assisted to return home and b) helped to find pathways to a more meaningful life in the community?
- how will the Larrakia cultural protocols be provided?
- how much will the data and other information on itinerants cost to produce?
- will the reports be made public and if so, when will we begin to receive reports on the information collected?
- when will the long and medium-term strategies be implemented?

Answer:

The 'Itinerants' Project in Darwin and Palmerston has recognised the importance of accurate data and has set up a Data Collection and Research Working Party to coordinate data collection, analysis and research. In *The Long Grassers A Strategic Report on Indigenous 'itinerants' in the Darwin and Palmerston Area*, Paul Memmott states:

Calculating the number of itinerants in Darwin and Palmerston is a difficult methodological problem without the availability of a large team of observers who could tackle all suburbs at precisely the same time in the early morning.

A census working group has been established by the Data Collection and Research Working Party and will meet on 1 October to devise a census plan to conduct four censuses over the next 12 months. A data collection workshop is scheduled for 11 October to coordinate data collection between service delivery organisations and funding agencies.

Additionally, the Project is working closely with the Yalu group from Galiwinku on a model for working with home communities to assist in obtaining information and data, and providing services and assistance to encourage people to return home. This group has already conducted a survey of their countrymen and women in town and will be spending considerable time interviewing each person over the coming weeks to determine their circumstances and needs with the ultimate aim of providing the necessary assistance so their people can return home.

Answers to dot points:

Of the \$500 000 provided for the 'itinerants' project in Darwin:

- Negotiation will take place to increase the Community Patrol hours from 7 to 14 hours with the emphasis on day-time patrols to facilitate proactive rather than reactive patrolling.
- The working budget for the Information and Referrals Office is \$155,000 to provide the following services:
 - One stop office for information, referrals
 - Proof of identification facility
 - Outreach Co-ordination
 - Day time diversionary activities
- No numerical figure has been given as a target figure. It is anticipated that the introduction of the service, and its relationship to the data collection process will identify the target numbers over the coming months.
- Larrakia cultural protocols will be provided in a number of mediums following consultations at regional forums to determine the most effective means of disseminating the protocols and other educational information. The Education proposal from Larrakia currently includes proposals for the production of posters, signs, video production, television and radio advertising, presentations at community events and travel to communities for meetings and workshops.
- The cost of the production of data is dependent on the Working Party defining the parameters for data collection. The Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services is already offering in-kind support by providing staff to coordinate the Working Party and data collection process. The first stage of the Larrakia information campaign is budgeted at \$70,000.
- The public availability of the reports will be determined by the Project Management Committee, which is currently comprised of representatives from the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, the Department of Health and Community Services, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, the Larrakia Nation, the North Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, the Northern Land Council, the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT, the Darwin City Council and the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services. It can be anticipated that the first release of information collected by the project will be available towards the end of this year.
- The first stage for the implementation of medium and long-term strategies is the necessary research and data to identify current and anticipated needs against current and anticipated supply of service. This auditing process is currently under way through the Working Party process and it is reasonable to expect substantive proposals for consideration in next year's budget.

Aboriginal Essential Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: The next one, I think is 3.01, is that correct? Aboriginal Essential Services. Are there any questions there to be asked? That conclude consideration, and that outstanding question will be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Question 316 (Mr McAdam): The budget shows an increase of \$9.945m for the provision of Aboriginal Essential Services. Why has it been necessary to provide such a significant increase in funds for Aboriginal Essential Services and how will this contribute to the improvement of infrastructure on remote communities?

Answer:

It has been necessary to provide this significant increase in funding for Indigenous Essential Services (IES) for two main reasons:

1. Escalating maintenance costs:

- An independent review identified that some of the infrastructure used for essential services for rural and remote indigenous communities is old and worn out;
- Many Indigenous Essential Services (IES) assets were constructed in the 1970s and these assets are now either at the end or beyond their economical service life;

- Continued low capital expenditure has caused repairs and maintenance costs to escalate by 20% per annum in recent years; and
- Capital replacement is essential to arrest the escalating maintenance costs.

2. IHANT (Indigenous Housing Authority of the NT) and NAHS (National Aboriginal Health Strategy) are spending a total of about \$50m per annum on housing, which is increasing the demand for essential services by about 6% per annum in those communities that the Territory funds.

Aboriginal Interpreter Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: Output number 3.02. Did you want to comment on this output area? I think some of it was shared by the Chief Minister, is that right?

Mr HANLEY: Arts and Museums.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Arts and museums. So, 3.02, down a bit further, Aboriginal Interpreter Services. Are there any questions about that?

Mr ELFERINK: No, just that I am delighted to see that the government has put some further funding into it.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that comment, member for Macdonnell. That concludes consideration of that output group.

Question 378 (Mr McAdam): The budget provides for an additional \$303 000 for the Aboriginal Interpreter Service. How well has the Aboriginal Interpreter Service been meeting the needs of its clients, and will the extra funding provide for any expansion of the service?

Answer:

The AIS carried forward \$150 000 from its 2001-02 training budget to the 2002-03 training budget. This will be utilised for specialised training (for instance in the areas of health and legal services) and the accreditation of interpreters in line with the funding agreement between the NTG and the Commonwealth for Aboriginal Interpreter Services. The Service is meeting the needs of the majority of its clients. In 2001-02 the AIS received 1960 bookings, and was able to provide interpreters in 87% of cases. There have been very few complaints about the service. The government is continuing to look at ways in which the AIS can be improved.

Question 783 (Mr Elferink): How many appointments/tasks were made with the service during the year 2001-02? Of the 300 interpreters registered with the agency, how many were used in 2001-02? What is the average length of time per appointment/task? What is the hourly rate of pay for interpreters? Where will the extra \$303 000 for interpreter services allocated for 2002-03 be spent?

Answer:

The Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) has recorded 1960 requested jobs for the financial year of 2001-02 and was able to provide Interpreters in 87% of the cases. 148 interpreters were used in the year of 2001-02. The average length of time per appointment/task is difficult to quantify as it varies considerably according to the complexity of cases, such as court cases. However, on average, it is one half day (4 hours).

The hourly rate for interpreters is thus:

- Minimum 2 hours - \$40.00
- Half day (2-4.5 hours) - \$150
- Full day (4.5-8 hours) - \$300

· After hours (minimum) - \$150

\$150 000 from the 2001-02 training budget was carried forward into the 2002-03 training budget to ensure continuity and consistency of tenure in engaging a specialised trainer in the field of Aboriginal languages. The combined training budget of 2001-02 and 2002-03 will be utilised to provide specialised training for interpreters, in the key areas of criminal justice, corrections and health.

Arts, Museums and Library Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: Moving on now to output number 4.00, Arts, Museums and Library Services. I might need some assistance. Are these the highlighted questions?

Mr WOOD: Yes.

Mr CHAIRMAN: They are 510 and 710. Member for Nelson.

Mr WOOD: Yes, 4.00. I will ask the question, it may help *Hansard* and also might highlight a problem. These questions - at least the ones that I put forward about Arts and Museums, Darwin Entertainment Centre and the Eisteddfod - were all answered by the Chief Minister. They have been repeated here, and I think that that would give *Hansard* work that they don't really need, but I suppose it shows some ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: In that area, I was in error, 4.00. That question 24 has been answered by the Chief Minister, and I think when I was referring to 510 and 710, that is actually in Output Area 4.01. So, is there any comment on those two questions? There being no questions about that, that concludes consideration of that output group.

Question 24 (Mr Wood): Can the Minister explain why he has the budget for Arts and Museums, but not portfolio responsibility for these areas? Who has ultimate responsibility for the budget under this arrangement, and for policy?

Answer:

Ultimate responsibility for the arts and museums budget, and related policy, lies with the Minister for Arts and Museums. Accountability and responsibility under the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act* and the *Financial Management Act*, however, is delegated to the Chief Executive of an Agency. In this case, the Chief Executive of the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs is the accountable officer who has administrative day-to-day responsibility for Arts and Museums and is responsible to the Minister for Arts and Museums for the associated Arts and Museums budget and policy. This is not an uncommon practice. For example, the Office of Ethnic Affairs is administered by the Department of the Chief Minister on behalf of the Minister for Ethnic Affairs.

Sector Support

Question 122 (Mr Wood): What funding is provided for the Darwin Entertainment Centre? How does that compare with last year? Is the funding ongoing?

Answer:

The Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) is owned by Darwin City Council and leased for a peppercorn rental to a company limited by guarantee, the Darwin Performing Arts Centre. DEC currently receives financial support from both Council and the Northern Territory government. The Territory's contribution through the Arts Sponsorship Program is \$317 000 per annum plus \$150 000 per annum for repairs and maintenance, a total of \$467 000. Asset management services are provided through the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment. Under the triennial funding agreement, Territory funds are channelled through Council. The current triennial agreement expired on 30 June 2002 and negotiations with Council are near completion in relation to a new

agreement.

Within the Territory contribution, \$25 000 has been previously earmarked for the Local Hirers' Subsidy scheme, and \$60 000 for the Entrepreneurial Fund. Although negotiations are continuing with Council over the agreement, it is expected that the total level of NTG funding for 2002-03 to DEC will remain at \$467 000, and that asset management services will continue to be provided by DIPE.

This year's funding for DEC has remained the same as last year. However, negotiations between the Territory and Council include options to reallocate funding to increase the operational components, in light of a reduced call on repairs and maintenance support. Council has indicated that the new agreement should be limited to one year, with an option for extension to three years. While initially this was to allow for the potential development of a convention centre on the DEC site, it will also allow for further consideration of the levels of funding support for DEC.

Question 185 (Mr Wood): Can the minister tell us what this financial year's budget allocation will be to the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, the Eisteddfod and The Beat? How do those allocations compare with last year?

Answer:

Darwin Symphony Orchestra: In 2002, the Darwin Symphony Orchestra received a total allocation of \$150 000 comprising \$100 000 in operational funding and \$50 000 core project funding. Funding for 2001 was at the same level.

Administrative and operational funding to major arts organisations is provided on a calendar year basis and is subject to an application and negotiation process. Funding is negotiated with individual organisations and is conditional upon set performance targets and agreements.

In October 2002 round-table meetings will be held with annually funded arts organisations, including the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, and organisations will be advised of funding decisions for 2003 in December 2002. The NTG also continues to lobby the Commonwealth government to secure Commonwealth funding for the Orchestra.

North Australian Eisteddfod Council Inc/Centralian Eisteddfod Council: In 2002 the North Australian Eisteddfod Council Inc received \$15 000 funding support to assist with presentation of this year's programs and the Centralian Eisteddfod Council received \$7500 in funding support. The North Australian Eisteddfod Council also receives on going in-kind support through the provision of office accommodation at the art space at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie.

2001 funding for both Eisteddfod Councils was at the same level as for 2002. Funding to the Councils is subject to a project application process, and the next Arts Sponsorship project funding round closes on 15 October 2002.

Following representations by Arts, Museums and Library Services to the Department of Education and Training (DEET) earlier this year, the North Australian Eisteddfod will receive funding of \$5000 and the Centralian Eisteddfod Council \$1500 per annum, commencing in the 2002-03 financial year.

The Beat: The Beat is not funded through the Arts Sponsorship Program.

Question 510 (Dr Lim): What was the funding allocation for each library in the Northern Territory in 2001-02 and what is the allocation for each of the libraries for 2002-03?

Answer:

Library	Operational	Operational	%
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	Grant 2001-02	Grant 2002-03	variation
Alice Springs	439 346	425 245	-3.2
Alyangula	22 564	22 591	0.1
Angurugu	17 847	17 245	-3.4
Ayers Rock	20 457	19 683	-3.7
Barunga/Manyallaluk	13 319	12 075	-9.3
Borroloola	17 179	15 461	-10.0
Coomalie	27 813	27 438	-1.3
Darwin	1 064 591	1 032 315	-3.0
Elliott	14 415	13 070	-9.3
Jabiru	66 129	65 203	-1.4
Kardu Numida	35 392	38 192	7.9
Katherine	201 183	184 418	-8.3
Lajamanu	21 510	19 296	-10.3
Ltyentye Purte	13 893	13 755	-1.0
Mataranka	9926	9903	-0.2
Milikapiti	12 650	12 346	-2.4
Milingimbi	17 341	17 891	3.2
Palmerston	336 008	357 226	6.3
Peppimenarti	9229	8973	-2.8
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Pine Creek	14 112	14 143	0.2
Pirlangimpi	10 624	10 718	0.9
Ramingining	14 482	14 724	1.7
Tennant Creek	93 502	92 087	-1.5
Umbakumba	12 170	11 700	-3.9
Yugul Mangi	27 622	26 999	-2.3

Funding variations for libraries in the NT are due to population changes.

The 2001-02 three-year average population figure provided by the Northern Territory Grants Commission is used in calculating the per capita allocation. As a result of the Territory wide 3.6% population increase indicated by this figure, the per capita rate for 2001-02 has fallen from \$13.68 to \$12.92.

Question 534 (Mr Maley): Detail funding allocations in the 2002-03 budget for the development of an Indigenous Arts Strategy.

Answer:

The research and development phase of the Indigenous Arts Strategy is being undertaken initially within existing operational resources by department officers in consultation with stakeholders. Such consultation is critical to ensure that government policy and the strategy takes account of the

aspirations of the Indigenous Arts sector. The sector and other related stakeholders will have the opportunity, therefore, to contribute to its development. For example, the initiative will be on the agenda of an Indigenous Economic Development forum to be held in Alice Springs in late November 2002 and to which representatives of the Indigenous Arts sector will be invited. The Territory is keen to identify the most appropriate strategic interventions that complement rather than duplicate existing programs, especially those delivered by the Commonwealth government. Once developed, the strategy will be costed and associated funding secured.

Question 601 (Ms Carney): What is the budgetted 2002-03 expenditure to fulfil the election promise to 'support the construction of indigenous cultural centres in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek'?

Answer:

Alice Springs Cultural Centre: Government will be considering submissions relating to the development of the Desert Knowledge Precinct in Alice Springs, including a draft concept plan and negotiation of land required for the precinct development.

The Desert Peoples Centre concept plan includes provision for a Cultural Centre. This plan is currently being reviewed by relevant government agencies to provide the required information to allow government to make an informed and strategic decision and the complex negotiations continue with all relevant stakeholders.

Tennant Creek Cultural Centre: Government has agreed in principle to provide funds of up to \$1.5m to Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation towards the completion of the Cultural Centre in Tennant Creek and this funding has been set aside for this purpose in this year's budget.

Discussions are continuing with Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation to ensure the best results for Tennant Creek relating to the disbursement of the funding.

Question 710 (Mr Burke): What is the funding to Palmerston Library in 2002-03 compared with 2001-02?

Answer:

The library operational grant to Palmerston City Council is \$357 226 for the year 2002-03, compared with \$336 008 for the year 2001-02. This represents an increase of 6.3%.

Public Programs

Mr CHAIRMAN: We move to 4.03, Public Programs. A question standing in the name of the member for Macdonnell.

Mr ELFERINK: Negative. That was answered by the Chief Minister.

Question 154 (Mr Elferink): What is being done to increase visitation numbers to the Northern Territory Museums and Galleries?

Answer:

Visitation numbers did increase in 2001-02. During 2001-02, the total overall visitation figure to the Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) venues was 245 002. It exceeded the total for the previous year of 239 831. The following venues reported an increase in visitation numbers: Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Bullocky Point; Museum of Central Australia, Alice Springs; Central Australian Aviation Museum, Alice Springs. This growth in participation is an excellent outcome, particularly for a year in which tourism figures across the Territory were affected by the tragic events in the United States. The growth was achieved by:

MAGNT

- Ongoing exit surveys and visitor evaluation studies to ensure programs are strategically implemented and are responsive to visitor needs.
- Education audiences at the Bullocky Point facility increased from 10 697 during 2000-01 to 11 186 in 2001-02.
- Programs to encourage direct participation and increase MAGNT's capacity to deliver programs and services to its visitors included 29 active volunteers working with MAGNT staff in 2001-02 in the delivery of tours, education and school holiday activities.
- Development of a MAGNT five-year Strategic Marketing Plan to ensure it optimises promotional and marketing opportunities.

The Alice Springs Cultural Precinct showed an 11% increase in visitor numbers from 37 193 in 2000-01 to 41 336 for 2001-02. Reasons for the increase include:

- continuing presentation of a quality, varied exhibition program attracting locals and visitors, complemented by loyalty and membership schemes.
- An expansion of the performing arts into children's theatre seasons resulted in 1564 people attending the recent production of *The Big Friendly Giant*, 1615 people attending *Possum Magic* and 920 attending the recent production of *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie*.
- The Precinct has actively fostered strong links with Australian galleries, commercial hirers, and major performing arts touring companies to attract quality visual and performing arts programs to Central Australia. The number of commercial venue inquiries has increased by more than 60% and the Precinct has an excellent reputation within the commercial market as a well equipped, professional venue. The Northern Territory government has recently invested a further \$250 000 in capital works to ensure the technical capacity of the Araluen Centre continues to offer quality programs.
- The Precinct is planning to take greater advantage of its placement in Central Australia and to respond to visitor needs by repositioning itself as a centre of excellence in the display, research and collection of Western Desert art. The Precinct continues to develop strategic partnerships with tourism organisations such as the Northern Territory Tourist Commission (NTTC) and the Central Australian Tourism Industry Association to ensure that the Precinct is promoted and accessible to the tourism market.
- In line with identified visitor needs the Precinct is currently developing projects in partnership with Desert and Central Australian aboriginal arts centres to provide for an increased opportunities for visitors to experience, appreciate and understand Indigenous art and culture.
- Marketing resources are soon to be increased with the employment of an additional part time marketing officer to promote the Precinct in the local, national and international tourism market.
- Through regular visitor surveys the Precinct canvasses visitors feedback in relation to facilities and programs and the data from these surveys is used for the ongoing refinement and development of the Precinct to ensure increased visitation and client satisfaction.

Question 164 (Mr Elferink): Provide a list by program, where the \$6.625m of public programs will be spent in 2002-03.

Answer:

\$6.625m has been allocated for public programs delivered by the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory and the Northern Territory Library and Information Services, as follows:

Program	\$
Alice Springs Cultural Precinct	2 115
Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory	3 839
NT Library and Information Services	671

TOTAL	6 625
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The Public Program Output includes the development and presentation of exhibitions, presentation of performances and film screenings, education and interpretive programs, public events, advisory and information services.

Question 170 (Mr Elferink): Will the Portraits of the Senior Territorian program be continued?

Answer:

The Portrait of a Senior Territorian art award is scheduled to be presented again this year in the Main Hall, Parliament House, Darwin, commencing 3 December 2002. A project officer has been appointed to manage the 2002 event. The Art Award is managed by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs through Arts NT, on behalf of the Office of Senior Territorians. The Government House Foundation provides the acquisitive prize, which currently stands at \$3000.

Sport And Recreation

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay, so on to Output 5.0 then, which is Sport and Recreation. A question 833 standing in the name of the member for Blain.

Mr MILLS: In the interests of keeping the process moving, I am satisfied, at this point, with the written answer and I will let it pass.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Blain.

Question 97 (Mr Wood): Minister, is there any money in this budget for design work on a swimming pool for Litchfield Shire?

Answer:

There is no funding in the budget for design work on a swimming pool for the Litchfield Shire.

Question 306 (Mr Kiely): One of the performance measures for the Participation and Development Programs within the Office of Sport and Recreation is the value of the grants released which for this financial year are estimated to be \$5.333m. How does this level of funding compare with the previous budget?

Answer:

The 2002-03 budget allocation for the sport and recreation grants program is \$5.333m which is an increase of \$190 000 on the 2001-02 budget of \$5.143m. The increase of \$190000 is made up of the following:

- \$160 000 increased grants to community government councils to employ sport and recreation officers in remote communities; and
- \$30 000 additional funding to be directed to supporting sport and recreation organisations deliver quality services and programs to the community.

Question 694 (Mr Maley): How much money, if any, has been allocated to develop, plan and construct a pool at Humpty Doo in Darwin's rural area in 2002-03? What are the forward estimates, if any, for the development, planning and construction of a pool at Humpty Doo in Darwin's rural area in the year for (i) 2003-04 and (ii) 2004-05?

Answer:

There is no funding allocated to develop, plan and construct a pool at Humpty Doo in Darwin's rural area in 2002-03. The government will contribute \$1m to the construction of the pool at Humpty Doo in the rural area, which is likely to be in 2003-04 or 2004-05. Discussions with the community Steering Committee have commenced. Discussions with the Litchfield Shire Council will soon commence. The site size and type of pool will influence the cost. Once the Steering Committee and the Litchfield Shire Council have established these, the timing of the funding will be scheduled. It is expected however, that the funding will be provided by the Litchfield Shire Council in either 2003-04 or 2004-05 or split between the two, depending upon construction dates.

Question 97 also refers to funding for the construction of a swimming pool at Humpty Doo.

Question 695 (Mr Baldwin): The government has promised \$15 000 for the Palumpa Rodeo Arena.

(a) Is this funding available in the 2002-03 budget? (b) If yes, when will the funds be granted? (c) If no, why not?

Answer:

(a) No. I am however aware that a promise was made by the candidate for Daly for the Palumpa Rodeo Arena. I am also aware that a promise was made for a Rodeo Arena at Peppimenarti. (b) No specific funding was promised for the 2002-03 budget. (c) It was my understanding these promises were for the term of this government. It will be my intention to honour these promises during the next three years. It is worth noting that no specific proposals have been submitted by either of the communities. It is my intention over the coming months to discuss with each of the communities what specific works they require to be done. Together with my department, I will be assembling a committee to progress these proposals and identify an appropriate source of funding, for example the annual sport and recreation grants may be one option.

Question 788 (Mr Mills): In Budget Paper No 3 at page 184 under the heading 'Performance Measures', an amount of \$5 333 000 is listed as 'value of grants'. What portion of that amount was carried over from 2001-02, and what portion is new funding, making a total of \$5 333 000?

Answer:

There was no carryover amount from 2001-02. The total of \$5 333 000 is new funding for 2002-03. Refer to Question 306.

Question 789 (Mr Mills): In Budget Paper No 3 on page 184, the heading 'Participation and Development Programs' includes a reference to 'programs delivered' which has an explanatory asterisk next to it partly detailing the 60 programs delivered. Detail each and every program estimated to be delivered, and include: (a) the 2002-03 budgetary allocation for each program; (b) the geographic areas each program will target; and (c) target groups identified.

Answer:

The 2002-03 budgetary allocation and geographic areas were tabled. Identified groups are -

Active Australia Schools Network Leadership Program - the Active Australia Leadership program is a flexible program that provides young people with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills through a sport-based focus. The leadership program has served as our main focus for not only gaining membership but also in linking schools to sporting organisations and clubs. Most programs we have facilitated involve having specific sport as a focus for the program. Development officers and local club coaches have been involved in the delivery of training for the leaders. Since October 2001 twenty leaderships programs have been conducted in Northern Territory schools in eight different sports.

Active Australia Schools Network Other Activities - the Active Australia Schools Network is a national network that supports schools on their delivery of sport and physical activity. It acknowledges the important role schools can play in encouraging and preparing young Australians for participation in sport. Network activities coordination by the Office of Sport and Recreation include ideas for working with sporting clubs and organisations to encourage student participation; professional development opportunities for staff and community members; as well as free and discounted resources to assist with program planning.

School to Sport Linkage Program - programs delivered as part of the Active Australia Schools Network that help promote improved links between schools, sporting clubs and organisations to increase participation in community junior sport programs.

National Sporting Organisations Indigenous Sport Development Program - National Sporting Organisations through Northern Territory Sporting Organisations have been formally linked to the Indigenous Sport Program Officers (ISPOs) network throughout the Northern Territory. Essentially, the program allows the Office of Sport and Recreation to capitalise on the good work being undertaken by their network of ISPOs throughout regional and remote communities and assist Indigenous athletes from a regional and remote levels through to international competitions.

Sport Education - Coach, official and volunteer training and education programs to increase the quality of sporting programs delivered to the community.

Junior Sport Initiatives - Junior Sport initiatives include:

- Establishment of Junior Sport Youth Advisory Network to regularly seek input from youth into the junior sport programs & initiatives.
- At least 3 Junior Sport Reference Group meetings to finalise the Junior Sport Operational Plan by May 2003.
- Coordination and facilitation of Northern Territory Key Stakeholder feedback for Draft National Junior Sport Framework.
- Coordination and facilitation of the Out of School Hours Sports Program in conjunction with Trial Nightcliff Youth Centre.
- Working Better with Schools workshop to assist sporting organisations in better promoting their junior sport products to schools in March.

Question 815 (Mr Mills): Why does it cost \$910 to administer a grant of \$10 910 in Sport and Recreation when in Arts, Museums and Library Services can manage \$106 000 grant for \$790?

Answer:

The amounts mentioned above are not comparable. Although the average cost of administration for a grant is higher for Participation and Development than those of Arts, Museums and Library Services, the type, purpose and client groups are all different, making comparison meaningless and inappropriate as can be seen from the example below:

Sport and Recreation have a Regional and Club Development Grants Program where groups can apply for less than \$5000 on a one off basis. Applications are called for twice a year and up to 100 applications could be received. Each application is assessed individually.

Arts NT and NT Library and Information Services also advertise some Grants twice a year. While the projects and value may be different each round the applicants for the Arts Sponsorship Project/Skills Development Program and the NTLIS Development Grant Program are usually the same bodies that apply for the operational grants on an annual basis. Hence in depth analysis is not usually required into the group submitting the application.

Question 817 (Mr Mills): What monies were granted to the following codes in 2001-02: Aussie Rules, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Netball, Cricket? How much is allocated for each code in 2002-03?

Answer:

Through the 2001-02 sport and recreation grants program funding to specific sporting codes was made as follows:

1. Australian Football	\$208 247
2. Rugby Union	\$145 500
3. Rugby League	\$121 500
4. Soccer	\$113 000
5. Softball	\$32 000
6. Baseball	\$80 650
7. Netball	\$87 150
8. Cricket	\$107 500

These amounts represent all funding made available for the particular sporting activity through the peak organisation, affiliated associations and clubs, for example assistance for salaries, operational expenses, representative travel, regional and club development projects and facilities.

2002-03 funds approved to date are:

1. Australian Football	\$123 400
2. Rugby Union	\$143 775
3. Rugby League	\$106 600
4. Soccer	\$127 370
5. Softball	\$29 100
6. Baseball	\$87 350
7. Netball	\$82 800
8. Cricket	\$87 600

These are the amounts approved under the annual grants program for peak organisations, together with facility funding for affiliates. Funding has yet to be allocated for regional and club development grants, which are offered in two rounds (30 August 2002 and 31 January 2003). A budget of \$150 000 has been set aside for this grant category. Limited assistance is also available to meet unforeseen circumstances that may arise during 2002-03.

Question 819 (Mr Burke): What funding has been provided to YMCA Palmerston in the Budget for 2002-03 compared to 2001-02? What are the facility costs and are they provided for in the grant allocation?

Answer:

2002-03 grant funding of \$99 500 has been approved for the YMCA Palmerston. In 2001-02 \$84 000 was approved. Funding in both years included special assistance of \$30 000 for the Palmerston YMCA to become autonomous (from YMCA Darwin). This was a commitment given by the previous government, which has been honoured. A salary component of \$45 000 within the grant reflects support for three positions at Palmerston. This is \$15 000 less than the salary assistance of \$60 000

provided to the YMCA Darwin in 2001-02 as this amount was for the Darwin Manager's position. A number of representations have been made to me on resources for the Palmerston program. I am prepared to offer additional assistance of \$2500 on a \$ for \$ basis for administration and professional development costs.

The grant allocation for 2002-03 includes \$21 000 for electricity. This is the first time electricity costs have been included in grant funding for the YMCA. These charges were previously covered by NT Property Services and due to policy changes they have now been passed on to the Office of Sport and Recreation (as the sponsoring agency).

Other facility costs for leasing, cleaning and security are estimated at \$74 000 per annum and are met by the Northern Territory government through NT Property Services.

Question 820 (Mr Mills): Has the Junior Sport Operational Plan been completed? If so, what budgeted allocation has been made for 2002-03 for its implementation? If the Plan has not been completed when will it be, given that the minister said in parliament on 14 May 2002 that the Plan 'will be launched by the government in the near future'?

Answer:

The question does not relate to the budget. The question relates to the ministerial statement on 'Active Participation in Sport' delivered to the Legislative Assembly on 14 May 2002. No, the Junior Sport Operational Plan has not been completed. The department has a budget allocation of \$88 000 to implement a range of junior sport initiatives. It is anticipated that the Junior Sport Plan will be launched by 31 May 2003.

Question 821 (Mr Mills): The Junior Sport Reference Group met in 2001-02 financial year, as announced by the minister in parliament on 14 May 2002. Will the Junior Sports Reference Group meet in the 2002-03 financial year, and what is the budgetted allocation for further meetings in 2002-03?

Answer:

The question does not relate to the budget. The question relates to the ministerial statement on 'Active Participation in Sport' delivered to the Legislative Assembly on 14 May 2002.

Question 825 (Dr Lim): What processes are in place to expedite the redevelopment of Traeger Park and the time frame within which the remaining \$4.2m will be spent on Traeger Park? What is the budget allocation to make Traeger Park a multipurpose sporting facility. What is the budget cost of upgrading light for night games at Traeger Park.

Answer:

The government has committed \$5.0m to the upgrade of the complex over several years. The first \$800 000 is being spent on a major upgrade to the Alice Springs Hockey Complex. This work will be completed this month (September 2002). The remaining \$4.2m will be provided over the term of the government in line with the Master Plan and the recommendations from the Alice Springs Council and various stakeholders.

Traeger Park is already a prime venue for a wide range of sports. The Alice Springs Town Council is the owner of the Traeger Park Sports Complex and at the request of the minister, is preparing a Master Plan for the development of Traeger Park. This is being done in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders to determine priorities and cost estimates for the various proposals. This includes consideration of seating and future lighting levels for the various facilities.

Question 826 (Mr Mills): The minister announced in parliament on 14 May 2002 that the Office of Sport and Recreation had implemented a sport-focused leadership program as part of government's commitment to the Active Australia Schools Network. (a) What is the budgetary allocation for 2002-03 to complete the implementation of the program? (b) What are the anticipated outcomes of the program?

Answer:

The question does not relate to the budget. The question relates to the ministerial statement on 'Active Participation in Sport' delivered to the Legislative Assembly on 14 May 2002. Refer to Answer 789.

Question 828 (Mr Elferink): What money has been set aside for the development of a motor sports facility in Alice Springs?

Answer:

To date no funds have been set aside for the development of a new motor sport facility in Alice Springs.

Question 832 (Mr Mills): Explain the 100% increase for the 'Events Line Item' in sport and recreation.

Answer:

There is a carry forward of \$705 000 from 2001-02, made up of \$105 000 for the Alice Springs Masters Games and \$600 000 for the Arafura Games. 2002-03 additional allocation of \$130 000 to cover costs of the Arafura Games. 2002-03 additional \$200 000 for the 'on-year' of both the Alice Springs Masters Games and the Arafura Games. This has always occurred and recognises the event cycle where both events, although held every two years, fall into the one financial year.

Question 833 (Mr Mills): In percentage terms, detail the budgetary allocations for sport in the following respects for 2002-03: (a) region by region (ie Central Australia; Barkly), (b) urban and rural areas, (c) male and female, and (d) schools, youth and adults.

Answer:

(a) The 2002-03 budget allocated to the Office of Sport and Recreation is \$15.976m. This includes allocations for repairs and maintenance and depreciation of assets in the Darwin region. Estimates of region by region percentages are as follows:

Alice Springs 12%

Darwin 55%

Arnhem 4%

Katherine 4%

Tennant Creek 2%

NT Peak bodies 23% (funding is directed to the NT peak sporting bodies as they are responsible for the servicing and development of the whole of the NT).

(b) Budgets are not allocated to this level of detail.

(c) Office of Sport and Recreation services all Territorians therefore there is no data that separates the sexes into male or female. The Events unit and the NT Institute of Sport are able to separate their data and those figures are tabled.

(d) Detailed data of this type is not available.

Additional Information:

NT Institute of Sport –

Male and Female participant numbers

Male Female
Darwin 79 27
Alice Springs 7 2
Sydney 1
Total Athletes 116

The Events unit –

Alice Springs Masters Games

Total number of competitors 3369
Total number of NT competitors 1653

(a) by region	35% Darwin and rural area 8% Katherine 1.2% Tennant Creek 63% Alice Springs
(b)	N/A
(c) by gender	55.4% male 44.6% female
(d) by age group	100% adult
Northern Territory Sports Awards Total number of nominations 76 Total number of awards 10	
(a) by region	Darwin and Rural 70% Alice Springs 20% Katherine 4% Borroloola 1% Outside NT 5%
(b)	N/A
(c) by gender	71% nominations were male 29% nominations were female 50% winners were male 50% winners were female
(d) by age group	20% school (up to 18 yrs) 80% adult
Arafura Games NB % based on the Arafura Games 2001	

Total number of participants 3141 Total number of NT participants 1014	
(a) by region	3.55% Central Australia 94.38% Darwin 0.10% Jabiru 1.58% Katherine 0.30% Nhulunbuy 0.10% Tennant Creek
(b)	99.21% urban 0.79% rural
(c) by gender	36.09% female 63.91% male
(d) by age group	18.74% school (up to 17yrs) 21.50% youth (18-25 yrs) 59.76% adults (26 yrs +)
Total number of participants outside NT 3141	
(a) by country	62.59% Australia 2.29% Brunei Darussalam 0.54% China 3.92% East Timor 0.60% Guam 1.27% Indonesia 1.59% Japan 3.50% Macau 7.42% Malaysia 1.34% Nauru 0.25% New Caledonia 1.34% New Zealand 0.22% North Marianas 0.10% Pacific Oceania 4.01% Papua New Guinea 1.88% Philippines 2.80% Singapore 0.54% South Africa 0.03% Sri Lanka 0.32% Tahiti 0.38% Thailand 2.48% USA 0.57% Vietnam
(b)	N/A
(c) by gender	35.98% female 64.02% male
(d) by age group	13.94% school (up to 17yrs) 32.92% youth (18-25 yrs) 53.14% adults (26 yrs +)

Question 835 (Mr Mills): Why do you think that it is satisfactory to have a quarter of all stakeholders dissatisfied with your program? Refer to Budget Paper No 3 at page 184.

Answer:

A figure of 75% was deemed to be a reasonable and achievable target for an initial survey to identify a benchmark for stakeholder satisfaction. This benchmark will be used to achieve meaningful and appropriate future targets.

Question 1102 (Mr Mills): In Budget Paper No 3 on page 185 under the heading 'Performance Measures', why is 70% satisfaction an aim?

Answer:

A figure of 70% was deemed to be a reasonable and achievable target for surveys to identify a benchmark for stakeholder satisfaction. This benchmark will be used to achieve meaningful and appropriate future targets. See response to Question 788.

Question 1957 (Mr Mills): The completion of the upgrade of Marrara Oval has been delayed due to difficulties encountered by the contractor in meeting soil specifications. Has the Northern Territory contributed additional funding to this project to ensure that it is completed in time?

Answer:

No additional funding has been allocated to date. Additional funding may be required. The project will be completed on time whether or not additional funds are required.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Nelson.

Mr WOOD: A supplementary to question 97 regarding the swimming pool in the Litchfield Shire. Minister, both your government and the CLP, at the time of the election, both promised a swimming pool, but I heard of no figure of how much that swimming pool was going to cost. Where did the \$1m come from? How could that figure be analysed or certified without some design work being done first to see how much it was going to cost?

Mr AH KIT: Well, it was quite easy when you make pre-election commitments, and that is what it was. It is quite interesting where it actually came from because, before the election, I spoke to the candidates out there who were running for our political party, and I came up with the idea of a swimming pool at Humpty Doo, around about \$1m. They were successful in getting the then Leader of the Opposition, the current Chief Minister, to sign off on that, and add something that is desperately needed out there. The commitment was for in this term of the government. And so we ...

A member interjecting.

Mr AH KIT: I beg your pardon?

Mr Baldwin: Like Port Keats? Same.

Mr AH KIT: We will be delivering on our pre-election commitment. There is \$1m there that will, in our first term, be there. In fact, I have met with a couple of ladies who came and had a chat with me in my office. They are very keen to ...

Mr WOOD: Yes, I rang your department about it.

Mr AH KIT: Yes, and that was good, we had a good chat. We need to now discuss - and I am quite happy, and I have committed to write to the Litchfield Shire Council about including them, obviously, in the discussions because, at the end of the day, I believe the council should have responsibility. We will provide the \$1m up front. They need to work out where the site is going to be. They need to work out how that \$1m is going to satisfy their need. They need to work out whether they will provide some financial support, and they need to work out how they are going to have the repairs and maintenance

and the running of that. I have done our part to date, and I do not want to go through the story of the black hole and dollars being a bit short; let us not go over that. However, if I had the dollars now, we would be up and running as soon as we got Litchfield Shire Council ...

Mr WOOD: This is a blue hole, I presume.

Mr AH KIT: I am keen to see it promoted and advanced, and that is what I will continue to work towards. One thing that came out of that meeting with those ladies was that they were told not to petition the government. I do not know which local member or which politician they spoke to or on what side of politics, but I was disappointed. I said: 'Give me the petition and I will table it for you, if you like' because I am fully supportive of a swimming pool being put in place at Humpty Doo. It is needed; we have a lot of schools out there, we have a lot of children and we have a lot of people who could make really good use of it.

Mr WOOD: I will dwell on those answers, thank you, minister.

**ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY
Involves More Than One Output Group**

Mr CHAIRMAN: We now move into an area that I know is of particular interest to the member of Macdonnell, which is the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority and we are looking at area 0.03 which involves more than one output. I see that the member for Macdonnell is the shadow here, so over to you member for Macdonnell.

Mr ELFERINK: Mr Chairman, because of this unfortunate situation that this committee has been hamstrung by the way that government has approached it, I will unfortunately have to forego drilling this to the depth that I want to.

Question 736 (Mr Elferink): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) No difference (ii) no difference, and (iii) no difference.

Question 744 (Mr Elferink): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

Budget improvement target 2001-02 \$33 000

The savings were achieved through the reprioritising of existing functions

Budget improvement target 2002-03 \$53 000 ongoing

Budget savings will be achieved through reprioritising of existing functions

Question 745 (Mr Elferink): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

\$158 000 revenue was received against intra-sector charges in 2001-02. Amounts for 2002-03 are not known as they are based on services provided during the year. Purchase of goods and services 2001-02: \$162 000.

Question 747 (Mr Elferink): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

\$000

OPERATING EXPENSES 2002-03 2617

PAYROLL TAX 88

DEPRECIATION/AMORTISATION 21

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE 12

NETT OPERATING EXPENSES 2002-03 2496

OPERATING EXPENSES 2001-02 2599

PAYROLL TAX 83

DEPRECIATION/AMORTISATION 15

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE 12 .

NETT OPERATING EXPENSES 2001-02 2489

Question 749 (Mr Elferink): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency. How are they now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures?

Answer:

TOTAL 162

NT Fleet 133

Government Printer 8

ITMS 19

LANDS ,PLANNING & ENV 2

Question 750 (Mr Elferink): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 751 (Mr Elferink): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

PAYROLL TAX \$000

2001-02 83

2002-03 estimate 88

Question 753 (Mr Elferink): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office, (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) by the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

Nil.

Question 756 (Mr Elferink): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

Nil.

Question 759 (Mr Elferink): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The number of people employed by AAPA as at 29 August 2001, November 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment.

Staffing	29/08/2001	01/11/2001	29/08/2002
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
Permanent (1)	21	04	21042104
Contract	01	-	01---
Casual	-	-	----
Executive Contract Officer	01	-	01-01-
Total Staff			

Note (1) Figures include paid and unpaid inoperative staff (staff on extended leave or leave without pay)

Question 761 (Mr Elferink): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

Mini-budget 2436
Actual expenditure 2638

Information for 2002-03 is not provided in a form consistent with the mini-budget information as 2002-03 information is on an accrual basis.

Question 763 (Mr Elferink): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

AGENCY REVENUE \$000
2001-02 350
2002-03 330
DIFFERENCE 20

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Authority Certificates

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE

Work on Alice-Darwin Railway Authority Certificate reducing

Question 852 (Mr Elferink): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and the Working for Outcomes model has been achieved through the use of existing resources within the authority.

Question 1103 (Mr Baldwin): It is estimated that there will be 700 requests for register inspections, sites recorded and applications for authority certificates completed in 2002-03. (a) How many sites were registered during 2001-02? (b) What is the total number of registered sites in the Northern Territory, including those in Territory waters? (c) Detail the number of staff currently active in the Authority and provide their position levels.

Answer:

(a) Sites registered during 2001-02: 53 (b) Total number of registered sites in the Northern Territory: 1499, and (c) Staff currently active in the Authority:

Position/Level	No
CEO	1
P4	1
P3	1
P2	8
P1	1
AO8	1
AO7	2
AO5	1

AO4	3
AO3	3
AO2	2
T4	1
T2	1
TOTAL	26

Question 1116 (Mr Elferink): How much did AAPA spend on advertising in 2001-02?

Answer:

Total Expenditure: \$132.00 - advertising vacancy Alice Springs

Question 1117 (Mr Elferink): Detail legal costs and itemise litigation events for 2001-02.

Answer:

Total cost \$9200

Firms paid:

Povey Stirk \$5128

Prosecution of Hans Mosshammer

Cridlands \$2425

Preparation of contract with Central Land Council

De Silva Hebron \$1648

Prosecution of M & D Cattle Contracting

Question 1119 (Mr Elferink): With the release of extra areas for mining exploration, what allocation has been made to AAPA to respond to sacred sites issues arising?

Answer:

Nil.

Mr ELFERINK: Mr Chairman, there are two issues that I want to raise.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Certainly.

Mr ELFERINK: First was in relation to question 1119 ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: 1119?

Mr ELFERINK: Yes, 1119. It is in relation to the release of extra – with all the release of extra mining exploration, what allocation is being made to AAPA to respond to sacred sites issues arising. Nil is the answer. There are a lot of leases involved here. I just want to hear from the minister how he expects to spend nothing extra.

Mr AH KIT: Well, Mr Chairman, it has been the Authority's practice to engage additional staff on a needs basis and recover costs from mining exploration companies applying for the certificates. It is not a practice that was in place before and it is not a sensible practice to have people employed with nothing to do. So when the company does make an application, then negotiations are held with them. Most of them, if not all, support the regime that is put in place in respect of what they need to go through in the procedures to get a certificate. All those companies who understand now the regime that has been put in place by the previous government accept that and move forward. So it is not wise or smart to have staff sitting around getting paid good dollars but not doing any work.

Mr ELFERINK: Thank you, minister. Minister, my second one is more a comment than a question. You seem to have achieved in this authority something that has not been achieved across government and that is that you have provided actuals.

Mr AH KIT: There is a first for everything, Mr Chairman.

Mr ELFERINK: I was wondering why the rest of government hasn't been able to manage it. That is it, Mr Chairman.

HOUSING Housing Business Services

Mr CHAIRMAN: Moving along to Housing Business Services. The member for Greateorex is the shadow here, so over to you member for Greateorex.

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman I also put for the record that my questions and the corresponding answers be arranged in the following order: 707, 674, 703, 672, 664, 677, 702, 699, 700, 645, 660, 658, 655, 649 and 670. That is to ensure that there is an orderly flow of questions and answers. I do not have any supplementaries.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Greateorex. If there is no further questions on output area 0.03 that concludes a deliberation and consideration on this output area. All those outstanding questions in the order that the member for Greateorex has stated will be incorporated in the *Hansard* record.

Question 707 (Dr Lim): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? (iii) and where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the Budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

Housing Business Services is not aware of any material differences in the data published in the Budget Papers. (i) No (ii) Not applicable and (iii) Not applicable.

Question 674 (Dr Lim): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

The information presented for all Government Business Divisions (GBDs) in the 2002-03 Budget is directly comparable with that presented in the November mini-budget as GBDs budgets have been presented on an accrual basis since 1999-2000.

Question 703 (Dr Lim): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) by the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

The department funded the Public Housing Tenancy Newsletter at a cost of \$6074.20 (*Tenant News* – September 2001); Staff Departmental Printed Newsletter \$103.37 (*Under the Roof* – September 2001); Minister Vatskalis was the Housing Minister at the time and both newsletters included a message from him.

Question 672 (Dr Lim): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on August 29 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

Information is not provided by 'activity', as this term has no particular meaning under the new financial framework. However, Housing Business Services employs 155 staff. The number of staff employed in Housing Business Services, as at 29 August 2001, November 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment.

Staffing	29/08/01	November 2001	29/08/02
	Full Time	Part-Time	Full TimePart-TimeFull TimePart-Time
Permanent (a)	124	3	12221232
Temporary (b)	22		22272
Casual		4	21
	146	7	14441505
Total Staff :	153	148	155

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay)

(b) Figure includes Executive Contract Officers and staff on temporary contracts as detailed below:

Staffing	29/08/01	November 2001	29/08/02
<i>Non-Permanent:</i>			
Executive Contract Officers	2	2	2
Other	20	20	27
Total :	22	22	29

Question 664 (Dr Lim): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

Nil. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment did not expend on behalf of the

Housing GBD in 2001-02.

Question 677 (Dr Lim): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-2002? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason? How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-2003 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts. That is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

There was only one consulting service in excess of \$100 000 during 2001-02 for Housing Business Services. DMR Consulting provides ongoing support for our housing computer systems (whole of government contract).

2001-02– Consultancy Expenses over \$10 000

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Tenancy Management System (TMS) Maintenance	\$ 393 910
Develop a framework to build a conceptual data model	\$ 10 000
Review of Funding Agreement	\$ 10 180
Data Warehouse Definition	\$ 54 000
Review of Computer Application Systems	\$ 28 700
Employee Assistance Program	\$ 11 760
Review of the Indigenous Housing Association of NT (IHANT)	\$ 17 000

Question 702 (Dr Lim): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

In 2001-02, Housing Business Services expended \$526 025 for payroll taxes and a similar amount is estimated for 2002-03.

Question 699 (Dr Lim): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

Repairs and maintenance has always been included in Government Business Divisions' budget estimates. Taxes and fees are paid for competitive neutrality reasons and incur cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other service provider. These items need to be included to assess the full costs of outputs.

Question 700 (Dr Lim): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer that question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 645 (Dr Lim): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The main sources of agency revenue are:

- Public housing tenant receipts
- Government Employee housing tenant receipts

The difference between 2001-02 and 2002-03 agency revenue is due to increased public housing and government employee housing tenant receipts due to upgraded amenities.

In 2001-02, the Department of Health and Community Services paid a one-off contribution towards the Itinerants Strategy Consultancy in the amount of \$60 000.

Agency Revenue consists of the following:

	2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000	Variance \$000
Public Housing Tenant Receipts	24 909	27 430	2 521
Government Employee Housing Receipts	11 039	11 705	666
Administration Fee (from Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs)	598	598	
Contribution towards the Itinerants Strategy Consultancy from the Department of Health and Community Services	60		-60

Question 660 (Dr Lim): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

This information has been provided in answer to question 658.

Question 658 (Dr Lim): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

Inter-agency Revenue for Housing Business Services in 2002-03 is:

Government Employee Housing Rent and other tenant charges received from various other agencies	\$11.705m
Receipt of Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) funding transferred from the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs	\$5.196m
Community Service Obligation (CSO, including CSHA funding for public housing)	\$31.821m

Administration Fee from the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs	\$0.598m
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In most instances these purchase of goods and services amounts would not be known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded in the same manner as any other transaction.

However, receipt of CSHA funding is specifically expended as grants and subsidies and capital in accordance with the agreement. Receipt of CSO funding is to recompense the business for revenue foregone in accordance with government policies to provide public housing.

Question 655 (Dr Lim): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

As stated in the mini-budget, the budget improvement target for Housing Business Services for 2001-02 was \$1.099m and the budget improvement target for 2002-03 is \$2.118m. However, due to the creation and subsequent restructuring of the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs and Housing Business Services, these targets were achieved by combining and rationalising between these two agencies. Each business line/output group contributed to the improvement. For example, the number of vehicles leased was reduced, and there were efficiencies made in telecommunications. The 'cash' relating to the budget improvement cut *is* included in the agency's Budget. The 4% was applied to operating expenses in 2002-03. In 2001-02, the cut was brought in from 1 January 2002, and therefore was 2% of the full year budget.

Question 649 (Dr Lim): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

There is no cost. Housing Business Services is a Government Business Division (GBD), which has been operating in an accrual environment for a number of years.

Question 670 (Dr Lim): In Budget Paper No 3 at page 193, the government states that it will meet operating deficits by injecting equity. In 2001-02 the operating deficit was \$12.3m and the government appears to have withdrawn \$4M equity. In 2002-03 the operating deficit will be \$7.7m and the government appears to be withdrawing \$3m equity. Detail the overall arrangements.

Answer:

The reduction in assets relates to a whole-of-government transfer, initiated by NT Treasury, relating to works in progress.

Rental Housing Assistance

Mr CHAIRMAN: On to output area number 1.02, Rental Housing Assistance.

Dr LIM: With regards to output number 1.02, Mr Chairman, I also request that the question and answers be arranged in the following order: 638, 44, 646, 651, 661, 685, 687, 691, 692, and 716 which I think are in good order at the moment. I don't want to add any supplementary questions to that, either. I would like to thank the officers for their answers.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We will dispense with that output area, as you suggest.

Question 265 (Mr Bonson): Can the minister advise on the funds to be expended this financial year on Territory Housing accommodation at Litchfield Court and Hazel Court, and in particular, on security and repairs and maintenance?

Answer:

Expenditure through repairs and maintenance on Litchfield Court and Hazel Court has averaged \$318 000 over the past three years so it is estimated about \$320 000 would be expended 2002-03. Additionally –

- In 2001–02, the security lighting at Hazel Court was upgraded at a cost of \$15 000. The remaining doors and open-able windows were also screened at a cost of \$4500.
- In 2001–02, the remaining doors and open-able windows at Litchfield Court were also screened at a cost of \$8300.

Both complexes are now fully security screened.

Question 428 (Ms Lawrie): What provision is contained in 2002-03 Budget to improve security provisions for Territory Housing tenants?

Answer:

In April 2002 a new initiative was approved to offer security screening to all public housing dwellings. The new policy implements security screening on a priority basis. All dwellings with disability modifications and safe rooms will have full security screens installed within the year 2002-03. All dwellings with high-risk groups of tenants, including sole parents, aged or disabled tenants will have full security screens installed within the next three years. \$50 000 will be set aside each year for exceptional cases that fall outside of the defined policy and which require security screening as a matter of urgency. Additional dwellings that fall outside of these priority categories will be screened after all the priority stock has been completed. \$3m is programmed in 2002-03 Budget for Provision of Security Screens for Public Dwellings, Budget Paper No. 4 (page 37).

Question 638 (Dr Lim): How many units of accommodation and types of accommodation did Territory Housing sell in 2001–02 and were any disposed of other than by sale and to whom? What were the receipts from housing sales in 2001–02 and what are the projected sales for 2002-03?

Answer:

The number and types of units of accommodation that were sold and were any disposed of other than by sale in 2001-02 were:

- 19 four-bedroom houses were disposed of;
- 126 three-bedroom houses were disposed of;
- 4 two-bedroom units were disposed of;
- 1 three-bedroom house was transferred to the Crown

Summary:

57 Auctioned
92 Tenant Sales
1 Transferred to the Crown-Community Centre-Synod of the Diocese of the NT Incorporated

Receipts from housing sales in 2001-02 were:

\$000
· Sales by Auction 6487
· Cash Sales 4867
· Vendor Sales 4384
· 70% or more shared equity 2204
17942

Sales of minority interest (ie remaining 30%):

\$000
Shared equity 402
Homestarts 1711
2113

Projected sales for 2002-03 are \$12m (refer page 194 of Budget Paper No 3).

Additional Information
Details of 2001-02:

During this period 70 dwellings were added to stock:

36 two-bedroom units were constructed
32 one-bedroom units were constructed
1 three-bedroom houses were repurchased
1 two-bedroom unit was repurchased

Question 644 (Dr Lim): Understanding that one year's cost recovery may not relate to actual Repairs and Maintenance for that same year, what is 2001 – 02 level of recovery for repairs done to accommodation deemed to be the responsibility of the tenant by region?

Answer:

Recoverable amounts invoiced are:

\$000
Alice Springs 121
Casuarina 70
Darwin 52
Katherine 113
East Arnhem 7
Palmerston 120
Tennant Creek 37

TOTAL 520

Question 646 (Dr Lim): Please detail the expenditure, region by region, the organisations which received funding and the level of funding, for crisis accommodation and community needs.

Answer:

Attached is a summary of the applications for funding approved and the source of funding during 2002-03, for crisis accommodation and community needs. Please note that in relation to CAP and CHP all applicants have been notified of the outcome of their application.

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Source	Amount approved
Darwin			
Darwin Christian Outreach Centre	Construction of further crisis accommodation	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$119 985
Darwin Masonic Memorial Village	Upgrade to existing building	Community Housing Program	\$23 000
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Kardu Numida Incorp. (Port Keats)		Community Housing Program	\$275 000
Anglicare Youth Housing	Initial funding for pilot project	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$10 670
Darwin Women's Housing Association	Purchase of further community housing	Community Housing Program	\$280 000
Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter	Top up funding of previous project – additions to existing building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$12 560
Katherine			
St Vincent De Paul	Upgrade and extensions to Ormonde House	Capital Works Program	\$105 060
Katherine Women's Crisis Centre	Upgrade to existing building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$8273
Nhulunbuy			
Gove Crisis Accommodation	Extension and upgrade to existing building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$118 181
Tennant Creek			
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge	Upgrade to existing building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$22 895
Alice Springs			
Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Services	Upgrade to existing building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$9989
Yuendumu Safe House	Construction of new building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$185 000
Alice Springs Women's Shelter	Upgrade to existing building	Crisis Accommodation Program	\$48 181

Question 651 (Dr Lim): How many evictions and repossessions occurred, region by region, with Territory Housing in 2001-02? What was the time frame of each eviction and repossession, from the time a complaint was laid till the time of eviction? What did the evictions and repossessions cost in terms of legal fees and in terms of repairs and maintenance of the repossessed Territory Housing homes and units?

Answer:

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Evictions and repossessions, region by region, are: Alice Springs – 5; Darwin – 29; Katherine – 2; Tennant Creek – 9; and Nhulunbuy - 0

Region	Time frame	Maint Debt	Legal Fees	Rent or Noise & Nuisance
ASP	53 days	\$ 910.24	\$ -	Rent
ASP	16 days	\$ 2,820.09	\$ 428.50	Rent
ASP	68 days	\$ 6293.75	\$ -	Rent
ASP	4 months	\$ 7391.12	\$ -	Rent
ASP	12 months	\$ 1085.97	\$ 3371.50	Rent
DRW	57 days	\$ -	\$ 82.50	Rent
DRW	26 days	\$ 1642.94	\$ 82.50	Rent
DRW	36 days	\$ 1114.15	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	16 days	\$ 54.45	\$ 82.50	Rent
DRW	4 ½ months	\$ -	\$ -	Rent
DRW	60 days	\$ 1030.02	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	3 months	\$ 3005.43	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	3 months	\$ 658.55	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	39 days	\$ 553.98	\$ 82.50	Rent
DRW	22 days	\$ 745.40	\$ 82.50	Rent
DRW	80 days	\$ 1,249.98	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	3 ½ months	\$ 816.24	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	50 days	\$ 660.48	\$ 82.50	Rent
DRW	3 ½ months	\$ 1634.46	\$ 165.00	Rent
DRW	2 years	\$ 8225.12	\$11 300.21	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	1 ½ years	\$ 490.10	\$ 1090.98	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	14 months	\$ 1298.59	\$ 899.85	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	6 months	\$ 5588.79	\$ 2412.30	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	25 months	\$ 2818.44	\$ 1238.43	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	6 months	\$ 858.22	\$ 1238.43	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	10 months	\$ 2675.92	\$ 6554.02	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	1 ½ years	\$ 3128.56	\$ 2132.61	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	19 months	\$ 4521.50	\$ 5159.05	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	4 months	\$ 3046.48	\$ 760.29	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	2 months	\$ 3303.74	\$ 5289.46	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	7 months	\$ 2130.00	\$ 2301.99	Noise & Nuisance

DRW	8 months	\$ 2035.11	\$ 6742.40	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	5 months	\$ 1350.56	\$ 2065.06	Noise & Nuisance
DRW	4 months	\$ 802.82	\$ 564.30	Noise & Nuisance
KATH	43 days	\$ 1987.47	\$ -	Rent
KATH	54 days	\$ 4126.30	\$ -	Rent
TCK	80 days	\$ 635.78	\$ 44.00	Rent
TCK	61 days	\$ 1994.21	\$ -	Rent
TCK	3 months	\$ 2959.00	\$ -	Rent
TCK	63 days	\$ 1647.03	\$ -	Rent
TCK	5 ½ months	\$ 3278.49	\$ -	Rent
TCK	69 days	\$ 176.00	\$ -	Rent
TCK	6 months	\$ 1519.10	\$ -	Rent
TCK	3 months	\$ 18.55	\$ -	Rent

Question 661 (Dr Lim): Can the minister explain why Repairs and Maintenance will decline by \$4.4m (20%) in 2002-03? What is the real allocation for R and M for 2002-03?

Answer:

In 2002-03 the government has allocated increased resources to public housing in this budget. While repairs and maintenance allocation is down on the basis of Budget Estimates, Capital Works increases more than offset this reduction. (See Table 1). This shows an overall increase of \$437 000 in capital and repairs and maintenance for housing services. Table 2 shows that traditionally, expenditure on repairs and maintenance has been around \$19m each year.

TABLE 1:

(Note that there is an overall increase in the combined R and M and Capital Works budget).

Comparison of Repairs and Maintenance Budget 2001/02 -v- 2002/03				
Description	2001-02	2002-03	Increase	% VariationReference
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Balance in Budget Paper No 3	23 085	18 651	-4434	Budget Paper#3 Page 192
Less:				
Funding Transferred from Capital Works Program to Repairs and Maintenance to cover painting program	-1600			
Adjustment to compensate for consultants fees included in the 2001/02 figure where the work is being carried out in house in 2002/03 by staff		1100		
Amended Total	21 485	19 751	-1734	- 8.07
Add:				

Capital expenditure on housing (Purchase of Assets)	27 943	31 714		Budget Paper #3 Page 194
Funding Transferred from Capital Works Program to Repairs and Maintenance to cover painting program	1600			
Total Capital expenditure Plus Repairs and Maintenance	51 028	51 465	437	+ 0.85

TABLE 2:

Year	\$000	Note	Explanation
1996-97	\$15 563		
1997-98	\$18 051		
1998-99	\$22 043		
1999-00	\$18 883		
2000-01	\$19 389		
2001-02	\$23 085	(a)	Includes \$1.6m one off transfer from Capital Works. Actual 2001-02 expenditure was \$20.061m.
2002-03	\$19 751	(b)	Adjusted to include \$1.1m now classified to employee expenses and purchases for goods and services.
Average:	\$19 538		

Sources: 1996-97 to 2000-01 Audited Financial Statements and 2001-02 to 2002-03 Budget Papers

Question 685 (Dr Lim): Regarding Performance Measures, will the minister indicate the type, coverage and timing of surveys/reports which will be used to establish that 70% of clients will be satisfied with the provision of public housing assistance in 2002-03 and how much of an improvement that will be? Also indicate whether an average cost for public housing rental rebate of \$5300 is reasonable when related to the benefit provided? Is this an annual recurrent cost? Refer Budget Paper No 3 at page 190.

Answer:

My department participates in a National Social Housing survey as a part of the reporting and accountability provisions of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA). This survey collects and reports on performance in terms of tenant satisfaction with key aspects of Public Housing service delivery. The survey is conducted nationally on an annual basis by an independent research agency; the first survey was conducted in 1996. The target of 70% satisfaction as reported in the Budget Papers aims for a 1% increase from a result of 69% the previous year. It is important to note that client satisfaction as reported in this survey appears to have now levelled off, this is likely due to the additional factors that impact client satisfaction beyond the department's control such as age, climate, family status, employment status, etc. The next survey will be conducted in early 2003. The average cost of \$5300 for a public housing rental rebate is the difference per annum between the rent paid by the tenant and the market rent. This is an annual recurrent cost to government as Housing Business Services receive a Community Service Obligation (CSO) for the provision of this service. It should also be noted that no tenant that is eligible for a rental rebate pays more than 23% of their income in rent.

Question 687 (Dr Lim): What program has been developed to erect security fencing around Territory Housing properties similar to the ones at Wirrina Flats in Parap in 2002-03?

Answer:

Unit complexes in various centres had fencing installed in response to the individual need of that complex. Housing Business Services will continue to provide fencing as the need is identified, however there is not specific budget for fencing.

Question 691 (Dr Lim): Provide the numbers and type of housing stock by region for 2001–02.

Answer:

Government Employee Housing Remote Localities

	ASP	DRW	East Arnhem	KATH	TCK	
1BR	26	29	24	13	09	
2BR	50	55	42	48	14	
3BR	84	88	42	511	18	
4BR	--	-2	--	-2	--	
Total	160	174	108	114	41	597

Government Employee Housing Urban Localities

	ASP	DRW	East Arn	KATH	TCK	CAS	JAB	PALM	
1BR	01	--	29	11	01	--	09	--	
2BR	33	02	47	16	12	56	--	11	
3BR	38	03	98	36	37	02	28	23	
4BR	07	01	07	07	01	--	03	01	
Total	79	06	181	70	51	58	40	35	520

Public Housing

	ASP	DRW	East Arn	KATH	TCK	CAS	JAB	PALM	
1BR	265	490	22	144	45	123	18	323	
2BR	315	517	32	173	45	215	--	390	
3BR	432	330	40	242	108	1020	26	645	
4BR	47	44	07	30	09	92	03	40	
Total	1059	1381	101	589	207	1450	47	1398	6232

Totals for Public Housing and Government Employee Housing

	ASP	DRW	East Arn	KATH	TCK	CAS	JAB	PALM	
1BR	292	519	75	168	55	123	27	323	
2BR	398	574	121	237	71	271	--	401	
3BR	554	421	180	329	163	1022	54	668	
4BR	54	47	14	39	10	92	06	41	
Total	1298	1561	390	773	299	1508	87	1433	7349

Question 692 (Dr Lim): What funding was expended in 2001–02 to run programs assisting indigenous people from communities to deal with urban living? What funding is budgeted for 2002–03?

Answer:

The Indigenous Housing Advisory Service Program is jointly funded by the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory and the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs. The services are independent to those of the department and are managed by Indigenous organisations in the Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs regions. The aim is provide assistance to Indigenous people to obtain and sustain their Public Housing tenancies.

FUNDING 2001-02:

Indigenous Housing Association Inc. (Darwin) \$ 284 000
Alice Springs Aboriginal Urban Housing Assoc. \$ 303 494
Kalano Community Association Inc. (Katherine) \$ 210 702
Total Funding \$ 798 196

FUNDING 2002-03:

Indigenous Housing Association Inc. (Darwin) \$ 284 000
Alice Springs Aboriginal Urban Housing Assoc. \$ 313 170
Kalano Community Association Inc. (Katherine) \$ 196 861
Total Funding \$ 794 313

The Urban Living Skills Program provides Indigenous applicants and tenants with the appropriate skills to sustain their tenancies. Indigenous Housing Advisory Services (IHAS) organisations manage the program in the Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs regions. Funding is allocated to Registered Training Organisations (RTO) at the start of each calendar year and depends on the amount of participants that attend the course during that period. Future projections are determined by the amount of funding approved in the previous calendar year.

Question 716 (Dr Lim): Since the introduction of Housing 2003 what is the total value to date of construction of new public housing, region by region, completed to date, and what was the 2001–02 initiated and completed component? Please provide detail, what construction is currently under way that was initiated in 2001–02, and at what estimated cost. What new construction is scheduled for 2002–03 and to what estimated cost ?

Answer:

The total value to date of construction of new public housing, region by region, completed to date:

\$000
Palmerston 13 273
Darwin 7472
Casuarina 9100
29 845
Construction completed in 2001-2002:

Leanyer 46
Moulden 22
These properties commenced construction in 2000-01 and completed in 2001-02.

Value of construction initiated in 2001–02 and currently under way in 2002-03 is:

\$000
Palmerston 3817

Alice Springs 3400
Darwin 890
8107

No. of properties initiated construction in 2001-2002:

Roseberry 25
Bakewell 6
Narrows 7
38

No constructions have been scheduled for 2002-03. However, 38 units will be completed that were started in the previous financial year.

Government Employee Housing

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Greatorex, I have an apology here. I appreciate the member for Port Darwin drawing to my attention to the fact that I have erred. Apparently I missed output 1.01, Government Employee Housing. There are three questions under there.

Question 105 (Mr Wood): Would the minister tell us whether any of the new teacher housing in remote areas will be for teachers or teacher's aids who have been recruited from the local area?

Answer:

The total number of new teacher housing to be constructed in remote areas for 2002-03 is 67% of the total government employee housing construction. Previous CLP government had a policy of not housing locally recruited qualified public sector employees, including Aboriginal Health Workers and qualified teachers. Government is currently considering the issue of housing local recruits. A submission detailing options in the provision of government employee housing to locally recruited public sector employees, particularly qualified Health and Education employees, is currently being prepared for my consideration.

Question 307 (Mr McAdam): Within the 2002-03 Budget \$11m has been added to the Capital Works Program for Government Employee Housing. What work will this enable Territory Housing to undertake?

Answer:

This year's budget includes \$11m in the Capital Works Program for Government Employee Housing, one of the key programs of my department and is designed to provide accommodation for teachers, nurses and other essential staff in remote communities. The government's commitment will ensure the construction of 39 new houses, the replacement of 31 houses that need a complete overhaul and the upgrade in standard of approximately 80 dwellings.

Question 399 (Mr Mills): \$12.5m has been allocated to build, replace and upgrade government housing in the Territory. Where will the 20 new teacher's houses be built and over what period of time? Detail the amount that is specifically set aside for the improvement of teacher accommodation and indicate the longer-term strategy to manage the upgrade of existing accommodation.

Answer:

Budget Paper No 4 (Housing Business Services) has identified \$11.0m for Remote Area Government Employee Housing, not \$12.5m as suggested.

The 20 new teacher dwellings are expected to be built in:

Gapuwiyak 4 dwellings proposed
Yuendumu 2
Milingimbi 3
Lajamanu 1
Wugular 1
Canteen Creek 1
Ali Curung 1
Djilminigann 2
Galiwinku 4
Kalkarindji 1

The program is expected to be completed over the 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial years subject to the availability of cash and suitable serviced sites.

The Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, Housing Business Services have initiated a condition assessment of all remote government employee housing which is expected to be completed by January 2003. This will enable HBS to plan a strategy for the upgrading of all remote area Government Employee Housing over a five year period.

The 2002-03 commitment to upgrading teacher housing is estimated at \$0.45m and will see in the order of 55 dwellings upgraded to current standards for security, fencing, carports, sheds and replacement of substandard fixtures and fittings.

Housing Business Services has also initiated a replacement program whereby dwellings which are beyond economical repair and the old one bedroom units are replaced by new two or three bedroom dwellings. The 2002-03 commitment to this program is for 13 new teacher dwellings across the NT at an estimated cost of \$2.2m

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions in relation to this output area? There being no questions in relation to that, that concludes consideration on that output and those three questions will be incorporated in the Parliamentary Record. Now we have Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs.

Dr LIM: Mr Chairman, a point of order! We haven't quite finished housing yet. We have output 1.03.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, you are right again, member for Grotorex.

Mr KIELY: You might need a cup of tea.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I am getting a bit weary, but I am not going to call a break now because time is very short. Home ownership. Thank you, member for Grotorex.

Home Ownership

Dr LIM: In my closing remarks, I would like to thank the officers for their detailed responses. Some of their responses have exposed more questions to come, and I will forward some questions in due course.

Question 308 (Mr Kiely): Why has it been necessary for the government to increase the funding available to the HomeStart Scheme by \$3m this budget?

Answer:

Demand for the HomeStart scheme exceeded expectations in 2001-02. The continuing commitment from the Commonwealth government to fund the First Home Owners Grant increased the level of demand. Additionally the QuickStart Schemes introduced by the Northern Territory government had

increased the interest and demand for the construction of new homes and therefore increased the amount of loans. This is not necessarily reflective in the number of loans but rather in the increase in value of the homes being purchased.

An increase in the budget allocation for the HomeStart Scheme of \$3m (from \$25m to \$28m) is required to accommodate increased projected demand and satisfy public expectations. This is consistent with the current push to stimulate increased levels of home ownership through federal and Territory government grants and is likely to have a positive public impact.

The following are budget statistics for the HomeStart Scheme for the past three financial years:

1999-2000 209 households assisted at a cost of \$23m
2000-2001 211 households assisted at a cost of \$25.4m
2001-2002 195 households assisted at a cost of \$26.8m

Question 669 (Dr Lim): Please detail, region by region, and program by program, the various 2001–02 home loans and or grants that were issued and to what value? What are the anticipated levels of expenditure for these programs for 2002–03?

Answer:

Demand for HomeNorth products exceeded expectations in 2001-02. The total of loans and grants funded for the year 2001-02 was:

HomeStart Loans 195 @ \$26.754m (including \$5.923m of shared equity acquired)
HomeShare Loans 52 @ \$6.185m (including \$0.292m of shared equity acquired)
Interest Assistant Grants 203 @ \$0.030m
Deposit Assistance Grants 472 @ \$0.673m

On a region by region, and program by program basis, the figures fall as such:
Darwin

53 HomeStart Loans @ \$5.711m
11 HomeShare Loans @ \$1.345m
67 Interest Assist Grants @ \$0.013m
137 Deposit Interest Grants @ \$0.185m

Casuarina

51 HomeStart Loans @ \$5.594m
20 HomeShare Loans @ \$2.292m
68 Interest Assist Grants @ \$0.009m
139 Deposit Interest Grants @ \$0.216m

Alice Springs

73 HomeStart Loans @ \$7.569m
15 HomeShare Loans @ \$1.695m
43 Interest Assist Grants @ \$0.005m
142 Deposit Assistance Grants @ \$0.197m
Palmerston

11 HomeStart Loans @ \$1.296m
1 HomeShare Loan @ \$0.092m
17 Interest Assist Grants @ \$0.002m
35 Deposit Assist Grants @ \$0.048m

Katherine

7 HomeStart Loans @ \$0.661m

5 Home Share Loans @ \$0.469m

8 Interest Assist Grants @ \$0.001m

19 Deposit Assist Grants @ \$0.027m

The regions of Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy both funded nil loans or grants for the year 2001 – 02.

Anticipated expenditure levels for 2002 – 03 for the various loans and grants are as follows:

HomeStart Loans 210 @ \$28m

HomeShare Loans 50 @ \$7.3m

Deposit Assistance Grants 600 @ \$0.790m

Interest Assist Grants 220 @ \$0.240m

Mr CHAIRMAN: I believe that concludes our dealings with you, minister. Thank you for your time and thank you for your accommodation and for the support of your officers.

Mr AH KIT: Thank you, Mr Chairman. I would like, for the record, to thank the staff who have worked very hard preparing the responses and to brief me adequately. It is a pity that the opposition hasn't organised themselves properly. Many of them were in the previous government and on many occasions supported the process that they had.

I find it really interesting that there is a call for more time when the opposition was never, ever keen to introduce an Estimates Committee process. I am glad that our pre-election commitment has been met and that we have introduced it. It is something we are going to learn to live with; we will be open, honest accountable, and we want a good opposition to ensure that their political strategy is much better organised next time around.

Mr MILLS: Go the two weeks and we will do you.

Mr AH KIT: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I would ask the Minister for Health and Community Services to come forward with her staff and take up their position. We will just wait for the officers from the department to take their places. Are we all set? Everybody is in place? The recording is on, all I have to do is find my script. I have been saying it the last few days, but I have forgotten what I have to say.

Committee suspended.

MINISTER AAGAARD

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the committee, I welcome the Minister for Health and Community Services to the Estimates Committee process. I ask you to introduce the officers who have accompanied you. I know there are a number of officers behind who will probably join you at various times during these proceedings. Minister, you can make an opening statement if you so desire. Not everyone has; it is up to you. I would remind witnesses that the questions come through the minister, who then has the discretion to name or put the question to a departmental officer. You should then identify yourself and your position for the *Hansard* record. We work through output group by output group, although you might have noticed that I have been jumping over a few; but I will try and keep to the script. Without any more ado, minister, if you introduce those sitting with you at the table now. If you want to give an opening statement you can, otherwise we can get straight into the questions.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, sitting at the table with me is my acting CEO, Mr Graham Symons, and also the Acting Assistant Secretary, Business and Operations Support, Ms Joanne Schilling. Mr Chairman, would you like me to introduce the people behind as well?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, we may as well do that, yes.

Mrs AAGAARD: We have Ms Jenny Cleary, the Assistant Secretary of Community Health, Aboriginal Health and Hospital Services; Ms Rose Roads, the Assistant Secretary, Service Development Division; Dr Len Notaras, who is the Principal Medical Consultant and Medical Superintendent of the Royal Darwin Hospital; Mr Ged Williams, the Principal Nursing Consultant; Ms Jean Collie, the Director of Medical and Clinical Services in Alice Springs; Dr David Ashbridge, Regional Director, Top End Services; Mr Damien Conley, Director Aged, Disability and Community Care. I have also asked the Commissioner for Public Employment to be here, Mr John Kirwan.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister. It is up to you whether you want to make an opening statement.

Mrs AAGAARD: No, I am happy to just take questions.

Involves More Than One Output Group

Mr CHAIRMAN: We will start with output area 00.03, which involves more than one output and the shadow minister is the member for Drysdale, so over to you, member for Drysdale.

Mr DUNHAM: Mr Chairman, this sequence in here is a little erratic, and there are apologies for that because, as the member for Grotorex pointed out, they were typed in different sequences so there are patches of nursing questions and other questions. It is our intention to be as brief as we possibly can. However, this is a portfolio area is well known to the members of the Estimates Committee, because we are also the PAC membership, and we are very familiar with previous years' budgets.

We thought it was important in the outset to first reconcile that budget so that we could run through from the previous year's budget, the mini-budget and the current budget that is before parliament. I wonder whether you, or one of your staff, could do those reconciliations, taking us from the budget for 2001-02, which is \$447m, and the subject of some months of inquiry by this committee, right through to the current budget of \$527m.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Which question number is that?

Mr DUNHAM: It is a generic question, and there are several that relate, so I thought it might get rid of four or five if we just do it as one.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We are talking about \$0.5bn of expenditure here, which is very important expenditure.

Mr DUNHAM: Well, Mr Chairman, you could look at question 809, which talks about the data published for your agency; whether it differs materially from that understood. Or we could go to several other questions. But I thought if we could wrap it up in a transparent, numerical walk, from one number to another, it might mean that it is much easier to answer this question.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, this is the first minister that we have asked to do this. We have really ...

Mr DUNHAM: Are you able to do it quickly?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will consult with my CEO. It should be fine.

Mr DUNHAM: It is pretty much the terms of reference that occupied us for some weeks, Mr Chairman. I thought we also have people giving evidence who are very familiar with our ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: It is your freedom; it is your right to ask that question.

Editor's note: Only one question number specified.

Question 809 (Mr Dunham): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers: (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled; (ii) where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice; (iii) and where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

- (i) No
- (ii) No
- (iii) No.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, it is not really meaningful to compare cash in the November mini-budget format and cash in the 2002-03 budget. The statement of cash flows, on page 220 of Budget Paper No 3, provides an overall picture of the cash movements in and out of the agency for both 2001-02 and 2002-03. There have been a number of changes between the years: cash to accrual, inclusion of repairs and maintenance from DIPE, and inclusion of corporate service across outputs.

Mr DUNHAM: Perhaps we could start then, with the final year expenditure, which was not an accrual budget, if I recall, last year. We could start with: what was the expenditure finally achieved by Health and Community Services, at 30 June of this year? What was finally spent?

Mrs AAGAARD: The total 2001-02 budget provided to the Department of Health and Community Services in the November 2001 mini-budget was \$481.11m. As is usually the case, there were a number of adjustments to the Department of Health and Community Services' budget between then and the end of the financial year, bringing the final 2001-02 budget for the department to \$490.16m. These adjustments were as follows: additional Commonwealth funding including CSGA, public health outcome funding agreement etcetera - that was \$2.973m, an increase; carry forward of Commonwealth funds from 2000-01, an increase of \$0.655m; a borrow forward from 2002-03 for ambulance services, plus-\$0.135m; interdepartmental transfers, plus-\$0.563m; allocation of change and treatment of Commonwealth diesel fuel rebate scheme, plus-\$0.832m; additional allocation for revenue from Katherine West and Tiwi Island Health Boards, plus-\$0.64m; additional allocation for information technology outsourcing costs, plus-\$1.763m; carry forward to 2002-03, minus-\$6.127m; additional allocation to cover services costs, plus-\$4.63m; additional allocation for superannuation, plus-\$1.36m; additional allocation for cross-borders, plus-\$1.626m.

Mr DUNHAM: It would appear, minister, that the number you were allocated was significantly overrun, by a factor of some tens of millions of dollars. Indeed, we were given assurances when you and your staff were under oath, that the \$481m would be sufficient to see you through until the end of the year. We now find that that has been over-expended by a significant amount of money. It is a reasonable proposition, I would think, that some rationale be given for that. I have a table here which shows that Treasurer's Advance to the department was \$8.379m. I assume that is the sum of all those. So you had two Treasurer's Advances?

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, the Treasurer's Advance was only for the last five items which I mentioned there, which was the information technology, the carry forward, the additional allocation to cover service cost, additional allocation for superannuation, and cross-border charges.

Mr DUNHAM: So you had your appropriation, plus \$8.3m Treasurer's Advance. Where did the other money come from? Was there some other means by which your appropriation could be added to?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will ask my CEO to respond to that.

Mr SYMONS: Graham Symons, Acting CEO, Department of Health and Community Services. I can help provide some of the detail if you like and, if necessary, we can go to Joanne. The earlier amounts were provided to the department early on, and some of them were simply a recognition of revenue that was coming into the department. So, that was simply a confirmation of provision of extra allocation to cover that revenue, so it was not too hard.

Mr DUNHAM: So it was post November mini-budget?

Mr SYMONS: Yes.

Mr DUNHAM: Prior to year end, there was an amount of revenue that was recognised as added to your budget, okay? It is very important, when you look at the amount of resource the parliament spent looking for \$8m that, in the last couple of months, that we are very careful that we define where this money came from and whether, in fact, it does materially differ from the advice that you got from the Treasurer's Office. I note that this agency has a negative figure for an item called - it has a quaint name ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are you referring to Budget Paper No 4?

Mr DUNHAM: Budget Paper No 3.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Which page?

Mr DUNHAM: It is page 203. It says: 'Receipts relating to prior year expenses'. In other agencies we have talked about, this has actually been a positive figure. The explanation has been that these are Commonwealth monies that were provided; they were not expended in that year and they were rolled into the next year - which was colloquially called rollover in a different era. I wonder how you could explain that minus rollover? It is question 798.

Question 798 (Mr Dunham): Explain what the entry 'Expenses relating to prior year receipts' means (or in the case of some agencies 'Receipts relating to prior year expenses')? Detail what the amounts listed against this entry are, for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

An agency's operating expenses may be funded either by output appropriation, agency revenue, or operating account balances. The Commonwealth provides funding for various programs, with the funding receipted to the Department of Health and Community Services' operating account. These receipts form part of Health's agency revenue and go towards meeting operating expenses associated with the Commonwealth programs. In instances where the Commonwealth funding is not fully expended in any given year, approval is sought to carry over the funding and associated expenses to the next year, at which time program completion is expected.

In 2001-02, Health's operating account was 'built up' – that is, received a net inflow - by \$7.295m. This largely reflects Commonwealth specific purpose funding received in 2001-02 that will not be spent until 2002-03. In 2002-03, the department is projecting to 'run down' or use operating account balances by \$2.168m as it meets its operating expenses.

The significant items contributing to these amounts are:

	2001-02	2002-03
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	\$000	\$000
Balances prior to June 2001 and June 2002	-4 283	-4 283
Commonwealth funded Pneumococcal Working party Chairman Administrative Support.	5	
Transfer required from 2000-01 to 2001-02 for various SPP funded projects	582	
Additional funding from the Commonwealth received but not expended.	2 197	
Commonwealth funded programs not expended during 2000-01, the components of which are primarily Recombinant Factor VIII, Capital for Laramba, Ikuntji, Yuendumu, Kintore and Mt Liebig Child Care centres.	655	
Additional allocation from the Commonwealth for Chronic Disease Programs for remote areas.	-628	628
Commonwealth funding for National Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative	-150	150
Commonwealth funding for the National Donovanosis Eradication Project.	-55	55
Commonwealth funding for management of the transition of the NT District Medical Officers program to funding under Medicare	-348	348
Commonwealth funding for IT Commonwealth Trials-Health Connect Consumer Master Index and Telecommunications Project	-600	600
Commonwealth funding for Educational Resources on cannabis for Indigenous people	-39	39
Additional allocation from the Commonwealth for the provision of a community physician and obstetrician/gynaecologist in Central Australia/Barkly Region.	-1	1
FBA 7(l): carryover to 2002-03, predominantly of C/wealth funded programs	-4 630	4 630
TOTAL	-7 295	2 168

Mr DUNHAM: I could understand if it was a positive figure and added to your budget, but I cannot understand how receipts from a prior year can have a negative impact.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Just wait for the minister to find the place. It was question number 798, minister.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, it is all provided for in the written answer, and the amounts are already tabled in the written answer as well.

Mr DUNHAM: Okay. Can you explain to me from that table, minister, how Commonwealth funding for a number of programs was in negative? Did that mean that you had to pay them back?

Mrs AAGAARD: The final one, the FBA 7(1) on the table, is a carry forward into this year, the \$4.630m.

Mr DUNHAM: Well, there are a number of negative items that add up to a minus-\$7m and I am wondering why they would be called receipts. In your answer you tell me that these things are: 'Commonwealth provides funding for various programs but the funding receipted to the Department of Health and Community Services' operating account. These receipts form part of the agency's revenue'. I am wondering why these receipts and this revenue has a minus in front of it?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will pass it on to the department.

Ms SCHILLING: Joanne Schilling, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Community Services. The receipts that are in our balances have accumulated over time, and in the answer that

you were provided with last night there was actually a list of all those amounts. You will find that, in the very first amount, there was actually quite a heavy accumulation of receipts in the bank account prior to June 2001. Now, in moving to the accrual system, all those have been taken into account and the appropriation then is only on the amount that is required for the year. So that then shows us a negative because the bank account had had accounts in it that did not relate that financial year.

Mr DUNHAM: So, for the end of the year, 30 June, you would had to have had a cash style of report and an accrual style of report. Would that be right?

Ms SCHILLING: No. Prior to 30 June, we have reported in an accrual like basis in our annual report so that, as an annual process, we look at provisions and all of those sorts of things on an accrual basis. Our opening and closing balances are taken into account during the course of the financial year in determining, in the cash system, how much actual appropriation or further appropriation is required. Under the accrual system, that now relates purely to the financial year into which the receipts are actually required.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes, but on the cusp, on 30 June, you must have had a cash report and an accrual report: one for translation purposes into the next year, and one to report under the current *Financial Management Act*, which does not

Ms SCHILLING: No, so far as the actual department went, we only operated on a cash basis.

Mr DUNHAM: So, the figure of 'end of year expenditure' of \$499m, was that the cash figure for the end of the financial year?

Ms SCHILLING: No, that is an accrual amount.

Mr DUNHAM: That is the accrual amount?

Ms SCHILLING: Yes.

Mr DUNHAM: Can you provide us with a cash amount?

Ms SCHILLING: Yes.

Mr DUNHAM: During the Public Accounts Committee, there was a table that reconciled all the numbers all the way through, and it was of great benefit to us all as we could see every occasion that your appropriation had been added to. There was a Treasury 'bluey', I think it was called. So there was an audit trail that showed every time your appropriation had been augmented. Basically, what I would like to see is the audit trail from \$447m, which was the May budget. I have tracked it all the way through to the mini-budget but there is a big - dare I say - black hole when we try to get it to \$527m. On all the documents you have provided, I still find \$10m totally untraceable. I am happy if you take that away now and come back with a sequential audit trail list that would demonstrate how you get from \$447m to \$80m later, \$527m.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, I refer the member for Drysdale to page 203 in Budget Paper No 3. These are the figures. We do not actually have the figures that you are asking for, but they will be published in the annual report - the cash outcomes.

Mr DUNHAM: In the annual report? Okay. The figures are available to the department, obviously, for them to construct this budget?

Mrs AAGAARD: No.

Mr DUNHAM: They are not available to the department. How have you constructed your budget?

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, we have a very significant budget here which you are looking at. This kind of frivolous questioning really is not helpful. We have budget papers here for you to look at. We have given you an answer. I am sorry if you do not like the answer, but that is the answer at this stage.

Mr DUNHAM: That is not good enough, minister. I take you to Budget Paper No 2, at page 4, where we have been told, by no less a person than the Under Treasurer, and I quote:

While this is considered to portray a fair presentation of the expected operating result and financial position of the Northern Territory government at the end of the 2002-03 year, the quality of that information is expected to improve progressively over the next few years.

So we already know that there are some deficiencies in the information. It further goes on to say:

To avoid the possibility of having fiscal targets obscured by accounting changes, the fiscal strategy has continued with a cash outcome measure.

Basically, what some of us economic Luddites would like to see is the tracking of that system so that it can be demonstrated that this budget did not blow. You might recall you were asked on two occasions - your CEO was asked and he virtually put his job on the line and said: 'Yes, I can come in at \$481m'. We now see you parading a figure of \$499m. This is a most significant matter. The Chief Minister has said that it is tantamount to sacking for a CEO. We would like to see where that money came from. If it is from blowouts through poor management, we would like to know what is being done to haul those figures in. It is called a budget.

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, in response to the questions in the House, yes, you did ask me about this. I twice indicated that the department had advised me that it would come in on budget. In the end, it needed a \$4.6m of additional allocation after that, to do so without carrying the amount forward as liabilities into 2002-03. To put that into perspective, that was less than 1% of the department's final budget.

Mr DUNHAM: If it needed an extra \$4.6m, why did the Treasurer table a table Question 226 saying you got a Treasurer's Advance for increased hospital demands, superannuation, cross-border charges of \$8.3m, when you only needed \$4.6m?

Mr SYMONS: Yes, there were two components in that Treasurer's Advance. One was \$4.6m to cover the extra services costs, and that is alluded to in there by further hospital costs in some of the ones. The other ones were pretty standard items that, in fact, the department has received TA for at the end of a number of financial years, including the one before. One was superannuation costs, for example. There was also a figure to completely pay out the back accounts in cross-border charges that have, in fact, accumulated over the previous three years. Some money was provided in the mini-budget to cover that. In the event, another \$1.626m was needed to completely pay out those back accounts. The other amount there is \$1.763m, which was to cover the full costs of the outsourcing of the desktop IT, that was the wash-up of that balancing exercising.

Mr DUNHAM: So that the true Treasurer's Advance figure is the one provided by Treasury? This is the figure we should rely on? Can you explain to me what Treasurer's Advance would be used for, for this?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Minister, if I could just intervene here. Yesterday, we had a number of portfolios other than the Treasurer, where Treasury officials, including the Under Treasurer, were of assistance, particularly in explaining this transition from cash to accrual accounting. The committee, at that stage yesterday, was quite happy for the Under Treasurer to assist, without impugning your own finance people. It did assist, that is all I am saying. However, it is your call. We seem to be going in circles a little here, and time is running short.

Mr DUNHAM: No, I think we have got to the figure. We now know it is \$8.3m, this Treasurer's Advance. I am asking the basis for the department making approach to Treasury for that \$8.3m.

Mrs AAGAARD: I would certainly appreciate the Under Treasurer joining us at the table.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Under Treasurer and Mr Kirkman. Please continue, member for Drysdale.

Mr DUNHAM: The basis for an approach for additional money of that type from Treasurer's Advance, is that a fairly normal thing to do? Is it normally towards the end of the year or start of the year? What is the basis under the new accrual accounting system? Would a department come to Treasury and say: 'We need more money'?

Ms PRINCE: The Treasurer's Advance payments that are being talked about here are in relation to 2001-02, when the cash arrangements were still in operation. Treasurer's Advance is normally used at the end of the year, generally in the last month. As I am sure the committee is aware, there are a number of unforeseen matters that come up for all agencies. Clearly, there are larger amounts for larger agencies with larger budgets. The matters that Mr Symons listed for you - things like cross-border charges - are things that have come up for the Health department for the last five or six years, particularly since those arrangements have been in place under the Health Care Agreement. They are very difficult to estimate; they vary from year to year; and they depend on finalisation of negotiations with other governments. Those sorts of things are the things that do come up through the year, and often they are not finalised until close to the end of the year. That is a normal use for Treasurer's Advance.

Mr DUNHAM: So, the \$8m that we focussed on so much last year was pretty normal, really, in the scheme of things. I am interested though, if it is for unforeseen and unallocated amounts, why the agency has been given \$7.1m unallocated money, for unforeseen things? Surely that is a very novel way of doing it when Treasurer's Advance would normally be described for this purpose.

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, going on past budgets, including your budgets, we estimated the amount that we would require for the year as extra funding. This is based on those years. Regarding the amount, we had already identified a number of things which we wished to fund, and the rest was to be left, so that when we have the results of the review, the money can be put into the most suitable place.

Mr DUNHAM: So, it is like a domestic Treasurer's Advance?

Mrs AAGAARD: It is in our budget, and will be used where it is required.

Mr DUNHAM: It is totally unallocated? You have not made any decisions about that?

Mrs AAGAARD: At this stage, it is unallocated, pending the results of the review.

Mr DUNHAM: Bizarre! I take you, minister, to this document which apparently has been developed throughout the suburbs. It says: 'Health gets record \$527m'. What do you mean by 'health'?

Mrs AAGAARD: I have not actually seen that, member for Drysdale.

Mr DUNHAM: 'Health gets record \$527m'.

Mr KIELY: Mr Chairman, I have a supplementary to the questions that the member for Drysdale has been ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Let the member for Drysdale just explore this.

Mr KIELY: I thought you had moved on to other questions, sorry.

Mr DUNHAM: It says: 'Health gets a record \$527m'.

Mrs AAGAARD: I imagine that is referring to our budget.

Mr DUNHAM: So it is shorthand. Would you be surprised then, that the Under Treasurer claims that Health - exactly the same word - gets a \$5m reduction from \$432m, down to \$427m?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Would you just repeat that statement again, please, member for Drysdale?

Mr DUNHAM: Would you be surprised, therefore, that in a document signed by the Under Treasurer, Jennifer Prince, on the basis that the presentations are made more transparent, that there is a claim that Health gets \$5m less.

Mrs AAGAARD: Could you just tell me where that is in the ...

Mr DUNHAM: It is in Budget Paper No 2, page 80.

Mrs AAGAARD: I will refer it to the Under Treasurer.

Ms PRINCE: Mr Dunham, I think this was the table that we discussed yesterday. It cannot be related directly to agency appropriations. It is the general purpose classification used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. We went through the difficult allocation methodology that the ABS uses and the fact that all jurisdictions, and the ABS, are going through that methodology in some detail.

Mr DUNHAM: So, under the new *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act* which requires for you to use ABS figures - and I note in the prelude to that it says that it is to provide a basis for more meaningful comparisons - do you believe that that is a meaningful comparison for the budget for Health?

Ms PRINCE: The *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act* does not refer to the use of general purpose classification as is set out here. It talks about the informed presentation framework; it is relating to the general government and the non-financial public sector statements, as presented on an accrual basis.

Mr KIELY: Minister, page 203 of Budget Paper No 3, under 'Total Operating Expenses', column 2001-02 Estimate, we have 'Total operating expenses, Receipts relating to prior year expenses', was negative \$7.295m. Could you clarify for me what that entry means, and what it relates to.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Possibly Ms Prince could help us here.

Mrs AAGAARD: We have answered that. This is actually question 798 and there is an answer written there.

Mr DUNHAM: The question has just been answered, mate. I suppose what I am saying is the uniform presentation format has the capacity to confuse, does it not? Would this table cause some confusion - including to me, I might add - because I have been told that anything that contributes to Health, whether it is hospitals, community health or immunisation, has gone up. I have a table presented in the budget paper showing that it has gone down by \$5m.

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, I guess all new systems can be confusing to everybody and, as we get used to the whole process, everyone will understand it better.

Mr DUNHAM: Which factors, when we use ABS factors, would drive that number down?

Mr SYMONS: I will answer, if you like. Some of that expenditure would appear under another ABS classification, so it would not all be under that classification. That would be one of the factors involved.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes, but from year to year, surely it is going up? I can understand that. In that classification relating to Health, which are generally matters that will be solely the province of Health and Community Services, I would have assumed that most of those component parts from the budget papers have gone up, because they all have a plus next to them. So, comparing from one year to another, to see a figure going down by a factor of \$5m, I would wonder which one of those component parts has had a negative.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, this really is not relevant to the Health budget.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, that is your call, minister, if you are calling relevance. Would you like to move on?

Mr DUNHAM: Okay, I am happy to move on. At least it is on the record though, that it is a figure that confuses all of us. Minister, you have put out a document saying that Health gets a record \$1.527m and another press release that said ...

Mrs AAGAARD: Excuse me, Mr Chairman, I have not put out any document at all.

Mr DUNHAM: Oh, I am sorry, it is a document endorsed by government. There is another one that, I guess, has been put out by you because it is a media release. It quotes you saying: 'This year's budget includes an increase of \$20m for services across the Territory'. That is not actually true, is it? That \$20m is not going to go to health services, is it?

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Dunham, that goes to Health and Community Services, yes.

Mr DUNHAM: Okay. I am not playing semantics here. What I am saying is that, if you go to my question 814.

Question 814 (Mr Dunham): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

From a whole-of-agency perspective, operating expenditure, excluding provision for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance and depreciation and amortisation was \$477.563m in 2001-02 and increased to \$495.53m in 2002-03.

It should be noted that the budget estimate, nett of these various amounts, has no real meaning. Agencies pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other service provider. These items need to be included to assess the full costs of outputs.

Appropriation	2001-02 Estimate \$000	2002-03 Budget \$000
Total Operating Expenses	499 255	526 729

Less Taxes and Fees	4 314	4 560
Less Repairs and Maintenance	2 352	9 670
Less Depreciation and Amortisation	15 026	16 969
TOTAL	477 563	495 530

Mr DUNHAM: You will see that there are quite large amounts there: taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, depreciation and amortisation which, from 2001-02 have gone up by \$9.5m. So, we know there is \$9.5m extra in your budget for these factors here which I am sure no health practitioner would call a service - not one of them. So, are you happy that there is \$9.5m extra in your budget that you are calling services, that, in this wonderful accrual age that we are in, are not going to provide one Band-Aid or syringe or lozenge?

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, there is absolutely a \$20m increase in Health and Community Services budget and ...

Mr DUNHAM: What I am asking is: is it for services? I know that there is a \$20m increase. What I am saying is: is it obscured by things like amortisation, repairs and maintenance, taxes that are not really services?

Mrs AAGAARD: I am afraid it does show that you do not understand the basis of budgets in the accrual format and how meaningless it is to try to convert to cash. The 2001-02 estimate of \$477.61m contains \$8m – a one-off - to pay back cross-border accounts that were not paid by the previous government. This government has decided to pay its bills.

The 2001-02 figure also contains \$4.86m in legal costs, whereas the 2002-03 budget, as has generally been the practice, contains only a limited initial provision of \$0.75m, a difference of \$4m. The department will seek additional allocation as necessary during the year. So really, if you want the budget figures broken down this way, what it shows is an increase to the Health and Community Service budget not of \$18m, but \$18m plus \$8m plus \$4m - that is \$30m.

Mr DUNHAM: I am actually using your figures. Your figures show, when you wash these amounts out of the budget, there is an extra \$9m going to Treasury or other agencies rather than to client services. \$9.5m.

Mrs AAGAARD: This is actually the answer to 814, and it is all in that answer.

Mr CHAIRMAN: It would help, member for Drysdale, if there is a question that we can hang this on that ...

Mr DUNHAM: Okay, it might be better if we go straight to ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: We are on to 814 on page 5 of 14.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes. It might be better, Mr Chairman, if we go - there are many other budget type questions in an effort to reconcile this budget. However, it might be better, given limited time, if we go to the services that you dispense. You will see that we have a particular focus on nursing services, given that it is a high priority in your budget. It features, probably, something like 10 or 12 times right through the budget papers as a repetition - certainly in the Regional Highlights and whatever. We would like you to demonstrate to us that the additional nurses who have been put on, are real people with real uniforms and real jobs, and not a provision in the budget which will never be called on because you do not have the nurses.

So we wonder if we could go to some questions about nursing, particularly reconciling some of those figures with your nursing establishment ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Is there a specific question?

Mr DUNHAM: Yes. There is 764, Mr Chairman.

Question 764 (Mr Dunham): Nurses. How many registered and (provided separately) enrolled nurses were employed full-time or part-time on 30 June 2001 in each of the major urban Health and Community Services areas; for example, in Darwin at Royal Darwin Hospital, each of the urban health clinics (including Palmerston), the renal unit etcetera? Provide the same information for the year ending 30 June 2002.

Answer:

Please refer to tables below.

	Enrolled	Registered	Total
Location	P/T	F/T	TotalP/TF/TTTotalP/TF/TTTotal
Topend Service Network			
Gove District Hospital	0	6	66293563541
East Arnhem other	0	0	03374033740
East Arnhem total	0	6	69667597281
Katherine Hospital	5	4	9164561214970
Katherine other	0	0	00303003030
Katherine total	5	4	91675912179100
Casuarina CCC	1	0	1113344123345
Palmerston CCC	0	0	05162151621
Darwin Urban other	0	1	12182021921
Darwin Urban Total	1	1	2186785196887
Darwin Rural	0	0	00494904949
Topend Mental Health	1	7	87475485462
TESN Other	0	0	0099099
Grand total TESH	7	18	255031336357331388
Central Australian Service Network			
Alice Springs Hospital	11	25	364119423552219271
Alice Springs other	1	1	23838648488
Alice Springs total	12	26	384427732156303359
Tennant Creek Hospital	0	5	52151722022
Barkly other	0	5	50121201717

Barkly Total	0	10	102272923739
Grand total CASN	12	36	484630435058340398
RDH	22	57	79157336493179393572
Other	0	0	02161821618
Grand total DHCS	41	111	152255969122429610801376
FTE Nursing profile: 30 June 2002			
	Full-Time Equivalent Nursing		
	Enrolled	Registered	Total
Location	P/T	F/T	Total
Topend Service Network			
Gove District Hospital	0	6	6
East Arnhem other	0	0	0
East Arnhem total	0	6	6
Katherine Hospital	5	4	9
Katherine other	0	0	0
Katherine total	5	4	9
Casuarina CCC	1	0	1
Palmerston CCC	0	0	0
Darwin Urban other	0	1	1
Darwin Urban Total	1	1	2
Darwin Rural	0	0	0
Topend Mental Health	1	7	8
TESN Other	0	0	0
Grand total TSN	7	18	25
Central Australian Service Network			
Alice Springs Hospital	11	25	36
Alice Springs other	1	1	2
Alice Springs total	12	26	38
Tennant Creek Hospital	0	5	5

Barkly other	0	5	5	0	12	12	0	17	17	
Barkly Total	0	10	10	2	27	29	2	37	39	
Grand total CASN	12	36	48	46	304	350	58	340	398	
RDH	22	57	79	157	336	493	179	393	572	
Other	0	0	0	2	16	18	2	16	18	
Grand total DHCS	41	111	152	255	969	1224	296	1080	1376	

Mr DUNHAM: I note between the two years that nursing has dropped by 24 positions on your papers - and I am aware that is netting full-time and part-time in together. I note that you have substantial vacancies in your hospitals.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, the member for Drysdale has the years mixed up. They have actually gone up.

Mr DUNHAM: They have gone up? Okay.

Mrs AAGAARD: I think he is looking at the tables the wrong way around.

Mr DUNHAM: They have gone up 24. Do you still carry vacancies?

Mrs AAGAARD: Which question are you asking? Are you asking about a vacancy question?

Mr DUNHAM: I am asking if the 41 staff at Gove District Hospital, which has gone up, represents - let me see here: Gove District Hospital, 30 June 2001, 44 staff; Gove District Hospital, 30 June 2002, 41. That is a down by three. Can you tell me whether there are vacancies there? You have dropped three staff there, you have dropped eight in Katherine, you are down four in Alice, three in Tennant, and up 35 at Royal Darwin. In the regions, it would appear that we have less staff this year than last year, and that we are significantly under our establishment.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Is this in relation of question 777?

Mr DUNHAM: 764.

Mr CHAIRMAN: 764.

Mrs AAGAARD: There is also another question where we have provided information about vacancies.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes.

Mrs AAGAARD: Which one was that?

Mr CHAIRMAN: I think that was 774, minister.

Mr DUNHAM: No, No. That is what I was telling you about typing them in, out of sequence.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, I am finding it very difficult, unless we actually refer to it a question.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Yes, I am finding it very difficult. This is the only session that we have jumped around ...

Mr DUNHAM: Can I tell you that they went to the secretariat in a sequence and, because they were given to six different typists and put in different ways, they are right through this document.

Mr CHAIRMAN: But the member for Greatorrex had no trouble at all ordering his questions on quite a number of occasions.

Mr DUNHAM: Well, anyway we are moving to nursing.

Ms CARTER: On that question 764, comparing nursing numbers from June 2001 to June 2002, there has been a dramatic loss of staff from all hospitals except Royal Darwin Hospital. By examining workers compensation claims, in your answer to question 851, where 25% of the workers compensation claims are for, and I quote: 'mental disorders' - I dare say we are not allowed to say 'stress' - and generally the high turnover, for example, at Alice Springs Hospital, arguably at 33% per annum, do you consider nursing retention in the Northern Territory has reached a crisis in many of our hospitals?

Question 851 (Mr Dunham): How many workers compensation claims from Health and Community Services' nurses were accepted during the year 2001 – 2002? Please provide a table with this information broken down to type/cause of claim (for example back injury, stress leave).

Answer:

During 2001-02 a total of 62 workers compensation claims were accepted.

DHCS Nurses - Claims Accepted – 2001-02 by cause and by body location.

Cause of Claim	Number
Sprains, strains of joints and adjacent muscles	23
Mental disorders	15
Other infectious and parasitic diseases	6
Fractures	5
Superficial injury	3
Contusion with intact skin surface	2
Effects of weather, exposure, air press	2
Intestinal infectious diseases	2
Multiple injuries	1
Open wound, not involving traumatic amputation	1
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1
Viral diseases excluding hepatitis	1
Total	62

Mrs AAGAARD: Firstly, let me answer that part of the question. I have consistently said there have been significant issues in relation to nursing recruitment and retention. This government has actually put in significant effort to retain and recruit staff to the Northern Territory.

Ms CARTER: But they are failing, the numbers are dropping.

Mrs AAGAARD: I do not believe they are failing.

Ms CARTER: Everywhere except Royal Darwin.

Mrs AAGAARD: Excuse me ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, no, let the minister finish, member for Port Darwin. Just pause a moment, minister. You can continue now.

Mrs AAGAARD: I do not believe that that is true. We have put in a significant effort, and we are continuing to put in a significant effort. Work force issues are one of the key areas in this portfolio, and will be receiving a lot of attention over the next few years, and have received a lot of attention in this past year. You have made references to a number of hospitals there. Certainly in Alice Springs Hospital there have been, consistently, problems, and there has been an exceptional amount of effort go in to recruit nurses there. I might refer you over to the department for this one.

Mr SYMONS: Yes. We have found the vacancy question. It is 774, where the answer provided to you last night actually lists out for each hospital, what establishment there is in hospitals..

Question 774 (Mr Dunham): How many nursing positions - broken down to type of nurse: RN/EN, full-time, part-time, location - are currently vacant in the Northern Territory public health system?

Answer:

Nursing staffing for direct patient care in hospitals is based on the concept 'hours of care per patient day' or 'nurse to patient ratio', not an established or set figure. Hence it is difficult to provide a set vacancy rate as such, due to the fluid nature of the supply and demand for nurses over time. Perhaps more importantly, I can report that the number of FTE nurses employed by the department on the 30 June 2001 was 1352 and on 30 June 2002 was 1376, a rise of 24 FTE nurses. (Refer to Question No 764). Having said that, a poll of the five hospitals in the department revealed that in September 2002 the following staff and vacancies were identified against their notional budgeted staffing establishment.

HOSPITALS

	Notional Establishment (FTE)	Current Nurses (FTE) Sept 02	Notional Nurse vacancy Sept 02
RDH	569.1	553.9	15.2
ASH	291	289.24	1.76
KH	74.5	74.5	Nil
GH	42	42	Nil
TCH*	29.5 (aim=23.5)	21.0	2.5
TOTAL	1000.1*	980.64	19.46 *TCH has a deliberate vacancy of 6 FTE to match a reduced demand.

There is a project about to commence to develop consistent nursing workload systems across the five NT public hospitals. When this project is complete it will be possible to compare the estimated required hours of care per patient per day with actual staffing on any given day.

NON-HOSPITAL SERVICES

	Establishment	Net Vacancies
	Enrolled Nurse	Registered NurseEnrolled NurseRegistered Nurse
TESN	9	302210
CASN	1	119(-1)18
Other (CDC, Policy, etc.)	0	160(-4)
TOTAL	10	437124

Mr SYMONS: It also explains that in hospitals' bed site positions we do not really operate on an establishment basis. Royal Darwin Hospital has not operated in a formal establishment for a number of years, and that is because nurses are assigned at the bed site on a patient's dependency basis. In that question, that outlines for you, if you like, what the notional establishment or normal ceiling that the nursing directors work to, what the current number of nurses are against those positions, and whether there are in fact any notional vacancies.

The second part of 774, which was provided to you last night, provides the same information for the non-hospital services where, of course, we do operate by an establishment. So it gives you a pretty good snapshot of the situation as at 30 June.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes, the snapshot is not bad actually. It shows you that nurses are working a lot of double shifts; overtime rates are very high; that you are under establishment on your establishment figures that are here; that you have nurses receiving compensable payments for stress and other related injuries; and an indicator of a crisis, which is pretty much as described by the Secretary of the ANF, Mr Nieuwenhoven, about Alice Springs. I cannot take any confidence that these figures show an improvement. In fact, they show a decline on almost every one of those indices: overtime, stress, compensation. You may smirk, minister, but this is critical to your portfolio area - this is absolutely critical stuff. What you are finding is that nurses are under stress. You have brought in significant numbers of agency nurses, and I commend that; it is not a bad strategy. But you can see why they are not resigning because you are just bringing in nurses as cannon fodder, pretty much. Your statement to the parliament that you were two nurses over establishment: I would like to see that trend chart, because it must have been just one spike at one time at Alice Springs.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, I would ask that the member for Drysdale - I am happy to take questions, but it is very difficult - he is jumping all over the place to different questions. As I have been listening to other ministers answering questions, they have been asked one question referring to one question, and then they referred to another one. I would certainly appreciate that. At the moment, the member for Drysdale has jumped over about four or five questions. It is very difficult to answer them all at the same time.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We have lost a lot of structure.

Mr DUNHAM: I do apologise for that, but the structure ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: If you could let me finish, member for Drysdale. As we are all aware, we have to be back in that House at 7 pm. We did lose some time - which was no fault of the committee - through the recording and broadcast going down for about 10 minutes. I ask committee members to bear in mind that I would like to go to 6.40 pm or thereabouts, and have a short deliberative meeting to try to finalise our report. With that in mind, and the fact that we have one minister or one portfolio to go, I will leave it in your court.

Mr DUNHAM: Okay. I did it as an attempt to make it easy but it is obviously not, so we will run sequentially through the documents that have been provided, and start pretty much from the front. Some of these will obviously be redundant because they have been asked in some other way, so we can move quickly. The first question is about the non-government sector though ...

Mr WOOD: What is the number there, please?

Mr DUNHAM: It is from you, Gerry.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We were on question 75.

Mr WOOD: Yes.

Mrs AAGAARD: We have got back to the first question.

Question 75 (Mr Wood): The budget speeches of the health minister and the Treasurer both say that funding for the non-government sector that delivers health and community services has increased by \$6m to \$64m. But budget papers Building Our Community, page 36, says that an extra \$2.5m has been provided for such non-government organisations. Can the minister tell us which figure is correct. Can the minister explain why the funding for NGOs is not shown as a separate item under Health and Community Services in Budget Paper No 3?

Answer:

Both figures are correct. The \$2.5m referred to on page 36 of Building Our Community reflects new grant funding to non-government organisations to address increased cost pressures and growth and the \$6m includes indexation and funding for specific projects carried over from the previous financial year. The budget is now expressed in output groups and outputs and NGO's contribute to a number of different outputs and are included in the total attributed to each output.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Do not be too concerned, minister, we will ...

Mr DUNHAM: We will go to them quickly. The ones you have answered, we are not going to ask you.

Mr WOOD: Minister, I have no problem with the first, unless there is a supplementary.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Okay. We are still on output 0.03.

Mr WOOD: I have a supplementary on the second question 206.

Mr DUNHAM: On the first one, this is a matter for some public debate. The minister has criticised me in public for using a figure of \$64m and comparing it with her mini-budget figure of some \$80m. The answer does not provide a reconciliation of why those two figures are \$20m apart. If she could do that in some cogent way.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are we talking about 75 or 206?

Mr DUNHAM: 75.

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, can I just clarify that. The amount is \$64m.

Mr DUNHAM: Good, excellent.

Mrs AAGAARD: You just said that you were criticised in public for saying it was \$64m. It is \$64m for the non-government sector.

Mr DUNHAM: I was criticised for talking about it.

Mrs AAGAARD: In the 2002-03 budget, grants and subsidies were reported as \$86.253m. In a media statement, the amount paid to NGOs was stated as \$64m for 2002-03. Payment of \$64m to NGOs is only one component of the current grants and subsidies paid by this department. Other important components of grants and subsidies funding include: \$7m in subsidies paid to the pensioner concession scheme; \$3m grants paid to the Menzies School of Health Research; \$5m grants paid to the Katherine West and Tiwi Health Boards for the coordinated care trials; \$3m subsidies paid for the provision of services for children in the care of the minister; individualised funding for frail aged and young people with disabilities to purchase services to support them in their own home, \$4m; for other grants including additional funding for complementary alcohol measures in Alice Springs, that is \$0.4m; increase in child care subsidies, \$0.61m; trial youth activity programs in Nightcliff and Borroloola, \$0.31m; grant funding for Darwin Family Centre, \$0.19m; grant contribution with Flinders University for the NT Clinical School and intra-sector payments.

Mr DUNHAM: Thank you, minister. That would have been a very easy thing to provide at the outset, to provide a reconciliation for that.

Mr WOOD: Mr Chairman, I have a supplementary to question 206.

Question 206 (Mr Wood): Can the minister tell us what it will cost the government to implement the new nurses career restructure? How confident is the government that the new structure is widely supported, when there are claims that it has only minimal support?

Answer:

There has been \$2.43m allocated for implementation of the Nursing Career Structure in 2002-03. There have been two ballots to ascertain support for the Nursing Career Structure; one for nurses employed by the Department of Health and Community Services, and one conducted by the Australian Nursing Federation for its members. Both ballots returned a positive result, with nearly 60% of nurses who responded to each ballot indicating support for the new structure.

Mr WOOD: Minister, this relates to the balance for the nursing career structure that you mentioned in your answer. There were two ballots. How many ballots were not returned; were they counted as a 'no'? What is the percentage of 'yes' if you count those ballots that were not returned as a 'no'?

Ms CARTER: How many went out?

Mr DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: One question at a time, please. Your question ...

Mr WOOD: Perhaps I better rephrase that. What was the total number of ballots sent out? What was the total number returned? Were the ones that were not returned counted as a 'no'?

Mrs AAGAARD: There were two ballots, one by the ANF and one by the department. The decision was made on the majority decision of those ballots returned.

Mr WOOD: I understand that, because it was the majority of those returned. I know that in surveys I have done, even in council, we always regarded those not returned as a 'no'. So, I need to know what the total ballot was for each case. How many ballot papers went out?

Mrs AAGAARD: I think we will take that on notice.

Mr WOOD: To be clear, I need to know what were the total number of ballots went out for each, and what were returned? And then I can work out what I believe was the percentage, because ...

Mrs AAGAARD: We will take it on notice.

Mr WOOD: Okay, thank you.

Ms CARTER: 40% of respondents indicated that they were not supportive of the changes to the career structure. Why do you think they are not supportive?

Mrs AAGAARD: I suppose if you say 40% were not happy ...

Ms CARTER: You said 60% were happy, ergo 40% were not.

Mrs AAGAARD: I think I will pass this to the department for the answer.

Mr WILLIAMS: Ged Williams, Principal Nursing Consultant for the department. I guess for every nurse that would have said 'no', they would have had their own reasons. I can probably only summarise from my experience of talking to the troops, the nurses, and there are a number of different views. The most important one was that they still did not believe they had enough detail and understood the detail themselves. I would have thought that was probably the most common reason. Then there would have been different components of that detail that different nurses may not have understood. So, rather than say 'yes' they probably said 'no'.

Ms CARTER: My understanding is that a lot of the current permanent Level 2s are concerned now that they are going to have to go up, at a frequent level over a period of time, to be re-assessed and, ergo, they are losing their permanent Level 2 position.

Mr WILLIAMS: The Level 2 nurses who are currently in permanent Level 2 positions retain their conditions of service, therefore, they do not change.

Ms CARTER: All right, then. Well Level 1s, who do not like the idea of having to go constantly up before a body to be re-assessed, when most others in the Public Service, once you get a permanent position that is it.

Mr WILLIAMS: That is correct. That is the new model that has been proposed and has been voted on. That is an allowance now that those Level 1 nurses can apply for, through the Exemplary Practice which is what you are referring to. The upside of that, if I may say, is that more Level 1 nurses can now apply for that opportunity. Whereas, in the past you could only apply for a limited number of Level 2 positions, and they were finite and capped, under the Exemplary Practice arrangement there is an opportunity for a large number of Level 1 nurses to apply for that opportunity.

Mr DUNHAM: We can move unless there are supplementaries. The next one is in the name of Marion Scrymgour.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, you know that Ms Scrymgour had leave from parliament.

Mr DUNHAM: It is not a question we want to pursue, but ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I am happy to work through. Do you want me to ask the question?

Mr DUNHAM: No, I am saying I can flick through them. I can flick through the next one, 774, 740 to 754 and it is about the resignation of the ex-CEO ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Hold on. You have just lost me, member for Drysdale.

Mr DUNHAM: Sorry, 754.

Question 740 (Mr Dunham): What litigation costs were incurred by the department for 2001-02? How much was paid out in compensation payments last year resulting from legal claims against the department?

Answer:

The litigation costs incurred by the department for 2001-02 amounted to \$1.666m. \$3.109m was paid out in compensation payments last year, resulting from legal claims against the department.

Question 754 (Mr Dunham): Was Mr Paul Bartholomew, ex-CEO of Health and Community Services paid out totally in accord with his contract provisions? Was Mr Bartholomew's 'resignation' totally a matter of his choosing, or did other parties, and/or an *ex gratia* payment persuade him on this course of action (his resignation). Was Mr Bartholomew's resignation payment merely a matter of computations performed by a salaries clerk, or did it involve lawyers and/or negotiation? How much was Mr Bartholomew paid on his resignation?

Answer:

Yes. As stated by me on several occasions, and recorded in *Hansard* on 18 June 2002, the departure of Mr Bartholomew was an 'amicable and agreed upon mutual separation'.

Following discussions and agreement with the Commissioner for Public Employment, payment was made in accordance with the normal arrangements for Executive Contract Officers. The resignation payment was arranged and calculated by the Department of Corporate and Information Services, Executive Contracts section. The matter of the resignation payment has been previously raised and recorded in *Hansard* (19 June 2002) as a private and individual matter.

Mr DUNHAM: It is about payment. Essentially, we have been told that the Chief Executive Officer's departure was totally a matter of his choosing. The Auditor-General was immensely interested in this issue, as you would know, so eventually it will out whether he has been paid totally in accord with his contract or whether, in fact, he was treated as somebody who was terminated and that he, in other words, was not happy going without a sweetener.

I suppose I am giving you the opportunity before the Auditor-General looks at it to tell this committee whether Paul Bartholomew left totally of his own accord and was paid out in accord with his contract, or whether there were other issues involved, including paying some *ex gratia* not nominated in his contract.

Mrs AAGAARD: Thank you, member for Drysdale. I am perfectly happy with the response I have in here. Of course, as you would be aware, it is actually the Office of the Commissioner of Public Employment who deals with contracts for CEOs. I have asked Mr Kirwan from that office to come here to answer any questions in relation to this.

Mr KIRWAN: Through you, minister, I can advise the member that I dealt with the negotiations with the former CEO of the Department of Health and Community Services who came to me to finalise his contract, as I had just commenced. His contract payment, although confidential, I can assure the committee is totally in accord with his executive contract. There is nothing paid in excess of that. The one minor variation to that consistent with custom and practice for people in this situation, was a small amount for legal and financial fees so that he could get financial and legal counselling. That is a payment that is consistent in respect of custom and practice in the Territory public sector for people in that situation, and that figure was \$3000. So the Auditor-General is perfectly welcome to have a look at the contractual payments.

Mr DUNHAM: Okay, so the question about the involvement of lawyers is actually a 'yes'. The issue of negotiations ...

Mr KIELY: Hey? No!

Mr DUNHAM: ... didn't he choose to take up some money for legal advice?

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, he is supposed to ask questions through the Chair.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Hold on, minister, did you want to respond to that allegation?

Mrs AAGAARD: It is really outrageous. Certainly, he had legal expenses paid for what was normally part of everyone who is leaving, according to Mr Kirwan.

Mr DUNHAM: The question was: did it involve lawyers? He received money for legal expenses. One assumes it was to buy a lawyer. I am not being smart here. I am saying it did involve lawyers, is that correct?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will refer you to Mr Kirwan.

Mr KIRWAN: Through you, Madam minister, the situation was quite clear that the request was made. Mr Bartholomew was advised to get legal and financial advice in respect to the package; that is custom and practice in this situation for officers at all levels. In negotiations with myself, it was agreed that the figure of \$3000 would be sufficient for that to be undertaken. That is all that occurred.

Mr DUNHAM: I do not have a problem with it. I am merely confirming that one of the questions is in the affirmative. The next question through you, minister, is the word, 'negotiation' seems to infer that these contracts have some capacity for ups and downs in them. Is that the norm?

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, you know perfectly well that the contracts are not held with the minister for health. They are held with the Commissioner of Public Employment. I will refer that to Mr Kirwan.

Mr KIRWAN: Through you, Madam minister, the negotiations are quite clear and explicit. There is, effectively, no room for negotiations, certainly in the ones that I have seen since I have been here and the ones that I have gone back on. People have been paid out in accordance with their contracts. There have been one or two variations which the Auditor-General picked up. Some of those are not within my responsibilities, such as Tourism Commission. There are one or two other instances of where there have been some unexplainable delays. For example, other minor expenses, most of them of well under \$10 000, have been paid. That is either consistent with other payments in custom and practice, or in respect to others, but I suggest that those will come out through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr DUNHAM: I take your assurance on these matters. The next question 757, standing in the name of my colleague, Ms Carter.

Question 757 (Ms Carter): (1) How many threats of or actual incidents of violence against Health and Community Services staff were reported last year? Provide a statistical breakdown of the violence; for example, verbal, sexual, physical. (2) What were the costs associated with counselling, relocation, withdrawal from the community, worker's compensation paid, legal fees, recruitment costs for replacement staff? (3) Has the department instigated legal action on behalf of nurses against any of the perpetrators of the violence? (4) Will the minister acknowledge deficiencies with the 'Policy and Code of Practice for the Management of Aggression' in that, according to the policy/code, actions for staff to take include seeking assistance from local community police - the problem being that a number of communities with health staff do not have a permanent police presence.

Answer:

The department takes such incidents very seriously and continuously reviews measures in place to enhance staff safety.

1. The following aggressive incidents were reported:

- 63 reported in the Central Australian Service Network (CASN);
- 63 reported in the Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH); and
- 97 reported in the Top End Service Network (TESN).

	CASN	RDH	TESN
Verbal aggression	32	48	53
Physical threat	30	15	44
Sexual Assault	1	0	0
Total	63	63	97

2. The costs associated with these incidents are not separately recorded so precise figures are not available. Estimated costs are as follows:

- Workers' compensation totalled \$1.005m.
- Legal fees - Nil.
- Counselling: The cost to the department for then Employee Assistance Service to respond to such incidents in the workplace in 2001-02 is estimated to be approximately \$14 000.

3. Legal actions on behalf of nurses: The department is unable to instigate legal action on behalf of nurses or any other staff against alleged perpetrators of violence, as such activity is a criminal matter, not a civil matter. The individual needs to make a complaint to the police in order for criminal charges to be brought against an alleged perpetrator. However, the department actively supports staff in such instances, in both encouraging staff members to make a formal complaint when an incident has occurred, and in providing counselling in terms of what to expect in a court proceeding.

4. The Policy and Code of Practice for Management of Aggression is a dynamic document with an established process for regular monitoring and review. This document has had extensive consultation and input from key groups, including the clinical and management nurses in the department, Australian Nursing Federation and the police. It outlines various steps to be taken in order to manage aggression and, whilst seeking assistance from local police is one option, it is not the only option.

In relation to remote communities, employees are required to assess risk factors for call-outs and home visits, and follow protocols to ensure a safe working environment. Staff are encouraged to abide by the general principle of not proceeding with a visit, or terminating a visit where there are concerns for personal safety. In addition, liaison is under way between the department, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, the Australian Nursing Federation, NT Branch, and several remote communities to further develop capacity to minimise aggressive incidents towards employees.

This is a very complex and difficult area of management and we intend to provide best practice in this area, hence the high level of collaboration, consultation and profiling the department is prepared to give this issue (see additional information for more examples).

Ms CARTER: I will not ask anything further to that. Thank you, minister, for the written response we received.

Mr DUNHAM: I have one. I note that we are talking about some 213 aggressive incidents against nurses. I note that, when we get to counselling, we are talking about \$14 000, which equates to about \$62 each. This is pretty interesting, because I think that is probably about half an hour for a psych counsellor. In contrast to the police evidence, the police told us that they had a welfare officer, unlimited anonymous professional counselling, a chaplain, stress debriefs, traumatic incident

protocols, which include a fly-in by the Assistant Commissioner and chaplain. I wonder, minister, whether you consider these protocols for this very serious issue to be sufficient in your departmental area.

Mrs AAGAARD: You are talking about the aggression policy?

Mr DUNHAM: Yes. And the fact that, for counselling a mere \$14 000 was paid to these 213 staff - \$62 a shot.

Mrs AAGAARD: I make a comment, generally, that it is a very good policy. I am surprised that you do not think it is a very good policy, because it is actually an update of a policy which you endorsed in April 2001. In relation to the comments that you consistently made in relation to police, your own policy refers to police. In fact, we have actually changed the policy to say that, where it is appropriate, police should be involved. Yes, it is a good policy. It is not a policy which is set in concrete, it is one which is being continually updated.

Mr DUNHAM: I am not referring to the policy, I am referring to the amount of resources available. I would have thought that, particularly for counselling, \$14 000 is pretty insulting when you are talking about 213 incidents.

Mrs AAGAARD: The person is usually counselled by their supervisor. If they require further counselling, then the department provides it.

Mr DUNHAM: And that was done for \$14 000?

Mrs AAGAARD: Yes.

Mr DUNHAM: Thank you.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Minister, did you want to make any further comment on that matter?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will say the department has just advised me that, apparently, that was all that was identified for that matter. But they do not usually keep records of that, is that right? I will pass that to the department to clarify that.

Ms SCHILLING: Just finishing that, the department actually has an existing and standing contract with the EAS to provide counselling services. In the case of the \$14 000 that was identified, that was over and above the existing contract that could be identified readily. The rest is undertaken as part of the normal contractual arrangements.

Mr DUNHAM: Could we have those costs, please?

Mrs AAGAARD: Yes, we will take that on notice.

Ms SCHILLING: I believe they are in the order of about \$100 000.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Does that satisfy you, member for Drysdale?

Mr DUNHAM: No, I think it is much too little, but still ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, in terms of the information.

Mr DUNHAM: The answer, yes.

Ms CARTER: On the same question, one of the initiatives in the policy is to conduct risk assessments of remote community health centres. What percentage of community health centres has been assessed to date?

Mrs AAGAARD: Earlier this year, there was a desktop assessment of clinics.

Ms CARTER: I mean having someone go out there and actually check this through.

Mrs AAGAARD: The processes are continuing to happen over the next three months.

Ms CARTER: Have any been done?

Mrs AAGAARD: Yes.

Mr DUNHAM: Are you able to answer the question we have now put twice; and that is, can you tell us how many health clinics are in a remote locality where there is no police presence?

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, I am not actually the minister for police. This is not a question for the health minister.

Mr DUNHAM: It is a whole-of-government response. I can quote from your paper if you like, where you talk about NT police being in collaboration with you. You talk about a duress button that rings in the police station ...

Mrs AAGAARD: It is not relevant to the Health budget.

Mr DUNHAM: ... and nurses asking the police to accompany them to incidents. Obviously, even though you are not the police minister, you would know those nurses who have the capacity to call a policeman, and those who do not have the capacity to call a policeman.

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, I have to call on relevance here. I am not the police minister. I should not be required to answer questions on where police stations are in the Northern Territory. There has been a general discussion about a policy, however, this is about the health budget here tonight. We should be talking about the budget.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, minister. The minister has made her views plain on this question. If we can continue, please?

Mr DUNHAM: Nothing to do with you? Right. Leave it at that. I am happy to skip 764. We have had some discussion on that. Oh, yes, 766.

Question 766 (Mr Dunham): What has been the expenditure under the standard classification of legal expenses in 2001–02 and the number of matters? How much has been allocated for this year for this activity?

Answer:

\$4.846m was expended in 2001-02 under the standard classification 'Legal Expenses'. There were 645 matters in 2001-02. \$753 000 has been allocated this financial year, with an ongoing assessment of future cases that will occur on an emerging basis.

Mr DUNHAM: I am interested that, for something that costs you \$4.8m last year, you have only provided \$750 000 this year?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will pass you to the department for this response.

Mr SYMONS: On this item, the department usually only receives a notional budget at the beginning of the financial year, because it is almost impossible to accurately predict what the cost of legal services will be during the year. What has happened in the 2002-03 budget is, in fact, normal practice in most years. We have received an amount of \$0.753m in the budget. As and when our legal expenses exceed that, we will be approaching Treasury, as happens most years.

Mr DUNHAM: There is one difference though, and that is that previously it was a cash budget. You are now aware that this is an accrual that you have to bring to budget. I am wondering why you have not worked out what your exposure is to this particular thing in the same way as, for instance, depreciation and amortisation. This is a legal expense that should be reasonably predicted.

Mr SYMONS: Your point is quite accurate. I guess we are in the transition to accrual, and this is one item that has not been dealt with, if you like, in a purely accrual sense. In other words, it is not one where we, if you like, are paying an insurance premium for future legal costs.

Mr DUNHAM: Thank you. Question 774, which was wrapped up in an earlier one. I will draw the minister's attention to a media release from the ANF on this question, which I am sure she received, because it is 13 August 2002; so it is fairly recent. I was interested that the ANF are making a claim that nurses are being told that managers are restrained as to how many nurses they can employ, yet there are credible reports of in excess of 60 well-paid agency staff attempting to fill the massive holes. I wonder if the ANF is on the mark there - whether nurses are actually saying that there are vacancies, but they are not prepared to fill them?

Mrs AAGAARD: We will cross to the department.

Mr SYMONS: The minister did actually response to the ANF at the time, and we followed up those figures. The figure of 66 agencies nurses – or 60 was it? I cannot recall - was actually the total of nurses who had been recruited through agencies. What actually happened was we had taken all but 16 of those nurses on as staff ourselves. So at the time, there were only 16 agency nurses working in the hospital. We did a check at that stage and, in fact, the nursing and staffing was to within one of the notional establishment of the hospital at that stage.

Mr DUNHAM: Thank you. I am happy to skip question 778.

Question 778 (Mr Dunham): Can you detail for 2001-02 by region, waiting lists for entry to nursing homes and hospitals in the Territory, and detail by region allocations in this area?

Answer:

Nursing Homes: The waiting lists for entry to aged care facilities, high and low care, are detailed in the table provided, by region. Aged care facilities are no longer classified as nursing homes or hostels, but are allocated as high and low care places. The allocation of aged care beds for those regions is also provided. In addition, numbers at the end of August are included to allow comparison with the most recent data. These wait lists are sourced from the information held by the Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs). It shows the number of clients who have been assessed as eligible for residential aged care, and have indicated that they are actively seeking placement. Waiting times for entry to residential aged care facilities in the Northern Territory are on a par, or lower than other states, as indicated in Commonwealth data provided for the Report on Government Services 2002. On average, the number of clients who have been approved and are awaiting placement have been steadily declining over the last year.

Regional allocations are based on aged care places that are operational. In regional areas with relatively small populations, such as Nhulunbuy in particular, Commonwealth funds allocated for aged

care beds are not taken up because the number allocated is below the level required to operate a viable residential service. A project is being negotiated with the Commonwealth to establish the viability of a multi-purpose service in Tennant Creek and in Nhulunbuy.

In the Darwin region, at least 72 additional aged care places will be available within the next 18 months. Twenty high care places and 30 low care places are under construction by Masonic Homes Inc. The Salvation Army has approval for an additional 12 high care and 10 low care places and may construct in excess of these numbers.

Table: ACAT assessed clients awaiting aged care placement by region; aged care places allocated by region.

Region	May-June 2001-02	August 2002	Allocations
	High care	Low care	High careLow care High careLow care
Darwin	4	20	8711871
Katherine	9	0	502230
East Arnhem	4	0	5000
Barkly	5	0	10172
Alice Springs Urban	5	9	308236
Alice Springs Remote	2	1	5100
Total	29	30	278239139

Hospitals:

On average in the financial year 2001-02, there were 515 people per month in the TERN region waiting for admission to a public hospital for elective surgery. There is no waiting list for people who require immediate care.

On average in the financial year 2001-02, there were 489 people per month in the CASN region waiting for admission to a public hospital for elective surgery. There is no waiting list for people who require immediate care.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Sorry, member for Port Darwin.

Ms CARTER: Question 781.

Question 781 (Mr Dunham): Nurses.

(1) Of the 100 extra full-time nursing positions promised by your government, when elected over 12 months ago, how many are earmarked for the bedside; that is, clinical positions? (2) What percentage will be registered nurses? (3) Into which hospitals will these new clinical nurses be placed? (4) Have any new clinical (non management/non education/non special project) positions been filled in the past 12 months; if so, provide details. (5) Will the medical ward/s at Royal Darwin Hospital receive any extra clinical nurses? If so, will they be registered or enrolled nurses? When will they be added to the staff?

Answer:

(1) Approximately 90% of the additional positions will be clinical positions. (2) In hospitals the current mix of nurses is :

Registered Nurses = 86%
Enrolled Nurses = 14%

It is not anticipated that this mix will change significantly. Job profiles for the 25 additional child health positions have not yet been finalised, but it is not likely that any of the position will be enrolled nurses.

(3) The additional funded nursing positions will be allocated on prioritisation against those hospitals that have, or are likely to experience, the greatest growth in demand for funded nursing positions. Over the last 12 to 24 months, consistent growth in demand has been at ASH and RDH. Areas of likely expansion would include Tennant Creek and Katherine Renal services. Others may have demands that are yet to emerge and these will be addressed accordingly.

(4) New clinical nurse positions (non education/non management) have been established for the positions of: 1 FTE Registered Nurses (Renal Unit) at Katherine Hospital; and 1 FTE Enrolled Nurse (Renal Unit) at Katherine Hospital. However, there are fluctuations in requirements and nurse managers arrange for more or less nurses to manage these up and down fluctuations in demand. Nursing requirements, numbers and positions are a dynamic that move constantly, so you will see in my next answer that there has been movement upwards in numbers at RDH which are accounted for as clinical positions against workload requirements.

(5) Referring to question 764, you will note that the variance in FTE nursing staff at RDH has gone from 537 to 572 in 12 months. This is partially attributable to workload and also the ability to recruit extra nurses at any point in time. One presumes that the overall management and allocation of the nursing resource by management of RDH on a day-to-day basis will ensure all areas are equitably covered, including the medical ward. Again, the allocation of any additional funded nursing positions as promised in the announcement of the government will be analysed, benchmarked and allocated according to demand and prioritisation. The medical ward at RDH will be part of this process.

Ms CARTER: Minister, it appears that during the year 2001-02, only two new clinical nurse positions were created. This is disappointing. The Labor promise of extra nurses would have been interpreted by many nurses as meaning their currently heavy workload would decrease. Instead, it appears that the extra nurses would be placed so as to provide extra services - perhaps to staff in the soon to be completed block at RDH with the larger A&E and ICU areas - rather than reduce significantly the workloads on the general existing wards in Royal Darwin Hospital. Is this so? If it is not true that the clinical nurses whom you are going to employ as per your promise over the next few years, are going to be used for the tower block of the new A&E area, what hope can you bring to your overworked staff - particularly those working in the less glamorous areas such as the medical wards - because what they want to see is a reduced workload?

Mr CHAIRMAN: I might say, member for Port Darwin, I worked on a medical ward and I found it very glamorous.

Ms CARTER: Well, the media do not find it glamorous; you never see footage of a medical ward.

Mr CHAIRMAN: They are very interesting places and you can meet wonderful people there. There are some very experienced staff who love to work in medical wards, but I will leave it to the minister.

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Port Darwin, I refer you to question 764. It indicates that there was, in fact, an increase of 24 nurses in hospitals over the year, across the department. If you go back to question 764.

Mr DUNHAM: Full-time numbers.

Mrs AAGAARD: In fact, at Royal Darwin Hospital, the numbers have gone up from 537 to 572.

Ms CARTER: But in the question that was actually put to you, we were quite specifically looking for clinical nursing positions. The table that you have given us, 764, includes all sorts of positions. I remember when I asked a question in the House a few months ago and you gave some detail of about 10 new positions, the vast majority of them went into management, project, new special area

things and education. What nurses really want is bedside nursing so their workload can be reduced to something that is bearable.

Mrs AAGAARD: There are a couple of things that I would like to say here, member for Port Darwin. One is that we are going to be taking on, and we have taken on, a large number of nurses. They will be put in areas which are a priority to government. I can also say that 90% of the nurses who will be put on will in the clinical area.

Ms CARTER: What my question was: my concern is that they will go into new areas that are going to provide extra services, not into the areas where the current nurses are working - the ones who may well have voted for you believing that what they were going to see for that promise of extra nurses was a reduced workload, which is an horrific workload for many. So you cannot give any ...

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Port Darwin, they will be going into areas of priority; they will be going where they are required.

Ms CARTER: Right, no comfort to the medical ward.

Mr DUNHAM: I would point out, minister, on that same question: while Royal Darwin is an extra 35, it does skew the figures a bit. In this particular book, that promise is being cited to each region. So, if you go to each region, your promise of - here I am in beautiful downtown Alice Springs - is \$3.63m to employ additional hospital nurses in each one of these regions. So I would suggest that, if Royal Darwin has gone up by 35, and full-time staff has gone down five for enrolled nurses, down two for registered nurses, for a total of seven - and across every hospital except Royal Darwin they have gone down - I would suggest that people will be watching this document also.

Mrs AAGAARD: Nurses in hospitals throughout the world fluctuate according to workload, and that is how we assign the nurses.

Mr DUNHAM: This is a promise; it has nothing to do with workload. This is a promise to put additional hospital nurses in; nothing to do with workload.

Mrs AAGAARD: We have promised to put on nurses, and we will put them on, just as we have.

Ms CARTER: We have a major problem with retention, and one of the reasons why nurses leave is because they cannot provide the care that they have been trained to; they are that frustrated and disappointed. That is why they go. Our argument is that you need to get those nurses into the critical care areas where they are needed to reduce stress. But we can move on to another question.

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Port Darwin, I would just like to say that it is an operational matter, in terms of how these things are dealt with in the department and in the hospitals. I am sure you have an opinion, but the people who are actually working in the hospitals have an opinion as well and when they ...

Ms CARTER: Working or managing? There is a difference.

Mrs AAGAARD: Excuse me? I am saying that the nurses are going into priority areas.

Ms CARTER: We can move on. My point of view is ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: The minister is making her reply; you cannot cut her short. Minister, please continue.

Mrs AAGAARD: Thank you, Mr Chairman. I am saying to you that the nurses will be going into priority areas as determined by discussions with my department, and we will be meeting this election commitment, just as we have.

Mr DUNHAM: Question 782, we believe we can go past, as with 784; 785, I am happy to take the tabled question; 787 I am happy to skip; 792 in the name of Mr Reed we can move over; 794; 797; 798 we have discussed to some extent already and I am happy to move on it; 802; 804; 806 ...

Question 782 (Mr Dunham): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03, and what are the sources of that revenue.

Answer:

Agency Revenue for this department is found on the outputs and appropriation table in Budget Paper No 3. The footnote to that table describes what comprises agency revenue. The Operating Statement provides the categories of agency revenue. Agency revenue equals operating revenue less output revenue and profit/loss on disposal of assets.

GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES REVENUE

2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
108 390	108 836

A small increase of \$0.446m is reported between the 2001-02 estimate and 2002-03 budget. This variation results from the renegotiation and inclusion of indexation of Commonwealth specific current and capital purpose grants.

OTHER AGENCY REVENUE

2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
18 057	17 909

The decrease from 2001-02 estimate to 2002-03 budget is \$0.148m and the majority can be attributed to an inter-agency transfer of \$0.063m from the Department of Employment, Education and Training, provided on a one-off basis in 2001-02. The balance is a reduction in the estimated collection of various charges for goods and services by the department.

OTHER REVENUE

2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
4 176	3 203

A decrease of \$0.973m from 2001-02 estimate to 2002-03 budget is primarily due to revenue being collected for the chronic disease program (section 100) on a one-off basis in 2001-02.

OUTPUT REVENUE

2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
360 901	377 644

An increase of \$16.743m in output revenue from the 2001-02 estimate to the 2002-03 budget is a result of the combined effect of an increase in operating expenses of \$27.474m, an increase in

depreciation and amortisation of \$1.943m, a reduction in agency revenue of \$0.675m, and an increase of \$9.463m in receipts relating to prior year expenses.

Question 784 (Mr Dunham): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts; that is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason. How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts; that is, who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason.

Answer:

The total expenditure for 2001-02 was \$519 000. There is no budget process for consultancies. Expenditure in 2002-03 to-date is \$280 000.

2001-02 - Major Consultancies

Consultant	Reason	Cost
• Horizon Consulting	IT consultants for ongoing web maintenance and development.	\$121 000
• Management Directions Ltd -	To provide leadership and management expertise at Alice Springs Hospital. To assist with the direction of the Hospital Improvement Project. To provide assistance in reviewing corporate direction and developing strategies.	\$116 000
• Mercer, Cullen Egan Dell (Qld)	To develop Work Evaluation System for Nursing Professionals.	\$37 000
• Cross Cultural Consultants (NT)	To develop resource material for Men's Health (Healthy Lifestyle Program).	\$30 000
• Carol Watson (Private Consultant)	Withdrawal Services Review.	\$34 000
• Institute for Aboriginal Development (I.A.D)	To assist with the delivery of the Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Program.	\$31 000
• DGR Consultants	Performance Management Workshop.	\$39 000

Minor Consultancies

Categories	Number of Consultancies	Cost
• Program Development	11	\$101 700
• Training	6	\$ 9 000

2002-03 - Major Consultancies

Consultant	Reason	Cost
• Management Directions Ltd	To provide management expertise at Alice Springs and Royal Darwin Hospitals. To assist with the direction of the Hospital Improvement Project. To provide assistance in reviewing corporate direction and developing strategies.	\$42 000
• Banscott Health Consulting -	To review quality of the delivery of Health and Community services in the NT through effective	\$176 000

	policy development and planning, integration of services and efficient management of costs and resources. To provide advice on the financial and resource capacity of the department to deliver on government's priorities.	
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Minor Consultancies

Categories	Number of Consultancies	Cost
• Program Development	6	\$61 700

Question 785 (Mr Dunham): (1) What promotional activities of the Northern Territory's history, attractions or resources in any form, including electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of Health and Community Services or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency in the periods 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (2) What were the titles of all the promotional activities referred to in question 1? (3) What was the total amount spent on the promotional activities referred to in question 1 by the Department of the Health and Community Services or its agencies. (4) Of the promotional activities referred to in question 1, which were assisted by:

- (a) payments in advance;
- (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and
- (c) use of government administration support at no charge?

(5) What was the total value of the assistance rendered in each promotional activity? (6) Which of the promotional activities contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion? (7) How many and in which of the promotional activities were there provisions for the costs incurred by the Northern Territory government or its agencies, to be offset against future royalty income? (8) In how many and in which of the promotional activities were expressions of interest or tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion?

Answer:

(1) And (2) Refer to Report A following; (3) \$359 000; (4)(a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) Nil; (5), (6) and (7) Nil; (8) All promotional activities undertaken by the department involved either requesting the required amount of quotes, or tender briefs were prepared.

Report A - Department of Health and Community Services Promotional Activities that have occurred during September 2001 – September 2002:

Promotional Activity	Purpose	Nature of Promotional Activity
Show Circuit	To increase awareness of the department's programs particularly 'Nursing', 'Quit', 'Drink Spiking' and 'Party Safe'.	Display
Careers Information	To raise the profile of allied health professions as a career.	Advertising and editorial in the Centralian Advocate.
Standards for NT Childcare Centres, Community Diary, Printing of <i>Community Welfare Act</i> , Childcare Banners, Workforce Report September 2001.	To raise public and industry awareness and understanding of Children's Services' initiatives through a variety of mediums.	Booklets, books, banners and print advertising.
Pap Smear Action Week –	To improve and promote the	Posters, CSA, displays, mail

September 2001, Pap Action Week – July 2002, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 25 000th mammogram.	health and wellbeing of all Territory women, through the above promotional activities.	outs, presentations, TV, shop-a-dockets and print media.
International Day of People with a Disability, Service Awareness	Increase community and service providers' awareness and education of aged and disability issues.	General fliers, posters, brochures, radio and direct mail.
Emergency Training Day Medical Kit, Representation at Clyde Fenton Centenary celebration.	Educate community on emergency training through medical kit (pastoralists mainly), promotion of the Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service.	Emergency medical kit guide book and displays.
Hearing Awareness Week, Vitamin K Policy	To increase hearing awareness and to advise of the change to the Vitamin K policy.	Print advertising and pamphlets
Sober Bob, Choose Yourself Youth Week, Recall, Quit Week: You Should Have Been There, Croc Festival and Indigenous Quit Smoking campaigns.	To educate and consult with the community about the effects of alcohol and other drugs via various campaigns.	Numerous TVCs, radio, press, press advertising, banners, Quit Line road flags, show circuit boards, pull up backing materials, bandannas, radio quit competition, website, media advocacy and direct mail out
Foster Parent Recruitment 2002	To recruit more foster parents.	TVC
Child Protection Week, Teen Parenting Information Sessions and Triple P Teen Training.	To promote child protection and provide training and information on teens for parents, carers and professionals.	Advertising, document production, parenting seminars and accredited training.
National Palliative Care Week, Support for Bereavement Awareness	To raise awareness of palliative service provision and bereavement support.	Banners, advertisements, general flyers and booklet.
Arthritis Week, SHEIRA Group: YWCA, Come and Try Information day for Palmerston Youth, Promoting Heart Week, Quit Week, Asthma Week, Pap Awareness Week, Cancer Awareness Week, Primary School Health Promotion, Burns Awareness Week and Primary School Sexual Health Education.	Educate and promote community awareness of important health issues and CCC services through the above initiatives.	Brochures, questionnaires, health cards, displays, flyers, promotional merchandise, pamphlets etc.
Senior Card application pamphlet and Senior's Card Business Discount Scheme.	To promote the benefits of the Senior's Card scheme	Pamphlets, newspaper advertisements and booklet
Organ Donor Awareness Week, Safety Week.	To increase awareness of the benefits and participation of organ donation and to emphasise the importance of occupational health and safety at the hospital.	Displays and banners.
Maternal and Child Health sessions throughout the year, Tindal Expo, Antenatal talks.	Ongoing education and guidance on parenting issues / skills and on the centre's services to parents, carers and new and existing staff.	Pamphlets, posters, direct mail, fact flyers, videos, media releases, booklets and displays.

Back to School, Cyclone Advice	To promote food and water safety to variety of audiences including parents and the general public.	Newspaper and newspaper supplement.
Clinic 34, Public Safe Sex promotion, General and GP Information Releases, Tuberculosis Awareness, 'Nits Not' program and the Chronicle Newsletter.	To raise awareness and reduce the incidence of communicable diseases in different target groups within the community, and provide services to target audience and stakeholders.	Cinemas, newspaper, direct mail, flyers, posters, videos, flip charts, publication, fact sheets, pamphlets, presentations and education kits.
Birth Centre Planning Project, Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault, NT Hospital Domestic Violence Screening Project, Screening Matters.	To promote the health and well-being of women throughout the Territory through the delivery of sensitive, relevant and holistic services.	Information brochure, workshops, various merchandise, newsletters and posters,
Croc Festival (Gove), Futures Expo (Darwin), Studies Assistance Grants, Undergraduate Nursing Grants, International Nurses Day.	Promoting career and employment opportunities in the DHCS and DHCS study assistance schemes.	Displays, fact sheets, information cards, website, presentation, print media, document production, direct mail, e-mail, and newspaper articles and advertisements.
Family and Baby Program, Universal Children's Week, Katherine House, Safety House Birthday Party, Alice Outcomes, Yipirinya & Ntaria / Ipolera School Health Promotion, Toy Library, All Alice Springs Pre Schools.	To provide dental care and dental health education to infants, primary and pre school children in school based clinics and to the general community.	Visual aids, pamphlets, toothpaste and toothbrush samples, posters, various merchandise, photos and brochures.
Hearing Week, Palliative Care Reference Group Meeting, Overall Programs Activity, Clinic Activity.	To advise the community of PHCU's services and meeting dates and promote hearing health.	Print advertising.
Suicide Prevention	To provide information to the general public about suicide prevention.	Brochures and contact cards

Question 787 (Mr Dunham): (1) What advertising/promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Office of the Minister for Health and Community Services, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (2) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/promotional activities referred to in question 1 by the Office of the Minister for Health and Community Services, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister? (3) What advertising/promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of Health and Community Services, or any of its agencies in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (4) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/promotional activities referred to in question 3 by the Department of the Health and Community Services and its agencies?

Answer:

(1) Advertising and promotional activities funded by Minister Aagaard's Office include: general advertising in relation to community events, special messages and other information of interest to the community; and Christmas cards.

(2) Total expenditure for Minister Aagaard's office on advertising and promotional activities from 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002 was \$4703:

Advertising and Promotion:

Advertising

Print media \$3703.40

Promotion \$1000.00

Total Spend \$4703.40

NOTE: 50% of document production costs is included to capture the cost of printing promotional material. The remaining printing relates to office supplies, such as envelopes.

(3) Please refer to the attached Report A; (4) \$359 000.

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Question 792 (Mr Reed): Has a portion of the \$2.36m for the employment of additional nurses been allocated to Katherine Hospital; and if so, how much?

Answer:

Last financial year 2001-02, three additional funded nursing positions were allocated in Katherine Hospital including:

- 1 FTE Clinical Nurse Educator (Level 3) – from 2001 EBA
- 1 FTE Registered Nurse (Level 2) – Renal Ward – associated with growth
- 1 FTE Enrolled Nurse – Renal Ward – associated with growth in activity.

The cost of these additional positions depends to some extent on the individuals in the positions at the time. The three positions collectively cost about \$160 000 per annum.

There have been no newly funded nursing positions at Katherine Hospital this financial year 2002-03.

Question 794 (Mr Dunham): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

For 2002-03, the Department of Health and Community Services estimates it will pay \$4.548m in state taxes and \$12 000 in fees. This compares to \$4.277m for state taxes and \$47 000 in fees in 2001-02.

Question 797 (Mr Dunham): Detail how much money was spent on advertising, promotion, the dissemination of policy information or other information which included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister. Please provide an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio and/or brochures including direct mail by: (a) the minister's office; (b) the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

This question appears to be the same as question 806 so if you agree I will give you one answer for both.

- (a) the minister's office - \$2306.53 as at 30 June 2002;
- (b) the minister's department or agency:

Advertising and Promotion:

Advertising
Print media \$3703.40
Promotion \$1000.00
Total Spend \$4703.40; and

(c) the minister's electorate office – nil.

Question 798 (Mr Dunham): Explain what the entry 'Expenses relating to prior year receipts' (or in the case of some agencies 'Receipts relating to prior year expenses') means. Detail what the amounts listed against this entry are for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

An agency's operating expenses may be funded either by output appropriation, agency revenue, or operating account balances.

The Commonwealth provides funding for various programs, with the funding receipted to the Department of Health and Community Services' operating account. These receipts form part of Health's agency revenue and go towards meeting operating expenses associated with the Commonwealth programs.

In instances where the Commonwealth funding is not fully expended in any given year, approval is sought to carry over the funding and associated expenses to the next year, at which time program completion is expected.

In 2001-02, Health's operating account was 'built up' – that is, received a net inflow - by \$7.295m. This largely reflects Commonwealth specific purpose funding received in 2001-02 that will not be spent until 2002-03. In 2002-03, the department is projecting to 'run down' or use operating account balances by \$2.168m as it meets its operating expenses.

The significant items contributing to these amounts are:

	2001-02 \$000	2002-03 \$000
Balances prior to June 2001 and June 2002	-4283	-4283
Commonwealth funded Pneumococcal Working party Chairman Administrative Support.	5	
Transfer required from 2000-01 to 2001-02 for various SPP funded projects	582	
Additional funding from the Commonwealth received but not expended.	2197	
Commonwealth funded programs not expended during 2000-01, the components of which are primarily Recombinant Factor VIII, Capital for Laramba, Ikuntji, Yuendumu, Kintore and Mt Liebig Child Care centres.	655	
Additional allocation from the Commonwealth for Chronic Disease Programs for remote areas.	-628	628
Commonwealth funding for National Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative	-150	150
Commonwealth funding for the National Donovanosis Eradication Project.	-55	55
Commonwealth funding for management of the transition of the NT District Medical Officers program to funding under Medicare	-348	348
Commonwealth funding for IT Commonwealth Trials-Health Connect Consumer Master Index & Telecommunications Project	-600	600
Commonwealth funding for Educational Resources on cannabis for Indigenous	-39	39

people		
Additional allocation from the Commonwealth for the provision of a community physician and obstetrician/gynaecologist in Central Australia/Barkly Region.	-1	1
FBA 7(l): carryover to 2002-03, predominantly of C/wealth funded programs	-4630	4630
TOTAL	-7295	2168

Question 802 (Mr Dunham): How many staff are employed by the minister in their ministerial office, including Alice Springs or any other centre? How many of these staff are paid for by the Department of the Chief Minister and how many are paid for by the minister's agency or department?

Answer:

The Chief Minister has already answered this question

Question 804 (Mr Dunham): Detail, by non-government organisation and for what services, the grants for the 2000-01 financial year. What is the grant allocation budgeted for the non-government sector for the 2001-02 financial year?

Answer:

The request for details of grants by non-government organisation and by service for 2000-01 is outside the Estimates Committee terms of reference. I presume that you are seeking details of grants for 2001-02 and the grant allocation budgeted for 2002-03, so that is what I have provided. As a number of the services provided are either tendered or might potentially be tendered, it would be inappropriate to provide the value of individual payments at the service level. I will table the list of organisations and the services they provide. A summary of payments made for NGO services for 2001-02 is provided by program:

Program	\$000
Family, Aged & Disability	24 782
Alcohol & Other Drugs	6 092
Primary Health Care Urban	8 911
Primary Health Care Rural	13 399
Public Health Services	1 552
Mental Health Services	1 121
Hospital Services	1 838
Total	57 695

Question 806 (Mr Dunham): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office; (b) by the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

Answered in question 797.

Question 810 (Mr Dunham): For 2001-02, how many staff have resigned from employment in each Territory hospital by category of staff, and as a percentage of total staff in each category? How many staff have resigned in rural health clinics by category of staff, and as a percentage of staff in each

category?

Answer:

Turnover is based on the number of resignations over the 2001-02 period as a proportion of the average staffing over the period. This method of calculation is widely used throughout other jurisdictions. Note that resignations include separation for any reason including resignation of permanent staff, completion of temporary or casual contracts. Multiple contracts with the same individual have been removed, however, to provide a true reflection of turnover. The nature of medical training means that there are a significant number of interns and registrars on short-term contracts. Also, with the national shortage of nurses, there are a significant number of younger nurses who travel, working only short-term contracts at any one location. In the hospitals, 1072 FTE staff resigned. Their breakdown of resignations and turnover by category are tabulated below:

Staff turnover at hospitals, 2001-02

No. distinct FTE resignations: 1/07/01 to 30/06/02										
Hospital	Nursing	Admin	Physical	Profsnl	Medical	Tech	AHW	Total		
GDH	22	3	11	4	5	30	47			
KN	41	10	29	31	0	41	98			
RDH	25	244	57	37	98	16	2506			
ASH	20	632	56	23	51	9	1379			
TCH	30	2	1	2	8	00	43			
TOTAL	55	191	154	69	172	324	1072			

Overall turnover (%)								
Hospital	Nursing	Admin	Physical	Profsnl	Medical	Tech	AHWT	Total
GDH	49133	7200	5753	n/a	43			
KH	56375	76011	17650	57				
RDH	46222	44	64193	139				
ASH	75274	0	59	8027	1556			
TCH	12937	17	5026	7	0	097		
TOTAL	522735	36	69263	042				

I am pleased to say there has been a reduction on 2000-01 turnover numbers and rates. What should also be considered in conjunction with turnover is the stability of the workforce. Almost three-quarters (71%) of hospital staffing remained stable over the 2001-02 period. Small pockets of staff on short-term contracts have turned over, increasing the overall turnover proportion. In the rural health clinics, 136 FTE staff resigned. Their breakdown of resignations and turnover by category are tabulated below:

Staff turnover in rural health clinics, 2001/02

No. distinct FTE seperations: 1/07/01 to 30/06/02							
Remote Area	Nursing	Admin	Physical	Profsnl	Medical	AHW	Total
East Arnhem	20	4	300	230			
Katherine	14	1	100	723			
Darwin Remote	20	8	210	334			
TESN total	54	13	610	1287			
Alice Springs	26	2	008	440			
Barkly	3	0	000	710			

CASN total	29 20081049
TOTAL	831661822136
Overall turnover (%)	
Remote Area	NursingAdminPhysicalProfsnlMedicalAHWTTotal
East Arnhem	841501500n/a1362
Katherine	56 50100n/a 03546
Darwin Remote	67133 88100 03464
TESN total	69123115 50 02657
Alice Springs	64 23n/an/a1271851
Barkly	50n/an/an/a 07460
CASN total	62 23n/an/a1093552
TOTAL	66 75115 50 512956
Similarly, as in the hospitals, a considerable proportion of the rural health workforce (60%) has remained stable over the 2001-02 period. Small pockets of staff on short-term contracts have turned over, increasing the overall turnover proportion.	

Question 813 (Mr Dunham): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and Working for Outcomes model has been achieved in the main through the use of existing resources, maximisation where possible of previously unused features available in corporate and agency systems, and training and coordination provided by Treasury and DCIS. Additional training has been provided by both agency staff and external trainers. This has occurred over the last 18 months and will continue over the next two to three years. It has not been possible to differentiate all of the costs related to these developments from other financial management costs; however, it is estimated that approximately \$77 000 has been spent to date within the department. There will obviously be some ongoing costs; however, the number of staff will not increase.

Question 816 (Mr Dunham): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government, and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer has provided an answer to this question on behalf of all agencies. The changes in the payroll tax regime will provide approximately \$80 000 in savings to the department. The department's budget for payroll tax is contained in the 'Employee Expenses' category in Budget Paper No 3 and stands at \$4.548m for 2002-03.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I would have thought 802 would have been one that you might want to pursue.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes, well there are a lot of them. It is evident to everybody, Mr Chairman, that we cannot get to them.

Ms CARTER: We only have half an hour left.

Mr DUNHAM: ... 809; 810; 813; 814 we have discussed to some extent; 816 ...

Mrs AAGAARD: It is curious, Mr Chairman, they do not want to discuss the good news answers.

Ms CARTER: May I make a point, Mr Chairman? We would like to discuss many questions. I have done a lot of supplementaries which I will hand over at the completion of the next 25 minutes; but we are actually moving to hone in on a couple of issues towards the end.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Fair enough. Good on you. Thank you for focussing.

Mr DUNHAM: Question 818.

Question 818 (Mr Dunham): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4%' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02; how much did that amount to; and was it achieved - in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget; and if so, how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Community Services had a budget improvement target of \$2.95m in 2001-02. In the mini-budget Paper No 2, this was spread proportionally across the output groups. Internally, the department applied the budget improvement targets as follows:

- the hospitals were exempt;
- non-hospital services were allocated a 1% target; and
- support service areas were generally allocated a 1.5% target.

Most areas achieved their budget improvement target but increased costs of service delivery - for example, air-medical services - meant that the target was not achieved in a few cases

The budget improvement target for 2002-03 is \$5.133m, which has been apportioned across all output groups in Budget Paper No 3. The department is currently undertaking an exercise to identify where efficiencies can be made without reducing services to the public and this will inform the application of the budget improvement savings. Final allocations will not be made until after the review.

Mr DUNHAM: This is just a quick clarification, if I may. The mini-budget did exempt some categories, and I note that for this year it has been apportioned across all output groups. I wonder why that would be so - whether the target has changed or the fundamentals for it, but why it is now applied across all output groups including hospitals?

Mr SYMONS: Yes. I think what the answer says that in Budget Paper No 3, that is actually where the cash reduction that you were seeking is. It is apportioned across all the output groups. Internally, in terms of preliminary allocations within the department's budgets, we have actually applied it in the same way as it was last year. So, that is 0% to hospitals, 1% to non-hospital services, and 1.5% for corporate.

Mr DUNHAM: Thank you. 822, I am happy to pass; and 827, 829, 831. I note that there is some difficulty with providing full-time equivalent staff, and this is something we will be pursuing with the

OCPE, who has already given undertakings that there will be more frequent and fulsome reports on matters like this. Question 834 – happy to pass. Questions 836, 840, 844, 845, 849. Question 851 has been discussed to some extent. Questions 853, 854, 857, 859, 865.

Question 822 (Mr Dunham): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

In 2002-03 the department has estimated that it will collect revenue of \$158 000 from inter-agency transfers which comprises \$108 000 from the Department of Corporate and Information Services to fund apprentices employed in the department, and \$50 000 from the Department of Justice for forensic mental health services.

Estimated expenses that can be attributed to inter-agency transfers in 2002-03 total \$14.553m and comprise payroll tax of \$4.548m paid to Northern Territory Treasury, superannuation of \$9.405m paid to Central Holding Authority and \$0.6m paid to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment for pensioner concessions (bus fares).

Question 827 (Mr Dunham): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

In 2002-03 the department has estimated that it will collect revenue of \$158 000 from inter-agency transfers which comprises \$108 000 from the Department of Corporate and Information Services to fund apprentices employed in the department, and \$50 000 from the Department of Justice for forensic mental health services. This is represented in Budget Paper No 3 in the Statement of Financial Performance under Other Agency Revenue. Estimated expenses that can be attributed to inter-agency transfers in 2002-03 total \$14.553m and comprise payroll tax of \$4.548m paid to Northern Territory Treasury, superannuation of \$9.405m paid to the Central Holding Authority, and \$0.6m paid to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment for pensioner concessions (bus fares). These expenses are also represented in Budget Paper No 3 in the Statement of Financial Performance under Employee Expenses and Current Grants.

Question 829 (Mr Dunham): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

\$5.365m was expended by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment on repairs and maintenance on behalf of this agency for the 2001-02 financial year.

Question 831 (Mr Dunham): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

(A) There is only one single activity and that is Health and Community Services. It is difficult to

provide figures by output and employment status at this stage. The total figures described below are approximate only, although are believed to be reflective of the current status. Of total staffing as at the last pay in August 2002, DHCS employed 3937 FTE staff. 3707 were allocated against defined output groups, and the balance of 230 provided organisational support. Of those 3707 staff in output groups, 2390 worked in hospital services, 642 community health, 150 family and children services, 130 aged and disability, 150 mental health and 245 public health services. Of all 3937 FTE staff, 3364 (85%) were employed full-time. 2727 (69%) were permanent, 1062 (27%) were temporary, 139 (3.5%) were casual and 9 (0.5%) were external.

(B) As at the last pay period of August 2001, 3778 FTE staff were employed by DHCS. Of these, 3281 (87%) were employed full-time, 2699 (71%) were permanent, 962 (26%) were temporary and 117 (3%) were casual.

(C) As at November 2001 (NTPS restructure), 3780 FTE staff were employed by DHCS. Of these, 3283 (87%) were employed full-time, 2732 (72%) were permanent, 892 (24%) were temporary and 110 (4%) were casual.

Question 834 (Mr Dunham): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 200-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods?

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole-of-agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in agency annual reports. Information for 2002-03 is not provided in a form consistent with the mini-budget as 2002-03 information is on an accrual basis.

The Treasurer has already provided a general statement in regards to the development of the accrual budget.

Question 836 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses employed by Health and Community Services are currently on paid or unpaid maternity leave?

Answer:

46 nurses are currently on maternity leave. 11 nurses are on maternity leave with pay, and 35 nurses are on maternity leave without pay.

Question 840 (Mr Dunham): How many Aboriginal Health Worker positions exist in Health and Community Services? Please break these down to full-time and part-time positions. How many full-time and part-time positions are currently vacant?

Answer:

At 1 September, there were 212 Aboriginal Health Worker positions in the Department of Health and Community Services. Of these total positions, 171 are full-time and 41 part-time. There are 66 vacant full-time and 25 vacant part-time positions.

Question 844 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses are currently employed on contracts by Health and Community Services? How many nurses are permanently employed by Health and Community Services?

Answer:

Currently, the Department of Health and Community Services employs 399 full-time equivalents (FTE)

on various contracts. At the same time, there are 985 permanent FTE. In addition, there are 13 casual FTE.

Question 845 (Mr Dunham): For 2002-03, detail expenditure on promotions and advertising that included the minister, including cost, nature, subject and purpose.

Answer:

Nil for 2002-03.

Question 849 (Mr Dunham): What specific strategies is your department working on to improve the retention of our nursing workforce? Is it likely that the target of \$0.25m reduction in recruitment costs will be achieved as a result of these strategies? Was it achieved in 2001-02?

Answer:

Numerous strategies were identified through the Nursing Recruitment and Retention project commenced in 2001 and implemented in 2002. Initiatives currently under way include:

- establishment of and recruitment to Clinical Nurse Educator (5.5 FTE) positions in the public hospitals to support New Graduate Nurses and Re-Entry Program Nurses;
- establishment of an annual Professional Development Allowance that was included in the Nurses Certified Agreement;
- provision of funding for postgraduate nursing courses;
- provision of funding for under graduate nursing courses
- increasing the establishment of nursing positions in order to reduce high workloads for existing nursing staff;
- provision of management training courses to ensure that nurses are appropriately managed;
- development of training courses in relation to inappropriate behaviours in the workplace to ensure that nurses are treated with respect by their peers;
- evaluation of the PATHWAYS course currently in operation in Central Australia with a view to expanding to other regions. This is to ensure that there is both a source of nurses able to undertake relief work in remote communities as well as Remote Area Nurses that are oriented and supported for such work; and
- expansion of the NTU undergraduate nursing program intake of NT residents by 30% in the last year. This program is heavily supported by DHCS to ensure it is well subscribed and supported clinically.

While it is difficult to accurately cost savings resulting from improved retention, there were significantly less resignations in 2001-02 than 2000-01. For example, there were 551 hospital nursing resignations in 2001-02 compared to 619 in 2000-01 and 83 non-hospital nursing resignations in 2001-02 compared to 156 in 2000-01.

Question 853 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses employed in the Territory by Health and Community Services are currently on leave without pay?

Answer:

There are currently 77 nurses on leave without pay. This figure includes 35 nurses on maternity leave without pay.

Question 854 (Mr Dunham): How many claims from Health and Community Services nurses for worker's compensation were rejected by THS during the year 2001-02?

Answer:

There were two claims declined by TIO during the year 2001-02.

Question 857 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses are currently receiving HECS reimbursement from Health and Community Services?

Answer:

In the current academic year, 66 DHCS nurses are currently receiving HECS reimbursement under the provisions of bylaw 41 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*.

Question 859 (Mr Dunham): How many people have private health cover in the Territory, as a percentage of the population and in comparison with other states?

Answer:

Private Health Cover

Quarter ended	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	NT*	WA	TAS	AUST
30 Jun 2002	Coverage '000	3141	2140	1552	689	66	907	2098705
% Population	44.80	43.80	41.90	45.20	32.90	47.00	44.10	44.10

*Northern Territory Membership and Coverage is understated as some funds report Northern Territory members in other States.

Data Source

The Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) is an independent statutory authority that regulates the private health insurance industry. Private health insurance policy is the responsibility of the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

Question 865 (Mr Dunham): How many Level 2 Registered Nurse positions currently exist in Health and Community Services?

Answer:

There are 216 RN Level 2 full-time equivalent positions within the department; 190 of which are occupied by full-time equivalent staff.

Mr CHAIRMAN: That is the end of that output area. If there be no more questions on that output area, which is 0.03, that concludes consideration. Any of those questions that have not been answered will be incorporated in the *Hansard* with their written answer. This brings us to output number 1.00 Hospital Services.

Question 355 (Ms Scrymgeour): Can the minister advise the committee of the detail of the additional funding to the non-government sector 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

Additional funding to the non-government sector 2002-03 budget has increased by \$6m. This increase includes:

- indexation of approximately \$1.45m;
- \$2.5m to address increase costs such as the 4% HIH levy and increase insurance premiums; and

· \$2m for specific projects carried over from the previous financial year.

Question 734 (Mr Dunham): For 2002-03, detail expenditure on reports commissioned by the minister or department that have been outsourced or contracted out. What was the purpose of the reports, who or what organisations prepared the reports, what was the cost, have the reports been tabled, and what has been the outcome of the reports?

Answer:

Please refer to the attached Report B.

Report B - Reports that have been out-sourced or commissioned out during 2002/03

Program Area	Hospital Services
Commissioned by Minister / Department	Department
Purpose	Review GP / Hospital Liaison Project at RDH
Organisation who prepared the report	GPR Australia
Has the report been tabled?	No. Review due to commence 30 September 2002
Outcome of Report	Final report due 31 October 2002
Cost	\$10 000
Program Area	Mental Health
Commissioned by Minister / Department	Department
Purpose	Assessment of resource implications of new Mental Impairment and Fitness to be Tried, amendment to the criminal code.
Organisation who prepared the report	Forensic care (Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health)
Has the report been tabled?	No
Outcome of Report	Input to DHCS Planning.
Cost	\$9900.00
Program Area	Alcohol and Other Drugs
Commissioned by Minister / Department	Department
Purpose	Analysis and write up of results from the 1999 school students alcohol and drug survey.
Organisation who prepared the report	Carol Watson – consultant
Has the report been tabled?	No
Outcome of Report	Report outlining use of alcohol and other drugs by young people.
Cost	\$7000.00

Question 809 (Mr Dunham): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers - (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) Where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the Budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

(i) No, (ii) no and (iii) no.

Hospital Services

Mr DUNHAM: Standing in the name of Mr Wood – the first question.

Mr CHAIRMAN: You are the shadow, you have first call.

Mr DUNHAM: If you go past that, Gerry, 200.

Question 200 (Mr Wood): What was the cost to the public health system of abortions last financial year? How many were performed in the Territory's public hospitals? Does the government have in place any programs to reduce the number of abortions performed in the Territory?

Answer:

985 cal abortions were performed in the Territory's public hospitals. Programs to reduce the number of abortions performed in the Territory include:

- Young Women's Sexual Health Program, which informs young Darwin women of healthy sexual practices and supports their choices.
- DHCS co-funds Family Planning Welfare, Northern Territory. Relevant aims of the organisation include:
 - Promotion of sexual and reproductive health, through health promotion programs, including information and education, to the general community, with particular focus on people who are members of socially and economically disadvantaged groups and people resident in regional and rural Australia.
 - Contribute to the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes of health and other professionals in the area of women's and men's sexual and reproductive health.
 - Provision of high quality specialised clinical services as a base for the training of health professionals.
 - Disseminate the outcomes of research into sexual and reproductive health education, training and clinical services.
 - The department also funds the Natural Family Planning Council Inc to 'provide natural family planning education and support services'.

Mr WOOD: I will keep it succinct. This question has both an ethical and a cold economic rationalism to it; you can pick it either way. The notice I have here, that we had 985 medical abortions that cost \$980 000. I am on record saying that I do not agree with abortion, and I probably prefer 985 people being born. Be that that as it may, the question was: does the government have in place any programs to reduce the number of abortions performed in the Territory? What I was asking, minister, was not so much programs which either reduce the number of people getting pregnant, but when women are pregnant, are there any programs which would encourage, through various means, people going through with the full period of that pregnancy?

Mrs AAGAARD: Mr Chairman, abortion is one of those issues which has always been a conscience matter in every parliament in Australia. The matters relating to abortion have been dealt with many, many years ago. While I appreciate your position on this, trying to convince women not to have abortions is not the role of the Department of Health ...

Mr WOOD: All right, that is why I said there were two manners in which you could look at it. There is the ethical, there is the economic rationalism. The hospital spent \$980 000 on abortions. Would you think that it would be reasonable to say: 'Well, if we could reduce those, we reduce the costs to the hospital, therefore should we look at programs that will reduce that cost?'. That is simply what I am looking at.

Mrs AAGAARD: It is fair to say that, of course, nobody thinks that abortion is a wonderful thing.

However, it is an important part of a public health policy, which is supported by this government and the previous government, and by governments around Australia. These matters are matters for a woman, her doctor, and her family. I do not think it is the role of my department to be involved in that.

Mr Dunham: You are going to be here all night, mate.

Mr WOOD: No, I am on the Estimates Committee ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Member for Nelson, you are really asking if, in this process within the Health department and within the hospital, whether there are counselling procedures along the way. Is that the question you are trying to ask?

Mr WOOD: Yes, very much so, Mr Chairman. If not, could the department at least look at that? That is all. I will leave it at that if you wish.

Mrs AAGAARD: Honourable member, I am not a doctor but I understand that the procedures in relation to abortion are, in fact, that you do receive counselling. But I will refer the matter to the department. Dr Notaras may have more detailed information.

Dr NOTARAS: Thank you, Mr Chairman. Len Notaras, Principal Medical Consultant. Mr Wood, as you would understand, it is a grey area, and an area that is taken extremely seriously by the senior consultants. Part of the legislation actually covers the way in which the consultants make their particular decision. Having said that, if a consultant can discourage a particular intervention successfully without harm to the individual patient, then they will indeed do that. Clearly, the economic rational argument does not become a major one. It is a clinical duty of care argument that is entered into with this. Suffice to say that I am quite satisfied with the level of advice and consultation provided by the senior doctors in this, which is a very sensitive area.

Mr CHAIRMAN: So I think the member for Drysdale has some questions under this output area.

Mr DUNHAM: We are happy to move right through to question number 838.

Mr CHAIRMAN: 838 in this particular output, yes.

Question 768 (Mr Dunham): How many non-administrative/non-education; that is, clinical, Level 1 and Level 2 nurses are employed in each of the Territory's public hospitals?

Answer:

The following figures relate to the total full-time equivalent (FTE) RN1 and RN2 staff employed in each of the hospitals; not the number of positions.

FTE RN Level 1 & 2 staff, September 2002:

Hospital	Classification		
	RN Level 1	RN Level 2	Total
Gove District Hospital	30	3	33
Katherine Hospital	39	9	48
Alice Springs Hospital	162	35	197
Tennant Creek Hospital	13	3	16
RDH	392	54	446

Total hospital	636104740
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Question 780 (Mr Dunham): Please provide information defining the 2001-02 estimated outcome for each hospital, including details of the areas of additional demand for services contributing to the cost variation.

Answer:

The final outcome for each hospital is as follows:

Hospitals	2001-02 Actual Outcome \$000
Royal Darwin Hospital	125 040
Katherine Hospital	16 175
Gove District Hospital	12 123
Alice Springs Hospital	64 701
Tennant Creek Hospital	6 211

Areas of additional demand for services contributing to the cost variation included:

- inpatient activity grew by 18.17% at Tennant Creek Hospital and 13.80% at Katherine Hospital;
- a 9.20% increase in inpatient activity at Alice Springs Hospital;
- renal dialysis treatments showed an accelerated growth of 19% in 2001-02 compared to 1% the previous year;
- at Royal Darwin Hospital, Intensive Care Unit ventilated days more than doubled and there was a 20% increase in throughput of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit;
- the cost of providing angiography services increased by \$0.675m over expenditure in 2000-01; and
- patient travel costs (other than cross-border) increased by \$1.765m.

Question 793 (Mr Dunham): How many formal complaints were received from the public by Health and Community Services hospitals for the year 2001-02? Please break this down to each of the hospitals and categorise the types of complaints.

Answer:

The total number of formal complaints received from the public by DHCS hospitals for the year 2001-02 was 485.

Number of complaints received by each hospital:

Service	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	Percentage of Growth 2000-01 2001-02
Royal Darwin Hospital	453	495	386	-22.0%
Alice Springs Hospital	54	53	55	3.8%
Barkly	10	8	10	25.0%
Top End Service Network	17	34	25	-26.5%
Central Australian Service	21	23	9	-60.9%
Total	555	613	485	-20.9%

Type (nature) of the complaint:

Category	1999-00	Per cent	2000-01	Per cent	2001-02	Per cent
Access to Services	192	35	185	30.2%	149	30.7%

Privacy	81	15	120	19.6%	94	19.4%
Other	85	15	102	16.6%	68	14.0%
Quality of Treatment	107	19	86	14.0%	83	17.1%
Communication	65	12	76	12.4%	53	10.9%
Standards	11	2	17	2.8%	8	1.6%
Decision Making	8	1	12	2.0%	18	3.7%
Costs	3	0.5	7	1.1%	9	1.9%
Grievances	3	0.5	8	1.3%	3	0.6%
Total	555	100%	613	100%	485	100%

Source: DHCS draft Annual Report 2001-02

Question 796 (Mr Reed): Explain the difference between the budgeted cost of \$350 000 for a new mortuary in Katherine in Budget Paper No 4, page 49, and \$400 000 in Budget Paper Overview, page 17.

Answer:

The Treasurer has already answered this question.

Question 800 (Mr Reed): Your department has allocated \$15.1m for the Katherine Hospital for 2002-03. What amounts were allocated and expended in 2001-02?

Answer:

The final budget allocation for the Katherine Hospital for 2001-02 was \$14.9m. Final expenditure for the financial year ending 2001-02 was \$16.2m. The \$15.1m (excluding accruals) allocated for the Katherine Hospital for 2002-03 as included in the Regional Highlights publication was an indicative estimate at that time. The preliminary allocation to Katherine Hospital is \$15.4m. The allocation will be finalised following the review. In 2001-02, Katherine Hospital incurred some significant additional costs unlikely to be incurred in 2002-03, including a very high rate of maternity leave and unusually high overtime rates.

Question 805 (Mr Dunham): Detail by triage classification the waiting times experienced in the emergency departments in all five Territory hospitals, and detail the percentage within each triage category of patients seen within the timeframe.

Answer:

Patients attending the Emergency Departments at each of the five Territory hospitals are categorised into five triage categories:

Category 1: for immediate resuscitation/treatment;
Category 2: for emergency treatments within 10 minutes;
Category 3: for urgent treatment within 30 minutes;
Category 4: for semi-urgent treatment within 60 minutes; and
Category 5: for non-urgent treatment within 120 minutes.

The following tables show performance against the five triage category time frames, and also the average waiting times experienced in each of the five public hospitals:

Table 1: Percentage of patients treated in Emergency Department 2001-02 and average

waiting times.

Royal Darwin Hospital:

Triage Category	Within Time	Outside Time	Total Patients Treated	Per cent Treated within Timeframe	Total Average Waiting Times (in minutes)
Resuscitation	623	0	623	100.00%	0
Emergency	1739	626	2365	73.53%	9
Urgent	8780	2102	10882	80.68%	20
Semi-urgent	15239	6626	21865	69.70%	49
Non-urgent	1039	169	1208	86.01%	61
Total	27420	9523	36943	74.22%	37

Comment: At Royal Darwin Hospital 74.22% of patients, on average, were seen within the triage category time frames and average waiting time was 37 minutes.

Table 2: Percentage of patients treated in Emergency Department 2001-02 and average waiting times.

Alice Springs Hospital:

Triage Category	Within Time	Outside Time	Total Patients Treated	Per cent Treated within Timeframe	Total Average Waiting Times (in minutes)
Resuscitation	100	0	100	100.00%	0
Emergency	994	663	1657	59.99%	19
Urgent	5448	3608	9056	60.16%	37
Semi-urgent	9282	7159	16441	56.46%	70
Non-urgent	1184	192	1376	86.05%	56
Total	17008	11622	28630	59.41%	56

Comment: At Alice Springs Hospital 59.41% of patients, on average, were seen within the triage category time frames and average waiting time was 56 minutes.

Table 3: Percentage of patients treated in Emergency Department 2001-02 and average waiting times.

Katherine District Hospital:

Triage Category	Within Time	Outside Time	Total Patients Treated	Per cent Treated within Timeframe	Total Average Waiting Times (in minutes)
Resuscitation	21	0	21	100.00%	0
Emergency	88	103	191	46.07%	28
Urgent	913	1047	1960	46.58%	53
Semi-urgent	4416	4107	8523	51.81%	77
Non-urgent	2118	625	2743	77.21%	75
Total	7556	5882	13438	56.23%	72

Comment: At Katherine Hospital, 56.23% of patients, on average, were seen within the triage category time frames and average waiting time was 72 minutes.

Table 4 Percentage of patients treated in Emergency Department 2001-02 and average waiting times.

Tennant Creek Hospital:

Triage Category	Within Time	Outside Time	Total Patients Treated	Per cent Treated within Timeframe	Total Average Waiting Times (in minutes)
Resuscitation	23	0	23	100.00%	0
Emergency	50	29	79	63.29%	25
Urgent	400	213	613	65.25%	40
Semi-urgent	1954	732	2686	72.75%	48
Non-urgent	4183	485	4668	89.61%	48
Total	6610	1459	8069	81.92%	47

Comment: At Tennant Creek Hospital, 81.92% of patients, on average, were seen within the triage category time frames and average waiting time was 47 minutes.

Table 5: Percentage of patients treated in Emergency Department 2001-02 and average waiting times.

Gove District Hospital:

Triage Category	Within Time	Outside Time	Total Patients Treated	Per cent Treated within Timeframe	Total Average Waiting Times (in minutes)
Resuscitation	11	0	11	100.00%	0
Emergency	41	10	51	80.39%	6
Urgent	359	73	432	83.10%	17
Semi-urgent	1575	159	1734	90.83%	21
Non-urgent	5915	177	6092	97.09%	25
Total	7901	419	8320	94.96%	23

Comment: At Gove District Hospital 94.96% of patients, on average, were seen within the triage category time frames and average waiting time was 23 minutes.

Notes:

1. Above tables exclude patients who were triaged and then discharged from triage for the following reasons: did not wait; to other ED or clinic; treatment by Triage RN; will see own GP.
2. Data revealed a few episodes with minimum waiting times <0, most likely due to minimal data entry checks on the hospital information system. These records have been excluded from the analysis in order to avoid inaccurate skewing of data.
3. Data revealed a few episodes with maximum waiting times >360 minutes, including some records with >2000 minute waiting times. Records with times >360 minutes have been excluded in order to avoid inaccurate skewing of data.

Question 838 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses employed at Royal Darwin Hospital and (listed separately) Alice Springs Hospital are also working as agency nurses at the same hospitals?

Answer:

The number of Department of Health and Community Services Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses employed who are also working as agency nurses as at the 9 September 2002 are:

	RDH	ASH
Registered Nurse (RN)	166	5
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	36	0

Mr DUNHAM: Same output, and question 70.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I beg your pardon?

Ms CARTER: I will ask a question on that if I may. This is with regard to the employment of agency nurses. Of the 446 registered nurses working at Royal Darwin Hospital - and I get that statistic from your answer to question 768 - 166 are also working as agency nurses. This is a significant proportion.

Mr Dunham: 35%.

Ms CARTER: Similarly, 36 enrolled nurses are also working as agency nurses in addition to their normal Health and Community Services shifts. Excessive hours of work cause fatigue which can lead to mistakes occurring, such as drug errors. On how many occasions, in the year 2001-02, did Royal Darwin Hospital nurses, when employed at Royal Darwin Hospital, after working a normal rostered shift, then work another shift on the same day as an agency nurse? If you cannot answer that question, I will be happy to take it on notice.

Mrs AAGAARD: The department has advised me that it may not have that actual data available anyway, because it is dealt with in different ways with the agencies and the department. I will refer this to the department so that we can hear direct.

Mr WILLIAMS: It is a good question, and an obvious question. The difficulty for us is that those individuals are employed by us as employees of the department, and we keep our records. When they do those particular agency shifts they are employed by the agency, and they keep their own separate records. So, we are two separate employing organisations. We would either have to take it on notice and see whether we can try and match them up, but I think it might be very difficult.

Ms CARTER: I would appreciate it if you would have a look, because it has been a concern. I had a feeling that that was the situation, that it was difficult to track. My understanding is that there are quite a number of nurses who do work a normal hospital shift and then stay to work another shift on top of it as an agency nurse, and that that statistic does fall through the cracks. There are the occupational health and safety and the legal implications that that could have with regard to fatigue.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Are we right to proceed, minister?

Mrs AAGAARD: Yes, thank you, Mr Chairman. We would ask that we take the question on notice.

Ms CARTER: Yes, thank you.

Mr DUNHAM: I would point out that the approval of the OCPE is still required - is that true? – for nurses who want to engage in any outside activity or any public servant who wants to ...

Mrs AAGAARD: I am advised that the delegations are approved within the agency.

Mr DUNHAM: So there is a record?

Mrs AAGAARD: Yes, for sure. There should be.

Mr DUNHAM: Thank you, Happy to skip 839, 843 to 855.

Question 839 (Mr Dunham): How many hours of overtime were banked as 'time in lieu' by nurses at Royal Darwin Hospital and Alice Springs Hospital for the year 2001–02? Please provide the information in a table, with separate listings for each hospital, and broken down to months.

Answer:

Amount of hours per month banked as 'time in lieu' (unpaid overtime), 2001-02.

Month	RDH	ASH
Jul-01	19.5	192.8
Aug-01	28.5	75.3
Sep-01	46.0	39.3
Oct-01	49.0	39.5
Nov-01	53.3	73.3
Dec-01	22.8	35.5
Jan-02	53.5	20.0
Feb-02	53.5	30.0
Mar-02	50.0	37.3
Apr-02	40.0	13.0
May-02	51.8	16.8
Jun-02	50.5	4.5
Total	518.3	577.0

Question 843 (Mr Dunham): What was the turnover of nursing staff, as a percentage, for Royal Darwin and Alice Springs hospitals for the year 2001-02?

Answer:

Turnover is based on the number of resignations over the 2001-02 period as a proportion of the average staffing over the period. This method of calculation is widely used throughout other jurisdictions. Resignations include separations for any reason, including resignation of permanent staff, completion of temporary or casual contracts. Multiple contracts have been removed, however, to provide a true reflection of turnover. The turnover among nursing staff over 2001-02 was 46% at RDH, and 75% at ASH. What should also be considered in conjunction with turnover is the stability of the workforce. Almost three-quarters (74%) of RDH, and two-thirds (66%) of ASH nursing staff remained stable over the 2001-02 period. Small pockets of staff on short-term contracts have turned over, increasing the overall turnover proportion.

Ms CARTER: If I may, Mr Chairman. This is question 855, and I would like to thank the minister and the staff for all the details that have been provided in these written answers ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, member for Port Darwin. There is a bit of talk in the room. I cannot hear the member for Port Darwin, so if we can have a bit of silence. If you can proceed please, member.

Ms CARTER: Thank you. ... because the details that have been provided have given us an opportunity to make some comparisons. This question relates primarily to the working of double shifts at Royal Darwin Hospital.

Question 855 (Mr Dunham): How many times were double shifts worked by registered nurses at Royal Darwin Hospital? Please provide the information for the year 2001–02 broken down into months. Please provide the same information for Alice Springs Hospital.

Answer:

The use of double shifts is often required because of the specialist skills required for some positions; for example, midwifery. 1562 double shifts were worked by nurses at RDH over the 2001-02 period. Key periods of utilisation were over the Christmas period, November 2001 to January 2002. Due to reporting processes at ASH, a monthly breakdown of double shifts is not available at this time. We can, however, report that there was a total of 144 double shifts completed over the seven month period January 2002 to July 2002. Systems have recently been introduced to collect double shift information on a monthly basis.

Number of double shifts worked - RDH and ASH												
Hospital	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Sep 2001	Oct 2001	Nov 2001	Dec 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	May 2002	Jun 2002
ASH	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
RDH	86	67	114	101	137	114	101	137	114	101	137	114
Total	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144

Ms CARTER: A significant number of double shifts were worked by nurses last year at Royal Darwin Hospital. It appears that, over the last 12 months, the occurrence of double shifts is trending upwards. This is a concern with regards to fatigue which can lead to errors and illness. Why is the prevalence of double shifts increasing? With regards to Alice Springs Hospital, given that the statistics are only available for a very short period of time, based on your answer, how is the use of double shifts going there?

Mrs AAGAARD: I will refer this to the department, as we have people directly involved there.

Mr WILLIAMS: In terms of Alice Springs specifically, the senior nursing managers down there are now collecting that data and monitoring that situation very closely. This is now an indicator for managers to continuously document every occasion that this occurs, and to monitor their response as a management team must do to try to minimise it as much as possible, or support those staff who agree to work those types of shifts.

Ms CARTER: Through the minister, as I said, it appears to be trending upwards at Royal Darwin Hospital quite significantly. Taking an example - a more extreme example, I will admit - is that 67 double shifts were worked in August last year, and in June this year 137. However, looking at the numbers across the board there is an upward trend. Minister, I was wondering is this a concern and why is it happening?

Mrs AAGAARD: Statistically, there is no upward trend; it is just that July and August were up ...

Ms CARTER: Through the Chair, minister, I would disagree because, if you look at July and August, 86 and 67, and then November 196, and at a lower number May 101, June 137; it appears to be trending upward quite significantly.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Could we just give those figures again?

Ms CARTER: In June of last year, the number was 86 double shifts worked; in August, 67; in September, 114. If we go to the final three months of this financial year, it was 114, 101 and 137. So, I can see a trend upwards.

Mr CHAIRMAN: But what is the total number of employees? What is the total of shifts to make it statistically significant?

Ms CARTER: I do not believe that we have been given data that can give that sort of calculation.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, then you cannot really say – no, I am sorry, member for ...

Dr LIM: Here comes the statistician trying to prove you wrong.

Ms CARTER: Mr Chairman, that is my reason for the questioning the minister.

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, I am sorry, member for Port Darwin ...

Ms CARTER: You may not like it with your scientific background ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: No, I am sorry for intervening, please proceed.

Ms CARTER: All right. Thank you for apologising.

Mr SYMONS: Two things I think - I understand what you are saying but, statistically, between September 2001 and June that would not be an upward trend. Certainly, I acknowledge that July and August are significantly lower. The rest really peaks in November to January, but across that period there is no upward trend.

What we would need to look at to see if there is a trend, is to actually compare it with the last couple of years. What we are aware of is that, in Royal Darwin Hospital this financial year, there has been a particular demand on nursing in the critical care areas. That is an area, in fact, where there is an Australia-wide shortage of nurses, as you would probably know. We think that is probably where the peak of double shifts, in fact, has been worked at Royal Darwin Hospital.

As a percentage, just to put it in perspective, Mr Chairman, we do actually have the figures. In January, which was the peak of double shifts at Royal Darwin, that represented 2.6% of total shifts at the hospital. In March, which was another relatively high one - or about the average, I suppose, for that period - that represents 1.4%.

Ms CARTER: Thank you.

Mrs AAGAARD: So, in fact, it is a very small percentage.

Ms CARTER: Yes.

Mr DUNHAM: To 856.

Mr CHAIRMAN: 856, was that, member for Drysdale?

Mr DUNHAM: 860, no, we are going past those.

Question 856 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses resigned from NT public hospitals during the year 2001–02? Please provide this information in a table for each of the hospitals, showing their length of employment prior to resignation:

- <three months
- <six months

- <nine months
- <twelve months
- <2 years
- <5 years
- <10 years
- <15 years
- <20 years
- 20+ years.

Answer:

Length of Service of full-time equivalent (FTE) nurses who resigned during 2001-02:

Length of service (LOS)	
Arealess than 3 mths3mth-6mths6mth-9mths9mth-12mths1-2 yrs2-5 yrs5-	
	10 yrs10-
	15 yrs15-
	20 yrsMore than 20yrsTotal
RDH6943251851269434252	
KH10164161300041	
GDH541156000022	
ASH5066211030177401206	
TCH10111222110030	
Other402616734173340150	
Total184166683912869231275701	

You will notice that the number of nurses choosing to take short-term contracts is reflected in the number who are employed for 6 months or less.

Question 860 (Mr Dunham): How many shifts were worked in each of the NT hospitals by agency nurses during the year 2001–02? Please provide the figures as a monthly breakdown, and by the categories RN and EN.

Answer:

Minimal information is available on the RN/EN breakdown of agency nurses. Based on RN/EN staffing in the workplace, the majority of shifts would have been undertaken by RN's (limited data would suggest approximately 80%). Total shifts worked by agency nurses, 2001-02:

No. hours overtime - nursing, 2001-02

	Hospital	
Month	Royal Darwin	Alice SpringsKatherineGoveTennant CreekTotal
Jul-01	931	912152192662280
Aug-01	1022	817133572472276
Sep-01	1000	703190383042235
Oct-01	891	608162382661964
Nov-01	773	551181951331733

Dec-01	852	41818157571565
Jan-02	863	43719095761661
Feb-02	832	684171114951896
Mar-02	772	9121521141522102
Apr-02	731	1140181951902337
May-02	841	11781571141902480
Jun-02	871	12921621711902685
Total	10379	965220091007216625213
Average shifts per month	865	804167841812101

Note: Data derived from FTE numbers of agency staff. One FTE nurse works 19 shifts per month. Agency staffing consists of two types of agency nurses: (1) DHCS pays the agency, agency pays nurse (non-award) ie Drake; and (2) DHCS pays nurse (award wages) and DHCS pays fee to the agency for placement, ie NT Medic.

Question 861 (Mr Dunham): When do you anticipate opening the private facility at Alice Springs Hospital?

Answer:

My first priority for Alice Springs Hospital has been to ensure that we have a hospital that is functioning properly and providing quality services to the people of Central Australia. I believe that we have achieved that. The department advises me that informal feedback from the recent accreditation assessment was very positive. The matter of the private wing has been referred to the review team for consideration.

Mr DUNHAM: Yes, minister, I was intrigued to see the annual report - which was signed off from you last year, but which reported on the period when I was the minister - that the private hospital totally dropped off the redevelopment of Alice Springs Hospital. I have been watching some of the statements on this, and have been approached by media in Alice Springs and others. Given that you were saying earlier on, in February of this year, that it was a difficult, if not almost impossible task, I was intrigued when, in the article 'Hospital's Future in Ron's Hands' and I quote from *Centralian Advocate*, Tuesday, 19 March 2002. When asked about the new facility, Mr Parker said it was viable and he said it could happen this year. He predicted, and I quote here:

He predicted it could be up and running by end of year, particularly if the hospital had accreditation.

I notice in her answer the minister has talked about accreditation, but not the opening of the private hospital, and I wonder if she could fill us in.

Mrs AAGAARD: I would like to give the good news that, in fact, the Alice Springs Hospital went through the accreditation process - I think it was last week - and it looked very, very positive. It will be an excellent thing for the people of Alice Springs. In relation to the private wing, I have consistently said that we have to get the Alice Springs Hospital right first. However, in the meantime, I have received a proposal for the private wing of the hospital, and I have put that to the review team to look at.

Mr DUNHAM: So you have received a proposal?

Mrs AAGAARD: I have received a proposal.

Mr DUNHAM: And you believe that, until you have the Alice Springs Hospital running tickety-boo, it is not something you should be looking at?

Mrs AAGAARD: I have given you my response.

Mr DUNHAM: Well, it would be helpful to have another provider on the campus taking some of that burden off you. Surely, this is a high priority for you?

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, one of the issues, of course, as you well know, is that 15 beds is not a viable option in terms of providers coming into Alice Springs. That has been the consistent message from all providers. We are looking at different sorts of options. I have received a proposal, and I have put it to the review team to have a look at it to see whether or not this is a good idea or not. When I receive that report, with the review, then I will make a decision at that point.

Mr DUNHAM: How many potential providers have you spoken ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Before you go on, member for Drysdale, I did foreshadow almost an hour ago we would be knocking off at 6.40 pm. There are probably about three minutes left. Please proceed.

Mr DUNHAM: How many providers have you spoken to?

Mrs AAGAARD: I have made my response to that question.

Mr DUNHAM: So, you are relying on the word of others, or you have actually spoken to providers?

Mrs AAGAARD: Member for Drysdale, it is not actually my role to go out and to be speaking to providers in that way. That is what the department is there for: tender processes and that sort of thing. At this stage, what we are looking at is: is there a solution for this private wing in Alice Springs? The review team is looking at that.

Mr DUNHAM: There does not seem to be a high priority task for the minister, I must say. Question 863, we can go past, Mr Chairman, 864, 866, 867.

Question 863 (Mr Dunham): For each public hospital in the Northern Territory, provide a table indicating the number of hours of overtime performed by nurses. Provide the information monthly for the year 2001–02.

Answer:

I will table these figures. The overtime worked in Royal Darwin Hospital represents 3% of total nursing hours in that hospital, and overtime in Alice Springs Hospital represents 4% of total nursing hours in Alice Springs.

Number Hours Overtime - Nursing, 2001-02

	Hospital	
Month	Royal Darwin	Alice SpringsKatherineGoveTennant CreekTotal
Jul-01	1245	13294913952243683
Aug-01	1134	14635862821833647
Sep-01	1517	17536112732354389

Oct-01	2415	14346132132154890
Nov-01	2795	12835832201154996
Dec-01	2182	18036562603545255
Jan-02	3144	23838162612346839
Feb-02	1671	22165722823065047
Mar-02	2033	16996522752984957
Apr-02	2394	13444911522894670
May-02	1747	1317515913774047
Jun-02	2680	12743522401874734
Total	24956	1929669402944301857154

Question 864 (Mr Dunham): How many nurses were recruited to work in NT public hospitals during the year 2001–02?

Answer:

During 2001-02, 662 nurses commenced work in NT public hospitals.

Question 866 (Mr Dunham): What percentage of nursing staff were on sick leave for each of the public hospitals in the NT for the year 2001–02? Please provide this information in a table broken down to months.

Answer:

Hours of nursing sick leave as a proportion (%) of total nursing hours worked.

Month	Royal Darwin	Alice Springs	Estimated Katherine	Estimated Gove	Estimated Tennant Creek	Total
Jul-01	5	8				6
Aug-01	8	8				8
Sep-01	7	6				6
Oct-01	5	7				6
Nov-01	6	6				6
Dec-01	6	6				6
Jan-02	5	5				5
Feb-02	6	9				7
Mar-02	6	11				8
Apr-02	6	11				8
May-02	7	7				7
Jun-02	7	8				7
Total	6	8	3	4	3	5
						Note: monthly breakdowns of sick leave could not be provided for the smaller hospitals. Estimates for 'total hours worked' for these smaller hospitals were based on a percentage share of hospital

						nurses against the total hours worked by all staff in those hospitals.
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Question 867 (Mr Dunham): On average, how much does it cost to recruit a registered nurse to work at an NT hospital: (a) locally; (b) from interstate; and (c) overseas?

Answer:

Recruitment costs are based on a number of contributing factors such as:

- i. the length of contract or permanency of the position;
- ii. number of vacancies at that level;
- iii. the availability of the required skills in the workforce;
- iv. whether relocation expenses includes travel for other parties; that is, partner and/or dependants, and rental/accommodation assistance;
- v. seniority of the position; and
- vi. whether a recruiting agency is being used.

While there are always generic costs associated with recruitment such as advertising through the various mediums. In terms of broad costs:

- (a) Local recruit has no cost, unless they are recruited through a recruitment agency.
- (b) Interstate recruit will vary from a return air fare only at completion of contract, to \$10 000 to \$15 000 for removal of family, household effects and vehicles for a permanent transfer.
- (c) Overseas will vary from \$1000 (return air fare only at completion of contract), to \$10 000 to \$15 000 for removal of family, accommodation or rental assistance for a permanent transfer. Where the overseas staff are part of the Labour Hire Agreement through the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs or the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, there are no air fares and associated costs.

Mr DUNHAM: Question 9 is yours, Gerry.

Mr WOOD: No, no. That is fine.

Mr DUNHAM: Question 9 we can go past.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Hold on. I just have to close off this output area. That concludes consideration of Output 0.03. That leads us into output 1.01, Admitted Patient Services.

Admitted Patient Services

Question 9 (Mr Wood): Last year's mini-budget (Budget Paper No 3, page 40) states that the government would allocate \$2m in 2002-03 for an Oncology and Radiotherapy Unit at Royal Darwin Hospital. However, the 2002-03 budget does not mention this initiative, which was an election promise. What has happened to the \$2m, and when will the cancer unit be built?

Answer:

The design and documentation of the work for the Oncology and Radiotherapy Unit is commencing this year. This election promise will be fulfilled within the first term of government.

Mr DUNHAM: Can I make a point, Mr Chairman? Seeing as how we are going to adjourn for a meeting for which the six of us are here, I can signal that I only need about three minutes and we could use the time up more productively in here than we could in deliberative session.

Mr CHAIRMAN: No. I said 6.40 pm over an hour. To be honest with you, member for Drysdale, I have had enough.

Mr DUNHAM: You have had enough!

Mr CHAIRMAN: I have had enough. The time has expired, and if you want to spend the minute you have left trying to argue with me, you can.

Mr DUNHAM: No, it has not; we have a couple of minutes left. I was just asking for another 10 minutes.

Mr WOOD: I have the most important minister sitting here.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I am telling you that I am closing it down at 6.40 pm.

Mr DUNHAM: What? Now?

Mr McADAM: Well, get on with it.

Mr DUNHAM: What do you mean, get on with it?

Mr CHAIRMAN: I have given you an extra 10 minutes, I have been a very generous chairman.

Mr DUNHAM: Well, give us another 10 then. We are only going to go in there and yell at each other, we may as well do it out here. Questions 742, 807, 808 - these are significant issues we are going over and I am very uncomfortable about it, Mr Chairman - 846, 847 ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I know you are. I was very uncomfortable when we spent two hours on the Auditor-General, God bless him.

Ms CARTER: We should not have the time curtailed at all, like it use to be, open slather.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Well, even a chess game has time limits. How is that for a bit of wisdom?

Ms CARTER: Under the CLP government, you could ask as many as you liked.

Mr DUNHAM: We are talking about resources here, it would be the same as you cutting the budget in half and expecting to do the same job. It cannot be done.

Question 728 (Mr Dunham): What is the allocation for the running of the hyperbaric unit at Royal Darwin Hospital for 2001-02? What types of conditions are treated in this facility and how many patients were treated in this facility last year?

Answer:

The allocation for running the hyperbaric unit at Royal Darwin Hospital in 2001-02 was \$250 000. 48 patients were treated in this facility last year equating to 496 episodes of care. The types of conditions treated were:

- 189 treatments diabetic complications;
- 69 treatments for lower limb ulcers;
- 69 treatments for skeleto-muscular inflammatory diseases (that is, inflammatory conditions of the jaw);
- 44 treatments for failures and rejections of transplants;
- 27 treatments for radiation related adverse effects;

- 15 treatments for conditions caused by high pressure (that is, decompression sickness); and
- the remaining 83 treatments were for outpatients.

The 15 decompression treatments were provided to 4 individuals with decompression sickness.

Question 742 (Mr Dunham): What arrangements are in place to treat public patients at Darwin Private Hospital? What was the expenditure for 2001-02 by Health and Community Services for payment to the private hospital for services provided, and how many bed days were purchased in 2001-02 by Royal Darwin Hospital at Darwin Private Hospital?

Answer:

This question is very similar to 846 so, if you agree, I will answer them together. The Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) has an arrangement in place with the Darwin Private Hospital (DPH) for the purchase of beds when the RDH is at maximum capacity. In such circumstances, patients are identified in the first instance, in terms of their compensable status (that is private health cover etc). If no compensable patient can be identified, then, in consultation with the treating clinical team, patients are identified in terms of suitability. In such circumstances, it is often most clinically appropriate to identify palliative care patients for transfer because of initial dependence level and availability of clinical support in the private hospital. Strict approval and invoicing procedures are in place, should this 'facility' be used. The number of bed days purchased from DPH in 2001-02 was 415. 193 of these bed days were purchased for palliative care patients and the remaining were for a mix of low acuity patients. Expenditure by RDH on DPH beds for 2001-02 was \$149 400.

Question 846 (Mr Dunham): What was the total number and cost of bed days purchased for Darwin Private Hospital in 2001-02; can these costs be broken down by category?

Answer:

Answered in question 742.

Question 807 (Mr Dunham): For 2001-02, break down on a monthly basis and detail the waiting lists for elective surgery in all five Territory hospitals.

Answer:

I will deal with the next question 808 on elective surgery at the same time because the answer to that question is relevant here also. I will table the elective surgery waiting lists by month. The key issue here is not the number on the list but how long people are waiting, especially for urgent procedures and I will table that information for each hospital.

Overdue Patients on the Waiting List by Urgency Category and by month Financial Year 2001-02

	Royal Darwin Hospital Total Patients	Alice Springs Hospital Total Patients	Gove District Hospital Total Patients	Katherine Hospital Total Patients	Tennant Creek Hospital Total Patients
Month	Urgent	Semi- Urgent	Non-Urgent	Urgent	Semi-UrgentNon-UrgentUrgentSemi-UrgentNon-UrgentUrgentSemi-UrgentNon-Urgent
Jul	53	293	936	44	202 588 21 20 115 13 55 161 12 10
Aug	71	346	1008	63	232 632 30 24 101 9 64 164 11 10

Sept	87	389	1023	74	252 632 18 24 102 9 61 158 13 9
Oct	75	381	1017	79	270 616 19 20 107 6 66 173 10 11
Nov	95	377	999	99	276 616 18 26 113 4 63 167 6 14
Dec	70	387	988	90	311 663 25 28 123 6 59 171 5 14
Jan	69	412	999	107	314 675 20 29 130 8 56 171 4 18
Feb	80	410	924	150	361 708 20 31 122 5 53 173 5 20
Mar	78	445	946	133	359 723 18 25 113 5 48 167 5 14
Apr	119	480	974	132	369 762 18 29 117 5 49 160 5 14
May	95	472	964	131	378 775 14 20 108 6 52 157 4 12
Jun	121	506	986	107	352 697 20 28 116 3 44 161 4 12
TOTAL	1013	4898	11764	1209	3676 8087 241 304 1367 79 670 1983 84 158

Question 808 (Mr Dunham): Detail by surgical category average waiting times on waiting lists for all five Territory hospitals.

Answer:

These tables show waiting times on waiting lists for the five Territory hospitals broken down into three categories according to urgency of admission for treatment and by Specialty:

- Category 1 'Urgent' for which admission is desirable within 30 days;
- Category 2 'Semi urgent' for which admission is desirable within 90 days; and
- Category 3 where there is no specified or agreed desirable wait.

Average Elective Surgery Waiting Times (in days) Royal Darwin Hospital:

	Elective: Urgent	Elective: Semi-Urgent	Elective: Non-Urgent
General	2.74	36.60	116.73
Obs and Gynae	1.18	14.14	89.73
Ophthalmology	6.23	4.60	54.65
Orthopaedic	2.61	25.69	109.35
Other	4.43	51.78	126.86
Otolaryngology	1.03	6.29	115.12
Plastic and Recon	0.00	32.73	95.88
Urology	59.00	0.00	171.44

Average Elective Surgery Waiting Times (in days) Alice Springs Hospital:

	Elective: Urgent	Elective: Semi-Urgent	Elective: Non-Urgent
General	15.85	53.76	109.38
Obs and Gynae	2.46	6.99	88.68
Ophthalmology	118.58	166.01	314.78
Orthopaedic	64.31	111.41	149.76
Other	6.33	26.96	20.65
Otolaryngology	62.82	185.64	244.89
Urology	0.00	0.00	11.82

Average Elective Surgery Waiting Times (in days) Katherine Hospital:

	Elective: Urgent	Elective: Semi-Urgent	Elective: Non-Urgent
General	94.27	18.90	63.01
Obs and Gynae	0.00	83.09	65.24
Ophthalmology	29.08	71.64	73.89
Orthopaedic	0.00	98.09	24.33
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Otolaryngology	0.00	108.56	445.70
Plastic and Recon	0.00	0.00	60.75

Average Elective Surgery Waiting Times (in days) Gove District Hospital:

	Elective: Urgent	Elective: Semi-Urgent	Elective: Non-Urgent
General	79.63	19.23	41.58
Obs and Gynae	1.82	26.14	139.18
Ophthalmology	2.00	124.12	163.62
Orthopaedic	68.20	0.00	45.45
Otolaryngology	0.00	12.00	179.65

Average Elective Surgery Waiting Times (in days) Tennant Creek Hospital:

	Elective: Semi-Urgent	Elective: Non-Urgent
General	18.92	3.96
Obs and Gynae	19.71	61.29
Ophthalmology	54.43	55.92
Otolaryngology	0.00	0.00

Question 847 (Mr Dunham): How many drug administration errors by nurses working at NT public hospitals were reported during the year 2001–02?

Answer:

It is not possible to provide the number of 'drug administration errors by nurses' working at NT public hospitals. However, the total number of medication incidents reported onto the 'AIMS' (Australian Incident Monitoring System) used in NT public hospitals for the 2001-02 year was 518.

Question 850 (Mr Dunham): For 2001-02, detail expenditure by clinical category of patient for transfer of patients interstate for medical procedures. What strategies are in place to reduce this level of expenditure?

Answer:

Data is for financial year 2000-01. Department of Health and Community Services (DHCS) receives data from other states within 6 months from the end of financial year. DHCS has not received data for financial year 2001-02.

Clinical Category	\$
Diseases and disorders of the circulatory system	3 260 000
Pre-MDC	2 800 000
Diseases and disorders of the nervous system	1 080 000
Burns	910 000
Newborns and other neonates	870 000
Diseases and disorders of the respiratory system	700 000
Diseases and disorders of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	660 000
Diseases and disorders of the kidney and urinary tract	620 000
Neoplastic disorders (haematological and solid neoplasms)	570 000
Diseases and disorders of the digestive system	500 000
Factors influencing health status and other contacts with health services	330 000
Diseases and disorders of the skin, subcutaneous tissue and breast	270 000
Injuries, poisonings and toxic effects of drugs	230 000
Diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, mouth and throat	230 000
Infectious and parasitic diseases	210 000
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	190 000
Diseases and disorders of the hepatobiliary system and pancreas	190 000
Unrelated O.R Procedures	180 000
Diseases and disorders of the blood and blood forming organs and immunological disorders	160 000
Diseases and disorders of the eye	150 000
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and disorders	150 000
Mental diseases and disorders	100 000
Diseases and disorders of the female reproductive system	80 000
Diseases and disorders of the male reproductive system	50 000
Alcohol/drug use and alcohol/drug induced organic mental disorders	20 000
Grand Total	14 530 000

Government is committed to increasing the volume and range of specialists in the NT. For example, last financial year DHCS increased the contracted volume of coronary angiography procedures by 31%. This was part of a three-way arrangement which included Flinders Cardiac Services (known in the Northern Territory as NT Cardiac Services), Darwin Private Hospital, and the Department of Health and Community Services. The actual number of angiograms performed last year was 594: 433 public and 161 private.

Similarly, additional surgical services have been introduced at the Royal Darwin Hospital including a Facio Maxillary Unit which has seen a reduction in the transfer of facial conditions interstate, and a vascular surgical service, which has seen procedures such as end-arterectomy performed on the RDH site. Negotiations are also currently under way to secure the full time services of a Darwin-based Urologist.

Territorians are entitled to access medical care at the same level as other Australians. Government must provide access for Territorians to complex medical care and surgical procedures interstate. Increasing the amount of specialist services in the NT can have the effect of increasing cross-border costs. For example, the utilisation of interstate hospitals in 2000-01 increased by 3% when compared to 1999-2000. Weighted separations increased by 11% indicating an increase in episodes of care with higher acuity.

Question 858 (Mr Dunham): How many third degree tears occurred to women labouring at Royal Darwin Hospital? Please provide the number for the year 2000–01 and 2001–02.

Answer:

Inappropriate question – unrelated to the appropriation.

Non-Admitted Patient Services

Question 430 (Mr McAdam): The availability of ophthalmology services in Tennant Creek is important so patients do not have to travel to Alice Springs for minor surgery. Can the minister provide an update on progress for an ophthalmologist's surgery in Tennant Creek.

Answer:

The upgrade to eye surgery in Tennant Creek will increase access for those people who traditionally do not want to travel to Alice Springs. The outright purchase of a Phaco-Emulsification unit was approved in July 2002, at a cost of \$90 000. The equipment, and an additional \$29 000 worth of instruments and accessories, has been delivered to Tennant Creek Hospital and was assembled by Dr Tim Henderson on 5 September 2002. The provider of the equipment, Bausch & Lomb, will visit Tennant Creek Hospital on 7 October to carry out final installation and testing prior to clinical use. Dr Henderson will perform the first cataract surgery in Tennant Creek on 6 and 7 November 2002. A total of 12 procedures will be carried out on those two days. It is estimated that 60 to 80 procedures can be carried out yearly in Tennant Creek, with at least half of these being cataract surgery enabled by the purchase of this new equipment. Estimated savings on the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) for these procedures would be \$26 000 a year. It is well recognised clinically that a sound eye program is critical to the treatment of diabetes, renal disease, and other micro-vascular disease.

Question 741 (Mr Dunham): What is the estimated cost by region of providing renal dialysis treatment this financial year? How many patients, by region, are being treated by dialysis? What is the projected growth in dialysis treatment by region for the 2002-03 financial year, and what is the budget allocation for dialysis by region for the 2002-03 financial year?

Answer:

The process of costing clinical procedures such as dialysis is complex and results will vary depending on what methodology is adopted. Cost by regions below represents the cost of providing same day dialysis (DRG L61Z) to non acute patients. Some dialysis provided to patients as part of more complex episodes of care; that is, patients in the Intensive Care Unit, are included in the cost of providing that episode of care and are not included in these dialysis costs.

Estimated cost by region 2002-03 financial year:

Region	Cost(m)
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Central Australian Service Network	\$ 3.6
Top End Service Net Work	\$ 7.1

No. of patients by region 2002-03 financial year:

Region	Patients
Central Australian Service Network	131
Top End Service Net Work	194

Projected growth in dialysis by region for the 2002-03 financial year and budget allocation:

Region	Growth	Budget(\$m)
Central Australian Service Network	13%	3.6
Top End Service Net Work	10%	7.1

Question 755 (Dr Lim): When did the construction of the Tennant Creek Renal Unit commence and what is the estimated cost of the facility?

Answer:

Construction of an interim renal facility (three chairs) at the Tennant Creek Hospital commenced on 29 May 2002. The project was completed on 12 August 2002 at a cost of \$66 000. This facility was established to provide renal services pending the establishment of a permanent eight-chair facility. The 2002-03 capital work program includes the construction of a new eight-chair renal facility estimated at \$505 000. Design of this facility is due to commence early next year following consultation with all stakeholders and confirmation of a suitable location on the campus.

Question 799 (Mr Dunham): Can you detail any plans for the expansion beyond existing treatment centres for renal dialysis in 2002-03? Can you detail the costs associated with treating the 20 clients at Tennant Creek, how many of these are being treated presently and at what cost?

Answer:

In Tennant Creek, three renal patients are currently being treated at the public hospital and this will increase to nine within this financial year. Of the remainder of the (20) patients, those who are suitable and willing will be transferred on completion of the stand-alone renal unit, which is currently in the early stages of documentation. In addition, options are being investigated and plans progressed for the establishment of haemodialysis services in the East Arnhem District. Capacity to deliver home dialysis in all five urban centres and through remote community health centres will also be increased this year. The estimated cost of treating 20 patients in the Tennant Creek is \$0.8m per annum. The estimated cost of treating the three patients at Tennant Creek Hospital is estimated at \$0.14m.

Question 801 (Mr Dunham): What is the allocation this financial year for home-care dialysis? How many people are receiving this form of treatment?

Answer:

There is no specific allocation for home haemodialysis in the Northern Territory and only one Darwin-based client is currently involved in the home haemodialysis program. For home haemodialysis to be effective there is a need for a high level of client motivation and it is clear that if motivated patients can be properly trained then home or community-based dialysis programs can be successful. While home haemodialysis currently only involves one individual in Darwin it could accommodate the needs of at least three more suitable patients and there is an efficiency if a cohort of home-dialysed clients can be established. The range of available treatment options is currently being considered by my department, and other key stakeholders and partners in the NT Aboriginal Health Forum, as part of a strategic planning process. Various models are under consideration, including the Western Australian (micro satellite) system of home haemodialysis, which is reported to be more cost effective and less

disruptive to clients than setting up dialysis centres in remote locations.

There is no doubt that home dialysis and 'self sufficiency' can be successful and when the new dialysis contract arrangements are in place (this financial year) there will be an opportunity to reallocate existing haemodialysis machines for the use of suitable clients for home dialysis. Finally, it should be noted that Continuous Automated Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) and Renal Transplantation are also critical treatment modalities, and a body of evidence exists that would argue that transplantation is the best form for addressing end-stage renal failure. Last year on average there were 40 patients receiving CAPD in the NT and 18 patients received renal transplants.

Question 811 (Mr Dunham): Detail the departments role and costings in initiatives to set up a Western Desert Dialysis Centre?

Answer:

A representative of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal is currently working with the department (as part of an NT Aboriginal Health Forum Renal Working Party) to develop an NT strategic plan for renal services which will include the needs of the Western Desert area. The department currently provides haemodialysis treatments for patients from the Western Desert area in Alice Springs. The department has not committed to funding a Western Desert Dialysis Centre. The Western Desert Dialysis initiative is a project commissioned by the Kintore Community Council to explore the possibility of various treatment modalities, including home or health clinic based dialysis and peritoneal dialysis, which would allow patients to return from Alice Springs.

Mr KIELY: Thirty seconds! Quick!

Mr DUNHAM: It cannot be done. Minister, I take you to question 847: how many drug administration errors by nurses who work in NT public hospitals were reported during 2001-02?

Mrs AAGAARD: You have an answer there, what are you asking me?

Mr DUNHAM: Well, you are saying that it is a matter that is a statistical device only, and it is not something that the hospitals are monitoring and reporting on.

Mr CHAIRMAN: We will make this the last question, if you want to comment.

Dr NOTARAS: Thank you, minister. I am a council member and one of the people for the safety and quality tied up with medication errors. Indeed, we do have a number of processes in place, including the AIMS monitoring. We have our pharmacy staff on the wards at RDH, and they are also advising the Alice Springs Hospital. It is very difficult to capture the exact number of nursing errors. Suffice it to say, the errors occurring nationally in this particular area are significant. But the details that we have so far, out of this particular area, are that we are significantly less in terms of the actual errors than those occurring elsewhere. That is, perhaps, because we are a smaller jurisdiction and can monitor it closely.

Ms CARTER: Or people are not reporting them.

Dr NOTARAS: Yes.

Community Health Services

Question 331 (Ms Scrymgour): Would the minister inform the Committee of funds allocated in the 2002-03 Budget to rectify the disrepair of clinics in remote communities?

Answer:

\$1.466m has been allocated to undertake repairs and maintenance to DHCS owned building assets in rural and remote localities. This represents an increase of \$0.089m on the 2001-02 financial year.

Question 359 (Ms Scrymgour): Would the minister give any additional information about the 25 additional Health staff to work in rural and remote areas provided for in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

\$2.22m has been allocated to increase regional child health teams by 25 personnel to improve health outcomes for NT children in regional and remote areas. This represents an unprecedented injection of resources into NT remote area paediatrics. This initiative will enable the full implementation of many existing evidence-based child health interventions across the Territory, including the Growth Assessment and Action program and the Healthy School Age Kids program. Strategies will include the establishment of a network of regional and community based teams with specialist child health skills who will support and train community based staff on child health issues. With this additional support and training, staff in remote areas will be better able to promote child health and provide prevention, early intervention and subsequent management of child health conditions. In addition, there will be better routine surveillance and interventions for ear disease, hearing impairment and skin infections. The anticipated outcomes from these additional 25 Health staff will be improved growth of children between 0 and 5 years, reduced hospitalisations in this age group for infectious diseases related to poor growth, and better screening and management of health conditions in school age children.

Question 424 (Ms Lawrie): The provision of palliative care services helps to ensure that terminally ill patients receive appropriate high levels of care. What allocation has been made within the 2002-03 capital works budget?

Answer:

There is an item for \$3m in the 2002-03 capital works program for the Inpatient Palliative Care Unit. The \$3m facility is expected to be operational in 2003-04. The successful architectural firm was selected by the Building Working Group on 6 September. This working group consists of representatives from the Division of GPs, Palliative Care Association, Aboriginal representation including consumer and ATSIC, and Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment. Architectural design is to be completed by the end of October 2002. The wet season will be an ideal time for further community consultation concerning special needs of different groups before construction commences around April 2003.

The Palliative Care Inpatient facility has been keenly sought by the community, as evidenced by petitions to the Legislative Assembly. The Northern Territory is the only state or territory in Australia that does not have such a facility. Construction of the unit meets an election promise. There continues to be great community interest and support for building the Palliative Care Inpatient Unit. It will make the world of difference for terminally ill people requiring inpatient care to be admitted to a facility which is totally focussed, from philosophy of care to facilities available, to meet their special needs and those of their family: a much better experience of dying for both clients and their families than the acute hospital setting. The unit will expand the choice of care for terminally ill people. It will make an enormous difference in reducing anxiety for terminally ill people who have no family/carer support, as well as for those people whose families find it difficult coping and need respite care. The unit will be built to accommodate both the cultural diversity and the tropical climate of Darwin. As far as I am aware, the NT Palliative Care Inpatient Unit will be the first of such a unit built in Australia which had Aboriginal input into the design.

Question 735 (Mr Dunham): What allocation is there to the successful Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture program for 2001-02? In which communities is this program operating, and what plans and funding are in place to extend this program for 2002-03?

Answer:

The total funding allocation for the Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture (SWSBSC) program for the 2001-02 financial year was \$582 000. A new funding model was developed during 2001-02 to provide a more coordinated approach to training, and to allow distribution of funding that was proportional to community size. This resulted in the expansion of the program into a greater number of communities. The communities currently funded include:

TESN	CASN
Galiwinku	Canteen Creek
Gapuwiyak	Aputula (Finke)
Milingimbi	Nyirripi
Yirrkala	Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa)
Tiwi Islands	Bonya
Borroloola	Urapuntja (Utopia)
Ramingining	

For 2002-03 the total allocation remains the same with annual indexation applied and efforts will be directed to consolidating the program in these 13 communities as some have only recently established the program. There are additional communities that, although not funded to run the program, have integrated some of the elements of the SWSBSC program into local initiatives and are supported by the Strong Women Coordinators.

Question 739 (Mr Dunham): What new community health clinics will be built in 2002-03? How many clinics will receive upgrades and what nursing and health staff accommodation will be built or upgraded?

Answer:

There will be one new health clinic programmed for 2002-03 at Milikapiti estimated at \$1.5m. In response to advice from the Commonwealth that they will fund a new health clinic at Nguuiu, the Northern Territory government has agreed to provide project management services to the Tiwi Health Board to enable this work to proceed. The Yuendumu and Ramingining Health clinics have upgrade works programmed for 2002-03. The estimated cost is \$0.82m and \$0.14m respectively. New residences programmed for the 2002-03 financial year and allocated for health housing include:

Maningrida	2 x staff housing units (duplex)
Gapuwiyak	3 Bedroom house
Galiwinku	3 Bedroom house
Ramingining	3 Bedroom house
Mt Liebig	3 Bedroom house & 1 bedsit
Kings Canyon	2 Bedroom house
Belyuen	2 x staff housing units (duplex)
Wadeye	2 bedroom house

Housing upgrades have been programmed for 2002-03 include:

Gunbalanya	Lot 404 – Provide car port and air conditioning to lounge rooms
Gunbalanya	Lot 526 – Provide gravel driveway and concrete path to clothes hoist. Supply

	movement activated security lighting
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Jabiru	Lot 2020 – New vanity, storage and RCD protection.
Harts Range	Lot 8 – Enclose carport
Areyonga	Lot 55 – security upgrade

Question 746 (Mr Dunham): Teacher accommodation has received the bulk of money for remote area housing. Is the minister satisfied with the accommodation for Health and Community Service staff in remote areas?

Answer:

The following residences have been programmed for the 2002-03 financial year and allocated for health housing.

Maningrida	2 x staff housing units (duplex)
Gapuwiyak	3 Bedroom house
Galiwinku	3 Bedroom house
Ramingining	3 Bedroom house
Mt Liebig	3 Bedroom house & 1 bedsit
Kings Canyon	2 Bedroom house
Belyuen	2 x staff housing units (duplex)
Wadeye	2 bedroom house

In addition to resources for housing for staff employed by the Department of Health and Community Services, provision of resources for staff housing is also being addressed under the provisions of the Primary Health Care Access Program, an initiative that will see a significant increase in the level of primary care resources available in remote areas and a significant increase in the number of staff and health resources. The Commonwealth has indicated that PHCAP funding from OATSIH programs will be used to augment resources for staff housing as follows:

PHCAP Zone	Location	Provision
Eastern Arrente Alyawarra	Bonya Community	2 x staff Housing Units
Lurija Pintubi	Ikuntji (Haast Bluff)	1 x Housing Unit
Warlpiri	Laramba (Napperby)	1 x Housing unit
Amatjere	Nturiya (Ti-Tree Station)	1 x Housing Unit
Lurija Pintubi	Papunya	1 x Housing Unit
Warlpiri	Willowra	1 x Housing Unit
Warlpiri	Yuelamu (Mt Allan)	2 x 3 bedroom houses

In addition, the Commonwealth has also made provision for additional staff housing under its Remote Community Initiative and propose additional housing for staff at the following locations:

PHCAP Zone	Location	Provision
South-East Arnhem	Milyakburra (Bickerton Is)	1 x housing Unit

South-East Top End	Robinson River	1 x housing Unit
Katherine East	Minyeri (Hodgson Downs)	1 x housing Unit

Question 758 (Mr Dunham): One of the key requirements of the *Learning Lessons* report is the need for government departments to work closely together in an effort to improve Aboriginal education outcomes. It is noted that the government frequently claims it will implement all the recommendations of the report. How much will it cost Health and Community Services to fully implement its areas of responsibility from the *Learning Lessons* report, with a particular emphasis on recommendations 48 to 51 (p69 of the report)? Does the government plan to provide housing to qualified, locally recruited, Aboriginal health care providers? When do you expect your department will have fulfilled recommendations 48 to 51 of the *Learning Lessons* report and is funding for these initiatives included in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

Currently, the Department of Health and Community Services has estimated that 120 locally recruited Aboriginal Health Workers could potentially be housed in remote communities. The annual cost of providing housing to locally recruited Aboriginal Health Workers is estimated at \$1.6m (this is the rent per annum on 120 three-bedroom dwellings). The fulfilment of recommendations 48 to 51 is dependent on the outcome of government's consideration of the issue of housing for local recruits in remote areas. Funding is not currently included in the 2002-03 budget. The previous CLP government had a policy of not housing locally recruited qualified Aboriginal Health Workers and qualified teachers. Government is currently considering the issue of housing local recruits.

Question 762 (Ms Carter): The minister has said that her department will spend \$3m this year to build a hospice. Is it to be a completely stand-alone building? Where will it be located? Does the minister consider \$3m for the Darwin hospice sufficient, given that the ACT spent \$5m on theirs?

Answer:

The hospice will be built on the Royal Darwin Hospital campus behind the main hospital block. It will be a stand-alone facility. The successful Architectural firm has been selected by the Building Working Group last Friday (6 Sept). This working group consist of representatives from the Division of GPs, Palliative Care Association, Aboriginal representation including consumer and ATSIC, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment. There will be an indicative order of cost based on the design parameters in late October 2002. The ACT hospice was built for 17 inpatients. It is a stand-alone facility which is self-sufficient and therefore provides all services. The cost also included some of the fit-out, for example internal facilities.

Question 765 (Ms Carter): What is the current demand for hospice beds in Darwin? How many beds will the planned Darwin Hospice have? What sort of patient conditions will the hospice cater for? For example, will it provide any long-term nursing home care for patients currently cared for at Royal Darwin Hospital? What is the anticipated average length of stay for a palliative care patient in the planned Darwin Hospice? How much will it cost, in annual recurrent costs, to run the planned Darwin Hospice?

Answer:

The current demand for in-patient palliative care (hospice) beds in Darwin is approximately eight. The planned palliative care (hospice) unit in Darwin is to have 12 beds. The palliative care (hospice) in-patient unit will cater for three types of clients:

- clients who require end stage care
- clients who require short term admission for pain management
- planned respite care for terminally ill clients

People who require long-term nursing home care will not be eligible for admission. Expected length of stay depends on the type and conditions of patients admitted. Details of the annual recurrent cost of the palliative care facility have not yet been finalised as the facility will be operational in 2003-04.

Question 770 (Mr Dunham): For Dental Services, detail waiting lists, staff vacancies and expenditure by region.

Answer:

Dental waiting lists are directly affected by the number of dentists available to provide treatment. The NT is not alone in experiencing a shortage of dental staff – this is an Australia wide issue. We are working to improve the number of public dentists by:

- Negotiating a new EBA, which will be implemented within weeks.
- Improving the pay scales of dentists
- Advertising vacancies more widely
- Relocating the Palmerston and Darwin Dental Clinics to modern facilities
- Changing the legislation so that the responsibilities of Dental Therapists can be expanded.
- Negotiating with ADA to bring young recruits to the NT
- Providing dentists with the option of private and public service in their contracts.

While I would like waiting times for dental treatments in the NT to be less, they are comparable to waiting times at public dental services in other states. Emergency treatment is available every day. The waiting list is for non-emergency treatment only.

Darwin and Palmerston Dental Clinics

Waiting Lists: 39 months, but there are no waiting list for dentures.

Staff Vacancies: Darwin has vacancies for four dentists and 2.6 dental assistants.

OH Expenditure 2001-02:

Operational \$ 706 575

Personnel \$2 612 093

Capital \$ 83 327 \$3 401 995

Katherine Region

Waiting Lists: in Katherine the treatment waiting time is seven months.

Staff Vacancies: Katherine has vacancies for two dentists.

OH Expenditure 2001-02:

Operational \$ 105 952

Personnel \$ 377 656 \$483 608

Nhulunbuy

Waiting Lists: Nhulunbuy has no waiting list for either treatment or dentures.

Staff Vacancies: Nhulunbuy has vacancies for two dentists.

OH Expenditure 2001-02:

Operational \$ 272 176

Personnel \$ 296 778 \$568 954

Alice Springs Region

Waiting Lists: Alice Springs has a waiting list of 8 to 12 months and 18 months for dentures. In Tennant Creek the waiting list is 6 to 8 weeks and the denture waiting list is combined with Alice Springs.

Staff Vacancies: There are two dentist vacancies and two dental assistant vacancies.
OH Expenditure 2001-02:

Operational \$ 465 287
Personnel \$ 953 000
Capital \$ 37 258 \$1 455 545

Question 772 (Mr Dunham): What will the Health and Community Services allocation be for the 2002-03 financial year to the central Australian health zones? How much is Commonwealth source?

Answer:

The five health zones in Central Australia are:

- Eastern Arrente-Alyawarra
- Anmatyere
- Luritja-Pintubi
- Warlpiri
- Northern Barkly

The Northern Territory will allocate the same this year as last with indexation. The Commonwealth has initially agreed to fund on the basis of twice the Australian average access to the medical benefits scheme (2 x MBS) with a move to four times MBS (4 x MBS).

Question 791 (Mr Baldwin): The Nauiyu Community Government Council has written to you regarding funding assistance for the construction of a new health clinic at the Nauiyu community. What funding allocation is available in the 2002-2003 Budget to assist with their request?

Answer:

No funds have been made available for the 2002-03 financial year. A new clinic for the Nauiyu Community will be considered as part of the Remote Health Infrastructure Project (RHIP) currently under way. When this study is complete the options for this proposal will be considered. No funds have been made available for the 2002-03 financial year to assist in the construction of a clinic for the Nauiyu community.

Question 803 (Mr Burke): What funding has been provided for out of hours GP services at Palmerston Health Precinct in 2002-03 compared to 2001-02?

Answer:

In 2001-02 funding for 6 pm to 10 pm 7 days per week general practice service at the Palmerston Health Precinct was \$150 000. \$276 200 one-off was provided to trial a 10 pm to 8 am general practice service at the Palmerston Health Precinct. In 2002-03 the funding allocation for the 6 pm to 10 pm service is \$150 000.

Question 848 (Mr Dunham): For 2001-01, detail expenditure for air evacuation of patients from remote locations to regional hospitals for treatment. What strategies are in place to reduce this level of expenditure?

Answer:

In 2001-02, \$5.984m was spent on 5177 medical evacuations from remote locations to regional hospitals within the NT. Of these, 4612 were by air. In addition, \$3.108m was spent on 6996 patient travel events when people were brought in to regional centres by air from remote communities for planned medical treatment.

Remote community visits by Medical Specialists (Medical Specialist Outreach Services) have been developed across the NT to help prevent the need to go to town to visit the doctor. They also build communication and trust with patients and their extended family and local health staff, transfer skills to local health staff and the wider community and build the capacity of the district hospitals. The longest standing specialist outreach services are those in paediatrics and adult internal medicine and since 1997 this has been enhanced in the Top End with the help of funding from OATSIH and, more recently in Central Australia, by the Commonwealth's Medical Specialist Outreach Program.

Every specialist outreach consultation is potentially one visit reduced to one of the two major hospitals. For example, in the Top End, in 2001-02, there were 354 colposcopies (a diagnostic aid for the assessment of cervical abnormalities) and 307 antenatal procedures conducted in remote communities rather than in RDH and ASH.

The increased numbers of GPs in remote communities (6 more in the last 3 years) results in better assessments of patients on the community and more confidence to manage locally. DHCS works closely with the agency which assists recruitment of GPs (NT remote Health Workforce Agency) and provides a range of support to GPs who are resident in remote communities.

The DHCS Preventable Chronic Disease Strategy (PCDS) recognises that type 2 diabetes, renal disease, hypertension, ischaemic heart disease and chronic airways disease have common underlying factors, most notably poor nutrition, inadequate environmental health conditions, alcohol misuse and tobacco smoking. In the last 12 months, chronic disease teams have been funded in both regions to work with remote community staff conducting screening according to chronic disease guidelines, running evening clinics, conducting education sessions in the workplace, generally giving increased awareness and confidence in managing chronic disease. This strategy has been embraced by local staff who are continually pressured by the demands of acute care services to a population with complex morbidity. Growth Action and Assessment (GAA) strategies across the NT have already resulted in improved birth weights in the Aboriginal community and a reduction in anaemia in small children. This will result in less chronic disease in the long term and thus less need to bring patients into hospital for treatment.

Question 1953 (Mr Dunham): How much has been allocated to each community health clinic in Macdonnell in 2002-03? How much was allocated to each community health clinic in Macdonnell in 2001-02? Please provide a comparative list.

Answer:

2000-01 Exp	2001-02 Exp
\$000	\$000
Kintore (Commonwealth funded)	
Mt Liebig	365 355
Papunya	477 474
Haasts Bluff (RCI Commonwealth funded)	248 240
Areyonga (RCI Commonwealth funded)	101 88
Hermannsberg	918 859
Docker River	413 391
Yulara (Grants & Subsidies)	553 592
Mutujulu (Commonwealth Funded)	
Imanpa (Commonwealth funded)	
Santa Teresa (Grants & Subsidies)	523 560
Titjikala (RCI Commonwealth funded)	300 319
Aputula (Grants & Subsidies)	189 212
Amoonguna (Commonwealth Funded)	

Harts Range 225 278
 Bonya (RCI Commonwealth funded) 290 268
 Wallace Rockhole 27 61

TOTALS INCLUDING C'wealth RCI 4629 4697
 TOTALS EXCLUDING C'wealth RCI 3690 3782

Some differences between 2000-01 and 2001-02:

· In general the RCI-funded communities spent more in 2000-01 than in 2001-02 because their set-up costs were mainly met in 2000-01. For example, Bonya Health Centre 2000-01 includes purchase of generator.

· Hermannsburg Health Centre: the expenditure was \$918 00 in 2000-01, compared to \$859 00 in 2001-02. This was due to major community violence and consequential effects associated with two staff members proceeding on Workers Compensation in 2000-01.

The primary health care access program MOU with Commonwealth.

According to the NT government's agreement with the Commonwealth concerning the implementation of the Primary Health Care Access Program, there is an obligation to maintain funding of Central Australian Primary Health Care, from the baseline year of 1998-99, plus indexation. This has occurred in the Macdonnell electorate, as elsewhere. See following table:

2001-02 Exp DHCS Costing Study \$
 1998-99 *
 \$000 \$000
 Kintore (Commonwealth funded)
 Mt Liebig 355 260
 Papunya 474 438
 Haasts Bluff (RCI Commonwealth funded) 240 67
 Areyonga (RCI Commonwealth funded) 88 104
 Hermannsburg 859 834
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* This table will be revised 18/9/02 so that this column will list the 2001-02 required funding levels

** In the meantime, the indexation to be applied annually from 1998-99 to the year in question 2001-02 amounts to less than 10%. A conservative estimate of the funding maintenance commitment is \$3.337m x 110% = \$3.67m.

The actual expenditure in 2001-02 was \$4.697m, although of that, \$915 000 was Commonwealth RCI funding. Omitting Commonwealth RCI expenditure, NTDHCS expenditure amounted to \$3.782m. Thus across Macdonnell electorate health centre allocations/expenditure have been above minimum required levels.

Family and Children's Services

Question 790 (Ms Carter): Demand for childcare places in the CBD far out-strips supply. People

living in my electorate of Port Darwin must compete with parents from all over the Darwin and Palmerston area for these limited, but conveniently located CBD childcare places. How is your budget assisting, in a practical way, in the provision of more CBD childcare places?

Answer:

This budget increased the level of NT Child Day Care subsidy by \$7.50 per child per week (an additional \$610 000) contributing to the affordability of child care for parents, and to the investment appeal of child care services. Private investors in the child care sector are expected to commence a number of child care developments over the next two years. These initiatives, together with a new 60-place facility now under construction in Stuart Park, will expand the availability of child care places throughout the Darwin inner-city, northern suburbs and Palmerston areas and alleviate pressure on CBD demand. Increased child care places across these areas will also support the choice of parents to use care services close to home or close to their workplace.

Question 426 (Ms Lawrie): What allocations have been made within the Budget to improve services for young people (including disadvantaged youth)?

Answer:

Improved service to young people is one of the ten priority areas for my department. This commitment is supported in the budget by spending in my portfolio as well as in other areas of government. The spending includes a mix of general services and opportunities for young people as well as specific initiatives for disadvantaged youth. In the Health and Community Services budget there are specific allocations for:

- Trial Youth Centres in Nightcliff and Borroloola (\$310 000) that while accessible to all young people are being designed to ensure access for disadvantaged young people;
- a Youth Night Patrol (\$320 000) to assist children in need in the Darwin area and provide additional emergency accommodation capacity for young people; and
- additional funding for Family and Children's Services (\$500 000) including the employment of two Adolescent Specialist positions.

In other portfolios I am aware of additional services that will benefit disadvantaged youth including sport and recreation officers in remote areas (\$310 000, Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs); youth housing services (\$26 000, Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs); and school attendance services (\$670 000, Department of Education Employment and Training).

Aged and Disability Services

Question 769 (Mr Dunham): By hospital, how many Territorians have been cared for in hospitals while waiting for accommodation in aged hostels, nursing homes or other supported accommodation?

Answer:

At the end of June 2002, a total of nine hospital patients across the NT had been assessed, approved, and were awaiting placement in a residential aged care facility. Three were in Royal Darwin Hospital; two in Darwin Private; two in Katherine; one in Gove; one in Alice Springs. These figures are indicative of the usual number. The average over the last six months is 10. These figures will decrease further with the substantial increase in operational aged care places in Darwin, and the forthcoming development of alternative and expanded options for aged care services in other major centres.

Question 775 (Mr Dunham): What was the expenditure in 2001-02 and what is the total allocation in 2002-03 in Health and Community Services for the provision of services to Territorians with

disabilities and their families, both by way of grants to non-government organisations and through direct Health and Community Services service provision? A breakdown of the real costs of services provision for disabled Territorians is sought.

Answer:

Expenditure for 2001-02 for the provision of services to Territorians with disabilities and their families was \$13.5m in grants to non-government organisations (including consumer focussed service packages) and \$5.7m in direct Health and Community Services service provision. The department estimates that it will spend a similar amount in 2002-03. In addition, the third Commonwealth States and Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for the next five years is still being negotiated. Negotiations have been difficult with several issues to be resolved between the state and territory governments and the Commonwealth. The latest advice from Senator Vanstone is that the third CSTDA will not be finalised before 31 October 2002, when the present extended agreement expires.

Question 779 (Mr Dunham): Provide details of the \$3 000 000 promised for the development and expansion of aged-care facilities, addition to the 50 bed nursing home on the old Tiwi School site.

Answer:

The \$3m election promise was a response to the need for capital funding to encourage private providers to develop an aged care facility in the Darwin region. Since 2001, there has been a significant expansion of residential aged care services in the Darwin area. These developments include:

- a \$1m Commonwealth allocation to Frontier Services for the capital development of the Terrace Garden facility in Palmerston. Terrace Gardens is now operational as a 56 bed service;
- a \$750 000 Commonwealth allocation to Masonic Homes for a new aged care facility in Tiwi operating with 20 high care (nursing home) and 30 low care (hostel) places; and
- \$360 000 to the Salvation Army to expand its high care facility in Darwin, from a 50 bed facility to a 70 bed facility.

In view of these developments, an injection of \$3m capital funding into residential aged care development in the Darwin region is no longer a priority.

Government has now committed \$300 000 for capital upgrade of the Rocky Ridge Nursing Home in Katherine to establish a Transitional Care Unit in Darwin. Operational funds of \$327 000/year have been allocated by the Commonwealth. The unit will provide a range of services and aged care options in the community. These include short-term residential rehabilitation, supported recuperation, or respite, with targetted care planning and a short-term package of community based care when clients leave. It will prevent inappropriate admission to residential aged care facilities, and extended hospital admissions. A similar service is being explored for Alice Springs. Development requires further negotiation and community consultation.

A project is being negotiated with the Commonwealth to explore the feasibility of Multi-Purpose Services in Tennant Creek and in Nhulunbuy, where there has already been community consultation and discussion about the possibility of such services.

Question 1955 (Mr Dunham): Will the minister advise why there has been a 16% cut to the Pensioner Concession Scheme for Electricity rebates for seniors? How will this cut be achieved?

Answer:

There has been no reduction in the electricity concession available to members of the NT Pensioner Concession Scheme. The concession for electricity remains at either half the quarterly electricity account or \$1 per day, whichever is the lesser. This is unchanged. The reduction against the Community Service Obligation line is based on advice provided by PowerWater, as the department makes the payment directly to them.

Mental Health Services

Question 729 (Mr Dunham): Is there any intention to move the Tamarind Centre at Parap?

Answer:

There is no current intention to move the Tamarind Centre at Parap.

Question 795 (Mr Dunham): How many people attempted/completed committing suicide on the Tiwi Islands during the year 2001–02? How much money has been allocated in the 2002–03 budget for mental health/drug programs specifically targeting the Tiwi Islands?

Answer:

The term 'suicide' has a legal connotation. The department uses only official Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data when commenting on NT suicide rates in the public arena. ABS mortality data for 2001-02 is not yet available. The most recent ABS figures are for the year 2000. The total number of completed suicides in the NT during 1999 and 2000 was 73. Of these, 29 were indigenous people. The Darwin rural area, which includes the Tiwi Islands, recorded 10 completed suicides during this period. Due to the sensitivities surrounding this issue, it has been the practice of the department, in consultation with Aboriginal people, not to release figures in the public arena that identify individual communities, and to release only ABS data, which reflects this principle.

Data on 'attempted suicide' is not routinely collected nationally. It can be extremely difficult to accurately identify whether an incident of self-harm or apparent accidental injury constitutes an attempted suicide. When the department is notified by family or other service providers of an attempted suicide, support is provided in a range of ways, including involvement of the specialist mental health services and Life Promotion Program. People and families may also choose to access a range of community support services funded through the Family and Children's Services Program.

The formal contribution provided to the Tiwi Health Board under the coordinated care arrangements by the Mental Health Program is \$47 000 plus indexation per year. The Mental Health Program provides a range of other services to Tiwi people through the Top End Mental Health Service including periodic visits by a consultant psychiatrist at the request of the Tiwi Health Board, and access to acute inpatient services. Support is also offered by the Rural Mental Health Team who provide advice on request and regularly invite Tiwi representatives to team meetings to discuss community issues.

It should also be noted that the NT contributes \$35 000 per annum to Beyondblue, the National Depression Initiative. Beyondblue has allocated \$154 000 in the 2002-03 financial year for an indigenous parenting program on the Tiwi Islands, which was previously funded under the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. The Alcohol and other Drugs Program will provide a total of \$448 000 to the Aboriginal Alcohol Awareness and Family Recovery Program. One third of the program's time will be spent on the Tiwi Islands; that is, \$149000.

Question 1968 (Dr Lim): A house at Ptilotus Crescent, Alice Springs was recently approved by the Development Consent Authority for supported accommodation for two men to be supervised by Territory Health Services. What resource is being provided in 2002-03 to THS to maintain this home and what type of THS clients will be using this accommodation?

Answer:

The primary client who will be residing in the house at No 6 Ptilotus Crescent is a young Aboriginal man with high support needs who is under the guardianship of the minister. The client will take up residence in 6 Ptilotus Crescent within the next few weeks after completion of the appropriate/required modifications to the premises. These modifications are to ensure client privacy and enhance the surroundings in line with the other residences in the street. The installation of fencing will assist with client privacy and the management of visitors. It is envisaged that in due course a second client will be accommodated in the residence although at this stage there is no identified timeframe for the second client to take up residence in the house.

In the 2001-02 financial year the cost of providing community based care for the client over a three month period was \$80 000. It is anticipated that full year effect costs for 24 hour care and management, will be \$267 000 plus a total of \$22 000 (one-off) for the modifications/enhancements to the premises. A total of \$289 000 in the current year.

Public Health Services

Question 325 (Ms Scrymgour): Can the Minister inform the committee of the allocations in the 2002-03 budget in the Drug and Alcohol Program?

Answer:

The allocation to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Program (AODP) for 2002-03 is \$13.1m. Services funded by the Alcohol and Other Drugs Program are based on an integrated service model that supports action across a range of substances. This is broadly consistent with the situation across Australia. It recognises that there are core interventions and approaches that apply to all substances, and that people often use more than one substance. Further, for small jurisdictions like the NT, which also has the most dispersed population in Australia, it is simply not practical or effective to fragment services into individual substance approaches. The program does support substance specific approaches where that is indicated, and these are detailed in other answers where relevant.

Intervention Services: \$3.8m will provide intervention services across the NT including counselling, consultancy and referral, brief intervention, withdrawal services, after care.

Community Safety: \$3.08m for sobering-up shelters, Night Patrols, warden schemes to assist in maintaining the safety and care of individuals, families and communities. This includes the complementary measures to support alcohol restrictions in Alice Springs. Details of those measures are the subject of question 135, and provided there.

Community Capacity: \$3.03m is to assist individuals, families, communities, and services to build capacity to respond to and cope with substance misuse. It includes outreach, family intervention and support, diversionary activity and intensive community support; also, brokerage funds and small grants for communities to develop local initiatives. Also, continuing training and development of frontline alcohol and other drugs workers.

Community Education: \$1.2m for education and information campaigns and resources.

Taskforce On Illicit Drugs: a specific additional allocation of \$0.5m has been provided to support implementation of the recommendations of the Illicit Drugs Taskforce.

Research and Evaluation: \$0.5m to continue research and evaluation activities that track changes and trends in substance use.

National Drug Strategy (NDS) \$0.76m is expected from the Commonwealth. The funds will be directed across Intervention Services, Community Capacity Community Education, and Research and Evaluation. They will also fund an NT Alcohol and Other Drugs Symposium in 2003.

\$70 000 of this amount is transferred to Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Services under an MOU arrangement to support police activity under the National Drug Strategy.

National Illicit Drug Strategy: \$0.202m is being provided for three specific projects.

- continuing the Family Coping initiative, which focuses on equipping families to handle the alcohol or substance misuse behaviour of a family member in the way that is best for their own health and wellbeing, rather than on the person abusing the substance.
- developing the NT pre-Court Diversions program, which aims to divert offenders on minor drug charges to therapeutic alternatives.
- further work on cannabis issues

Additional funds are expected from the Commonwealth during the year.

Question 731 (Mr Dunham): What was the allocation to the medical entomology branch for 2001-2002 and what is the allocation for 2002-03? What is the allocation for the mosquito engineering program for 2002-03, and what works are planned to be carried out under this program?

Answer:

The allocation to the medical entomology branch for 2001-02 was \$979 000. The allocation for 2002-03 is \$967 000. This may increase subject to revenue raising activities undertaken during the year.

Mosquito Engineering Program: This program is a joint initiative between the Darwin City Council and the department. The Darwin City Council provides \$1 for every \$2 provided by the department. The program addresses maintenance and upgrading of some 46 km of drains in and adjacent to the Darwin urban area, and in the Leanyer Swamp, and for specific filling operations to remove mosquito breeding sites. The allocation in 2002-03 remains at the same level as 2001-02. DHCS plans to provide \$160 000; it is expected that DCC will provide \$80 000. The total available will be \$240 000.

Works in 2002-2003: Inspection of drains and depressions following last year's wet season has been completed. The list, with priority for maintenance and upgrading has been prepared by Medical Entomology and submitted to the Darwin City Council for cost estimates and engineering evaluation.

The final choice of works will be decided in the coming two weeks, with most carried out over September to November.

Question 1967 (Mr Dunham): Can the minister advise whether she considers the Needle and Syringe Program at the Palmerston Health Precinct to be success.

Answer:

Needle and Syringe Programs are an important preventive public health initiative. The Palmerston program has been funded by the Commonwealth government. This department is providing some infrastructure support. Needle and syringe programs are considered a successful and cost effective contribution to the prevention of the spread of HIV in Australia. It is estimated that 3% of Australian injecting drug users (IDUs) have HIV. In countries without NSPs, this proportion is very much higher (for example, 76% of IDU in Italy are HIV positive). Around 4% of all HIV infections in Australia are contracted through IDU. In the United States, nearly all their new HIV infections occur in IDU, their sex partners or children. In the Territory, 3% of our HIV cases are in IDU. The Palmerston program opened on 7 August this year. It is therefore rather early for definitive statements on its success in providing sterile injecting equipment, education and referral to its target group, and to preventing HIV infections.

Question 135 (Mr Burke): On the 27 February the Minister for Central Australia announced that \$250 000 would be spent by government on 'complementary measures' for alcohol restrictions. What is the budget allocation for these measures in 2002-03? Detail the measures.

Answer:

On 8 August 2002, the government announced the commitment of additional monies of \$2.1m over the next three years as a part of a successfully negotiated policy partnership with the national Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation to address alcohol-related problems in Alice Springs. The budget allocation for these measures in 2002-03 is \$0.4m. The measures are:

- Community Day Patrols and outreach referrals
- Extended sobering-up shelter hours
- Responsible server of alcohol training
- Mobile youth drop-in centre
- Police training
- Evaluation and monitoring

Question 146 (Mr Burke): On 27 February the Minister for Central Australia announced that \$250 000 would be spent by government on 'compulsory measures' for alcohol restrictions. What is the budget allocation for these measures in 2002-2003? Detail the measures.

Answer:

The only measures that relate to compulsory measures are those restrictions that have been imposed on alcohol by the Liquor Licensing Commission. No compulsory measures are being funded by this department. The unique features of the commission's decision was a requirement that complementary measures be put in place to support the restrictions.

Question 155 (Mr Wood): What is the Rethinking Drinking program? What funding has been allocated to it? Will the funding be ongoing?

Answer:

The Rethinking Drinking Program is a nationally funded and developed alcohol educational resource with no Northern Territory funding. The resource was developed in 1996 with Commonwealth funding for use in schools with students in Years 9 and 10. The resource is available for any school that chooses to use it. In February 2001 the Commonwealth Department of Education Training and Youth Affairs (DETYA), under the National School Drug Education Strategy, commissioned and funded the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) to produce a version that is more culturally appropriate for use with indigenous students. Community Support Officers from the Alcohol and Other Drugs Program provided advice to the project officer (who is employed by ACHPER) and assisted her with focus testing and consultation with teachers and Aboriginal people in the Katherine area. The project officer also consulted with key informants in Darwin. The resource is expected to be available for use in schools by Term 2 of next year. No funding is required or has been requested from this department.

Question 167 (Mr Wood): The Living With Alcohol funding through a Territory levy has been replaced by a Commonwealth grant. How much was that grant this financial year? How will that money be spent this year? Include breakdown of cash amounts.

Answer:

Until August 1997, the Living with Alcohol program was funded through a levy on alcohol products. The levy ceased in August 1997. This was as a result of a High Court decision relating to business licensing franchise fees. The Commonwealth then provided annual funding of \$8m (as part of the

Revenue Replacement Grants) in relation to the loss of the Living With Alcohol levy, under safety net arrangements entered into in August 1997 by the Commonwealth, states and territories. Since June 1999, under revised Commonwealth-state funding arrangements entered into by all governments, the funding has formed part of the Territory's GST revenue grants, and is appropriated on the basis of outputs. The Treasury advises that the component representing the former Living With Alcohol levy approximates \$8m/year.

Question 767 (Mr Dunham): Last year, how many Territorians died of opiate overdose?

Answer:

The Australian Bureau of Statistics maintains a database on the number of drug related deaths throughout Australia. The latest figures available are those for 2000. Figures for 2001 will not be available until November 2002. The latest results available relate to 2000. In that year, the Northern Territory recorded two deaths where opiates were considered to be the cause of death, with a total of 725 such deaths recorded across Australia. In 1999 the Territory recorded four such deaths, with 960 Australia-wide.

Question 771 (Mr Dunham): What public health strategies are in place to stem the tide of illegal intravenous drug use in the Territory, especially the illegal use of prescription drugs?

Answer:

The Public Health approach is comprehensive and relates to a range of strategies. These include:

- recognising the factors throughout life that are known to be associated with an increased risk of using drugs, and having sound social policies and services that reduce and minimise that risk;
- effective education programs for the general community and for specific groups;
- programs to recognise young people who may be at increased risk of starting to use drugs and providing interventions that minimise the risk;
- identifying people early in their drug use and providing appropriate interventions; and
- reducing the supply and availability of the drug; providing training that supports these activities; and putting in place the legislative frameworks that support these programs.

Some activities, such as programs to support early childhood development and care, deliver a range of individual and social benefits including decreased illegal drug use. Others, like increased controls on classes of prescription drugs, are highly specific. Several aspects of these preventive and early intervention public health strategies outlined are the core business of other government agencies such as Education, Police, and Justice. In the department, these preventive public health strategies involve not only Public Health Services, but also Family and Children's Services.

Family and Children's Services: Early childhood development and care is known to be important. This government has committed substantial additional funds to act as an incentive to the provision of child care. (detailed at question 790). Also, \$120 000 has been provided for the Office of Children and Families, which will play a role in the development, coordination, and implementation of services to support parents in their caring responsibilities, within a prevention approach.

Parents and young people are very clear that meaningful activity for young people, and care for them out of school hours is important in reducing exposure to risk of self-harm, including drug and alcohol use. Question 426 on improved services for disadvantaged youth provides information on new initiatives in this area.

Public Health Services: Public Health Services provides a broad range of strategies through the Health Promotion program as well as the Alcohol and Other Drugs program.

Health Promotion: Health Promotion Services provide training, support and advice in public health promotion strategies. The Public Health Bush Book is used across community health, by other areas

of the department, and external agencies to assist service providers to design community level health promotion programs. It also has a specific section on strategies to prevent and minimise harmful drug and substance use. Health Promotion officers assist communities and groups to work on issues of concern to them. These frequently involve young people, drugs and substances. Health Promotion Incentive Grants are available for community initiated projects.

Alcohol and Other Drugs: Community Support Officers in the Alcohol and Other Drugs program work with community representatives and groups to identify issues, and provide information and support to develop, implement and evaluate local initiatives that address them. They are available, and invited to provide intensive support to communities in times of crisis. They also assist with the development of education resources and training initiatives, and work in collaboration with other programs to integrate prevention approaches to different substance issues and broader health initiatives.

Funds are provided to community organisations through the Remote Area Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Substance Strategy (RAAASS), the Public Behaviour Program, and petrol brokerage funds, which enable innovative interventions within a community driven approach. A range of accredited and specific training is provided to Frontline workers across the Territory by positions based in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine:

- Training supports clinical services, community development, health promotion and prevention, and information aimed at supporting individuals and communities.
- GPs are an important group, and specialist clinical training and support is provided for GPs managing alcohol and other drug issues in the community. Schedule 8 Prescribing Guidelines for GPs continue to be disseminated.

Drug education: Health Promoting Schools grants of up to \$200 are available; as are Health Promoting Youth Grants of up to \$500, offered each year to assist schools and other community groups to implement education projects and activities. Departmental Drug Education officers deliver drug education, support and resource local school initiatives. They also provide a range of drug education activities in the community to ensure access to accurate and up to date information.

Question 773 (Mr Dunham): When is the government intending to implement a methadone maintenance program? Detail the programs in place, and detail the funding that goes with them in 2001-02 for opiate detox and rehab in the Territory, and what is budgeted in 2002-03. What records are kept of Territorians who use these services and their level of either success or relapse?

Answer:

The government will be announcing its response to the report of the Taskforce on Illicit Drugs shortly. The taskforce was asked to make recommendations on pharmacotherapies. The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program funds a range of treatment services through an integrated service model that supports action across a range of substances. This is consistent with treatment services across Australia. It recognises that drug trends change; and that for most people with drug related problems, poly drug use is occurring. We do not therefore fund services specifically for withdrawal or rehabilitation from opiate dependency alone. The total allocation to agencies which accept admissions for opiate dependency was \$3.46m in 2001-02; and \$3.51m is allocated in 2002-03. A list of these services can be provided. Additional taskforce funding: A specific additional allocation of \$500 000 has been provided to contribute to implementing the taskforce recommendations. Further detail will be provided as part of the government's response to the taskforce report. Intervention services funded through the Alcohol and Other Drugs Program are required to provide a set of standard statistics of all client contacts for inclusion in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Client Database. This is part of the National Minimum Data Set requirements and allows standardised information to be collected and compared across Australia. The following types of statistics are regularly collated for both individual agencies and the Territory as a whole:

- Number of clients accessing treatment and number of admissions
- Type of treatment being accessed
- Principal drug of concern that clients present with
- Demographic details of those presenting for treatment
- Reason for leaving the service; that is, treatment complete or other;

- Length of time in treatment
- Whether they were referred to another agency.

All agencies and practitioners keep individual client records with relevant information on their health and social status. This commonly includes information such as client progress, employment status, cessation or reduction in intravenous drug use, as well as many other factors. This information is not routinely collated, as it would be excessively onerous for service providers to extract it. Rather, models of treatment are adopted in the Territory and across Australia on the basis that they have been thoroughly evaluated for their success in reducing the harm associated with drug use. This is done through specifically resourced and scientifically conducted trials coordinated through specialist agencies such as the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. A pertinent example is the recently published National Evaluation of Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Dependence project (NEPOD).

Question 776 (Mr Dunham): Detail funding and programs allocated for tobacco control and education campaigns in the Territory when will the government introduce its new initiatives to reduce tobacco consumption? Detail those initiatives.

Answer:

Tobacco control and education is part of an overall Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) strategy for the NT and links to the National Tobacco Strategy. Services are provided through an integrated service model that supports action across a range of substances. Substance specific initiatives are undertaken where indicated. Specifically funded tobacco programs are:

- Health Promoting Schools grants of \$200 each: total allocation \$7000
 - Aboriginal Tobacco Incentive Funds grants up to \$3000: total allocation \$21 000
- Priority groups are young people, indigenous people, current smokers. The NT has the highest prevalence of smoking in Australia, and smoking accounts for a fifth of all deaths. Alcohol and Other Drug Community Education workers (10) and Community Support Officers (11.5) across the NT - of whom almost half are indigenous - carry out a range of work across substances of concern to the NT community, including tobacco.

These include:

- community education and media campaigns, including education sessions for community groups, in-servicing for teachers, producing resources, with specific campaigns and resources developed with and for indigenous people
- interventions such as the Quitline and brief interventions to motivate and help people stop smoking
- frontline worker training and support in brief intervention and motivational interviewing techniques; producing materials such as the Quit Book, and Tobacco Book for indigenous people to provide information and self help support.
- developing healthy public policy such as smoke-free workplaces and health promoting schools, and assisting organisations with smoke-free policies
- support for local initiatives in Aboriginal communities, including small grants for projects such as Well Men's checkups, smoke-free events, cessation programs for teachers, purchasing education resources for schools and community groups.
- maintaining strong links with a range of non-government organisations.

Government has announced its new initiatives. They have a substantial focus on reducing tobacco consumption by children. The initiatives will also reduce the hazardous consumption of tobacco fumes by people who are not smoking as they go about their daily life in public places that are enclosed or where their capacity to move away from the fumes is constrained. While this is important for the health of everyone, it is particularly important for people in their workplaces, and to pregnant women and children.

In Summary, as announced:

From 1 January 2003, advertising of tobacco products will be limited to a price board at the point of sale. Tobacco products on display will be limited to one pack of a particular brand and flavour of cigarette, and cartons will no longer be on display. Tobacco products will be positioned behind the counter and distant from toys and lollies. Vending machines will be restricted to adults only areas of licensed premises. Competitions and other incentives to purchase cigarettes such as CDs and

gimmicks will no longer be permitted.

Also from January a new licensing scheme for those who sell tobacco will be introduced. Retailers will not be permitted to sell tobacco from a non-retail outlet; for example the back of a car, from a mobile tray as in the case of 'cigarette girls', or outside a schoolyard. Licensing will link the right to sell tobacco with the responsibility of handling a restricted substance that is harmful to health. If retailers continue to act inappropriately, for example, by selling to children, that right to sell will be removed. Retailers will be empowered to request photographic identification to guarantee the age of the purchaser.

The legislation will also introduce initiatives to protect the community, including workers, pregnant women and children, from the toxic fumes generated by other people's smoking. It will bring the NT in line with the rest of Australia and protect Territorians from the hazard of environmental tobacco smoke in their workplaces, when shopping and going about their business, and enjoying their leisure time in public areas. Smoking will be partly restricted in licensed premises from World No Tobacco Day on 31 May 2003, to provide an adjustment period for business and the community. No longer will the NT win the 'Dirty Ashtray Award' as it has for the past 4 years.

Question 812 (Mr Dunham): What activities and programs are in place to address petrol sniffing?

Answer:

Department programs and activities relating to inhalant substance abuse are complementary with those of both the Commonwealth government and other NT government agencies. The department emphasises encouraging community initiatives, with a focus on young people. Providing training to community health staff is also a priority. The department supports both broad-based capacity building programs, which target a range of substances including petrol, and small projects which are community-led and more specifically targetted. Both are important and complement each other. A review by d'Abbs and McLean in 2000, of petrol sniffing initiatives, documented that:

The most successful strategies are initiated by the community, enjoy widespread community support and involve strong participation of community members.

Interventions proposed by the community need to complement those undertaken by families, and family actions must be consistent with community strategies.

General substance misuse projects of particular relevance to petrol sniffing, funded by the department include:

- community support and training provided across the Territory
- projects under the Remote Area Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Substance Strategy grants (RAAASS), including youth activity programs, workshops and Night Patrols

The department participated in the development of a Central Australian Substance Misuse Regional Plan in collaboration with Central Australian organisations. Regional Indigenous Health Promotion officers work with communities on community identified issues, and Health Promotion Incentive grants are available for community projects. Petrol sniffing, and projects to provide meaningful occupation for young people has been identified as an issue by a number of communities. Alcohol and Other Drugs Program Projects specifically targetting petrol include:

- Petrol-sniffing brokerage funds to respond to community identified initiatives. Over the past 15 months, these have been distributed to Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Jabiru, Yugul Mangi Council, Wugularr school, Tangentyere Council, Institute for Aboriginal Development, Athletes for Role Models Tour
- Distribution of an Aboriginal Petrol Sniffing Resources Kit across the NT, and related train the trainer work. This resource, developed by the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council of South Australia, made extensive use of materials produced in the NT.

It should also be noted that \$1m of National Illicit Drugs Strategy funding was specifically allocated to the NT for petrol sniffing projects in 2001, to be completed by June 2003. In the interests of efficiency, the funds were channelled directly through the local Commonwealth Office of Health and Aged Care, with allocation through a joint Commonwealth-Territory process. They did not therefore appear in the department's budget. Priority was given to youth development projects.

Question 842 (Mr Dunham): Can the minister provide details of funding for Night Patrols and sobering-up shelters for 2001-02? What is budgeted for 2002-03? How many beds (and how many additional are proposed) in each of the sobering-up shelters throughout the Territory?

Answer:

My department provided funding of \$1.002m for Night Patrols in 2001-02. In 2002-03, this will increase to \$1.118m. In addition, remote area Night Patrols in Central Australia received 19 grants totalling \$0.68m, under the Remote Area Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Substance Strategy (RAAASS) Program. There are four sobering-up shelters in the Northern Territory with a total of 91 beds. Although there is no planned increase in bed numbers in 2002-03, there will be an increase in the hours of opening for both the Darwin and Alice Springs sobering-up shelters. Total funding for the NT Sobering-Up Shelter Program in 2002-03 will be \$1.671m, an increase of \$0.163m. This includes an increase of \$0.063m for the Alice Springs shelter and \$0.1m for the Darwin sobering-up shelter and Darwin Night Patrol. The Tennant Creek shelter also received an increase of \$0.037m during the 2001-02 financial year.

Mr CHAIRMAN: The time for these hearings has expired. This concludes the public hearings of the committee. The committee will now be proceeding into deliberative ...

Mr WOOD: Mr Chairman, before we knock off entirely, and I must say that I am disappointed we have not had a chance to talk to the Minister for DIPE ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: Look, I ...

Mr WOOD: Let me finish please, Mr Chairman, because it is an area of great importance. I am quite disappointed did not have enough time. However, be that as it may, can I ask the Chairman, if he could ask the secretary, if we could have a breakdown of the number of questions that were asked, including supplementaries that were done orally, and the time it took, as well as the number of questions that were asked, both orally and handed in as written questions ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: And you want that before 7 pm?

Mr WOOD: No, not quite, thank you, Mr Chairman, just as future reference please in case we might do a review of this whole process.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I place on the record that it was always foreshadowed that there would be a review of this process. I agree with the member for Nelson, that it is very important data. As I foreshadowed, I would like to call the committee into deliberative session. I would like to thank the Health minister. I would also like to thank minister Vatskalis, who I know was very keen to give evidence here.

Mr DUNHAM: Well why did you make it so short, we could have had him.

Mr CHAIRMAN: I have called an end to the proceedings ...

Mr REED: If I could just take this opportunity, as a matter of courtesy, Mr Chairman ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: I will extend you that courtesy.

Mr REED: ... to thank the Hansard staff; to thank yourself as chairman for conducting the proceeding throughout the course of the week; and for other members of parliament who participated. I especially thank all of the staff of the agencies who have worked so hard over the last couple of weeks – not just this week – to provide answers to questions and to put up with the questions that we have put forward

this week, and the process that we have pursued over the last three days. Thanks also to the Hansard staff who, of course, have been working very hard behind the scenes, and all of the other Assembly staff, and the secretary, Mr Hanley.

Mr CHAIRMAN: Thank you, member for Katherine. Of course, I would have been putting that on the record within the parliament. I know we have a quarter-of-an-hour until we sit, and I would like to call the members in to deliberative session so we can make our report. So, thanks again to everybody.

INCORPORATION OF MINISTRIES: MINISTER VATSKALIS

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT Involves more than one Output Group

Question 118 (Mr Wood): What is the budget allocation for the Land Development Corporation? Who is on the corporation's board? Who selected the board members? Will the corporation's land be subject to the Planning Act? If not, why not?

Answer:

\$0.3m has been allocated in the budget for the establishment of the Land Development Corporation. These funds relate to the costs of my department's officers and consultants who are providing advice on the form charter, management and financial structure that the new body should have. The Corporation is scheduled to be established by June 2003 as identified in 'Building a Better Territory'. It is intended that the corporation's principal focus be the development of East Arm, Middle Arm and Glyde Point to support projects associated with the railway, port and onshore gas.

The legislation is still to be drafted and presented to the parliament and therefore a board has not been appointed. Also, a mechanism for the appointment of board members has not been decided as yet and will be the subject of the advice previously referred to. However, it is intended that the board members be selected on the basis of competence and experience in land development matters. It is proposed that the Land Development Corporation's land will be subject to the *Planning Act*.

Question 927 (Mr Baldwin): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers - (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) Where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The data published by my agency in the budget papers does not differ materially from the best estimates provided by my agency when the budget papers were compiled. The second and third parts of the question are not applicable to this agency.

Question 932 (Mr Baldwin): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that '*a budget improvement target of an average 4 per cent*' with the exception of '*the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level*' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity?

What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what

is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

· Budget Improvement Targets for my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment were as follows:

\$000
2001-02 2763
2002-03 4722

· Budget improvement measures were allocated at the whole of agency level. Agencies and ministers were responsible for determining how these measures would be achieved with an emphasis on efficiency improvements in back office functions. With the impact of structural changes related to the amalgamation of the three former departments, the subsequent development of output budgets, and subsequent budget adjustments, it is not possible to provide detail by activity and output.

· DIPE achieved its budget targets for 2001-02.

Question 936 (Mr Baldwin): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

The following figures are estimates of the major transfers for 2002-03, as the transfers are generally based on specific services provided during the year.

Details are as set out below:

\$000
Revenue
Business Division Support Charges 1042
Pensioner Concession Bus Passes 600
School Bus Passes 900
Bus Services for Arafura Games 130
OCPE Apprentices Program 96

Total \$2672

Purchases
Program Management Fees (Construction Division) 23 772
NT Fleet Vehicle Lease Charges 6300
Payroll Tax 3600
Darwin Bus Service 5912
Community Service Obligation Payments to GBD's 15 350
Information Technology Management Services 3900
NT Housing 440

Total \$59 274

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Revenue \$000

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Pensioner Concession Bus Passes 600
School Bus Passes 900
Bus Services for Arafura Games 130
OCPE Apprentices Program 96
Total \$2672

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Question 943 (Mr Baldwin): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures?

Answer: The following figures are estimates of the major transfers for 2002/03, as the transfers are generally based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded and accounted for in the same manner as other transactions. Details are as set out below.

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Revenue
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Bus Services for Arafura Games 130
OCPE Apprentices Program 96

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Total \$59 274

Question 948 (Mr Reed): (a) What advertising/promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002; (b) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/promotional activities referred to in question (a) by the Office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister; (c) what advertising/ promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment, or any of its agencies in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002; and (d) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/promotional activities referred to in

question (c) by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment and its agencies.

Answer:

This question has been directed to the Minister for Parks and Wildlife and the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. As minister, my only involvement has been introductions to plans of management such as Casuarina Coastal Reserve and Manton Dam, a report on Mangrove Management, levy notices and the Commercial Vehicle Passenger White Paper, totalling \$20 100. These activities are detailed further in question 984. While it is not quite clear exactly what this question is targeting, I table a summary of promotional activities funded by the whole of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is provided in the attached table. Promotional activities funded by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment:

DIPE

Advertising 158 165.95
 Displays 48 176.42
 Exhibitions 60 6854.51
 Territory Wildlife Parks 6491.88
 Other 115 536.67
 389 056.43

Note - approximately 70% of advertising costs are a statutory requirement of the various acts administered by the department.

Question 955 (Mr Baldwin): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03?

What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03?
 What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

The answers to these questions can be largely determined from the information provided in Budget Paper No 3 (pages 243-245). However, it should be noted that the budget estimates, net of these amounts, have no real meaning. Agencies pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons, and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other provider. These items need to be included to assess the full cost of providing services. To answer the question however, the following information is largely extracted from the Statement of Financial Performance on page 243 of Budget Paper No 3:

Appropriation 2001-02 2002-03
 Estimate Budget
 \$000 \$000

Total Operating Expenses 286 716 249 193

Less:

State Taxes (Payroll Tax) 3580 3600
 Repairs & Maintenance 98 082 56 321
 Depreciation 49 117 49 789

Total 135 937 139 483

Question 959 (Mr Reed): (1) What promotional activities of the Northern Territory's history,

attractions or resources in any form, including electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Department of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002; (2) What were the titles of all the promotional activities referred to in question 1 and who were the persons/person engaged to undertake them? (3) What was the total amount spent on the promotional activities referred to in question 1 by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment and its agencies? (4) Of the promotional activities referred to in question 1, which were assisted by: (a) payments in advance; (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and (c) use of government administration support at no charge? (5) What was the total value of the assistance rendered in each promotional activity? (6) Which of the promotional activities contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion? (7) How many and in which of the promotional activities were there provisions for the costs incurred by the Northern Territory government, or its agencies, to be offset against future royalty income? (8) In how many, and in which of the promotional activities, were expressions of interest or tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion?

Answer:

This question has been directed to both the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Parks and Wildlife. While it is not quite clear exactly what this question is targeting, I table information on promotional activities undertaken by the whole Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment where the persons or body engaged were not a full time employee of the department or its agencies, is detailed in the tables provided. Titles of the activities and amounts spent for all of the promotional activities are detailed in the table provided. There were no payments in advance, no use of government facilities at no charge, no use of government administration support at no charge, and no promotional activities contained provision for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion. Where promotional activities exceed the tender threshold, verbal or written expressions of interest were called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion.

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WHERE PERSON OR BODY ENGAGED WAS NOT A FULL TIME
EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT

Title of the promotional activity	Person/s engaged	Total cost
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Business Area Road Transport

electronic media		
advertising MVR Office closure		
advert Roka Graphics	\$121.00	
Fatigue Management		
Workshop ads Roka Graphics	\$286.00	
publications METAL Course Brochure Big Picture Graphic Art	\$944.35	
Traffic Code Book		
artwork/film Image Offset	\$572.00	
METAL Course Brochure Big Picture Graphic Art	\$104.50	
general printed		
matter METAL Course Stickers Stickers and Stuff	\$1004.00	
Rail Safety Stickers Stickers and Stuff	\$50.00	
ADRail Certificate of		
accreditation Roka Graphics	\$100.00	
Fatigue Management		
Display drop First Class in		
Graphic Design	\$550.00	

Public Transport
electronic media

advertising Timetable advert Roka Graphics \$308.00
publications
general printed
matter Xmas Free Buses
Posters Sprout Creative \$121.00

Road Safety
electronic media
advertising Christmas road
safety ads Roka Graphics \$335.50
Territory Xmas
road safety ads Roka Graphics \$368.50
Xmas advert Roka Graphics \$1133.00
Caravanning
Australia advertisement Roka Graphics \$291.50
Child Safety feature ad Roka Graphics \$209.00
Driving in the
Wet feature Roka Graphics \$149.60
DTAL feature Roka Graphics \$77.00
Road Safety Council
Membership ads Roka Graphics \$308.00
Road Safety feature Roka Graphics \$231.00
Caravanning Australia
advertisement Drawing Room \$71.50
Show advertising Roka Graphics \$297.00

Roka Graphics \$649.00
publications Caravanning Brochure Roka Graphics \$1353.00
Boyanton's Admedia \$489.50
general printed
matter Keep Left car stickers Stickers and Stuff \$1386.00
Seat Belt/Safety
Message banners Norsign Pty Ltd \$2327.16
Free coffee Xmas
campaign banners Norsign Pty Ltd \$1994.96
Hector Rulers Stickers and Stuff \$2610.00
Road Safety
Council banners A Man of Letters \$411.00
Easter campaign banner Norsign Pty Ltd \$391.70
Buying a used car flyers Action Print \$463.64
Territory by Road Map Flat Earth Mapping \$136.36
Territory by Road Map Imprint Design
& Promotions \$50.00

other form Aboriginal road safety
video copies Darwin Pro Video \$3855.06
Aboriginal road safety
video production Info TV \$3333.64
Aboriginal road safety
video copies Darwin Pro Video \$120.00
Aboriginal road safety
video production Info TV \$2722.27
CD copies of Driving
Australia video Darwin Pro Video \$116.00
Aboriginal road safety
Xmas messages CAAMA Productions \$4276.36
Conversion of footage
to CD Adnet \$40.00
Signs & Markings video Darwin Pro Video \$3895.15

Marketing & Communications

electronic media

advertising

publications Corporate Directions

document Sprout Creative \$1540.00

Element Newsletter Big Picture Graphic Art \$238.90

general printed

matter Stickers to cover old logo Stickers and Stuff \$585.00

Tropical Garden

Spectacular panels Beyond Design \$869.00

other form Set up artwork for caps Stickers and Stuff \$132.00

Tropical Garden

Spectacular display Beyond Design \$627.00

Show Circuit

Display 2002 The Exhibitionist \$25 000.00

Pens for East Arm

Port Open Day DMs Promotional

Products \$4550.00

Site fees, passes etc.

Show 2002 Show Societies \$5589.40

Bushfires Council

magnets Stickers and Stuff \$4400.00

Road Development

electronic media

advertising Engineering Magazine Drawing Room \$522.50

Northern Defence

Magazine Roka Graphics \$154.00

publications

general printed

matter

Infrastructure

electronic media

advertising Construction Industry

Forum advert Roka Graphics \$121.00

publications

general printed

matter

Transport Planning

electronic media Mango export

trial video ITV Media \$1540.00

advertising

publications

general printed

matter

Construction Division

electronic media Info TV 1800 road

conditions adverts ITV Media \$16 283.56

advertising

V8 Supercars Traffic

Management Roka Graphics \$176.00

Deviney Road

traffic lights Roka Graphics \$418.00

Tiger Brennan Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$231.00
Stuart Highway
road works Roka Graphics \$121.00
Weekly road
conditions update Roka Graphics \$242.00
Elrundie Avenue
crossing Roka Graphics \$170.50
Elrundie Avenue
crossing Roka Graphics \$148.50
Arnhem Highway
road work Roka Graphics \$77.00
Arnhem Highway
road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Larapinta Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$176.00
Bagot Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Cahill's Crossing
road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Arnhem & Stuart
Highway road work Roka Graphics \$165.00
Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Cox Peninsular
Road Work Roka Graphics \$187.00
Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Lasseter Highway
speed limit changes Roka Graphics \$187.00
Girraween Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Tiger Brennan Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$132.00
Tiger Brennan Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$253.00

publications
general printed matter
other form Larapinta Trail Plaque Norsign Pty Ltd \$284.00

Environment & Heritage
electronic media
advertising
publications Green Car Brochure Big Picture Graphic Art \$865.20
general printed
matter

Lands & Planning

electronic media
advertising Landcare Council ads Roka Graphics \$159.50
publications Caring for Catchments
Newsletters Jack Ellis \$6935.00
general printed
matter

Marine Branch
electronic media
advertising
publications Marine Safety Guide First Class in
Graphic Design \$6039.00

general printed
matter Know Know Your
Boat Posters Copytime \$616.00
Motor, Boat &
Leisure Show 2002 The Exhibitionist \$745.79

Weeds Branch
electronic media
advertising
publications
general printed
matter Garden Spectacular/
Nursery Industry Darwin Design \$1000.00

Territory Wildlife Parks
electronic media
advertising
publications
general printed
matter
other form Various marketing and
promotional activities \$75 542.16
*****detail attached
\$196 002.26

Territory Wildlife Parks

Undertaken by persons or bodies other than full time employees of the Department

Activity Amount Vendor

30 SEC STARTING 18/6 - 965.00 Ricoh Business Centre
SPNSR ANIMAL,EASTER FAIR,EASTE - 600.00 Channel 8
SUPPLY ENGRAVED PLAQ - 400.00 Computer Engraving & Design
TODAY,NATIONAL NINE MORNING, - 255.00 Channel 8
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 105.45 Centralian Austour Industries
HUNT FOR YEP. TREASURE ADDVERT 106.00 NT News
JUG/TRAY 107.10 Catering Equipment NT
LABOUR CHARGE 120.00 Darwin Business Machines
TARGET WINNERS ADVER 120.00 NT News
23/3/02 PRE-REC LIVE 130.18 ASP Commercial Broadcasters
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ONLINE DIRECTORY LISTING 136.36 Text Media Group
SLIDES SCANNED TO DISK 140.00 Copytime
CAMEL CUP ADVERTISING 145.00 Dunnart Advertising
ADVERTS FOR ADVOCATE 160.00 Dunnart Advertising
05/04-FRI F3AM SCHOOL HOLIDAY 163.91 Centralian Austour Industries
ADVERTISING EASTER F 163.91 Centralian Austour Industries
ADVER-CARAVAN WORLD CUP 166.36 Centralian Austour Industries
O/PRINT CHRISTMAS CARDS 187.00 Colemans Printing
PAPER SUPPLIES 202.75 Copytime
ADVERTISE IN NATIONW 225.00 Nationwide Business Directory
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9X DRUMSCANS SEPT01 248.00 Iben Blom Hansen
TODAY,NATIONAL NINE MORNING, 255.00 Channel 8
NATIONAL NINE ADS 255.00 Channel 8
BOOKS 275.00 Tourism Info Distributors
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CAMEL CUP PROG ADVERT 280.00 Alice Springs Printing

ADVERT IN AUSTOUR BROCHURE 300.00 Austour (inbound) Wholesaler
REPLACE LETTERING ON BANNER 300.00 TJ Signs
ADVERT-TOP END TODAY 318.18 Tourism Top End
RENEWAL OF ADVERTISING &PARTIC 345.00 Defcon
DEFCON AD & PARTIC RIGHTS FEE 345.00 Defcon
TWID FEB 02 EDITION ADVERT 375.00 TW Media
MAP GRAPHICS 378.00 Iben Blom Hansen
SA MOTOR/BRITZ/AUST MAG/CATI 388.00 Iben Blom Hansen
LIVE CROC & PHTON ETC 400.00 Australian Wildlife Displays
SUPPLY ENGRAVED PLAQ 400.00 Computer Engraving & Design
ALUMINIUM PLAQUE/ EN 400.00 Computer Engraving & Design
SPONSORSHIP-TILMOUTH WELL 400.00 Outback 4WD Club
RENT MARQUEE SITE FOR FRED P 400.00 Palmerston Business Directory
CHANNEL 7 ADVERTISING 400.00 Southern Cross Broadcasting
ADVERTISING ARTWORK 420.00 Iben Blom Hansen
ADVERTISING ARTWORK 420.00 Iben Blom Hansen
DESIGN BUMPER STICKER & CLIE 487.50 Bellette Media
BREAKFAST MIXFM 30 SEC STARTIN 499.00 NT Broadcasters
SIGN FOR TURF CLUB F 517.00 TJ Signs
WEBSITE LISTING/ADVERTISING 575.00 Tourism Info Distributors
ADVERT-AUST INST EMEG SVS 587.00 Media Liason Group
SPNSR ANIMAL,EASTER FAIR,EASTE 600.00 Channel 8
EASTER FAIR ADS 600.00 Channel 8
MAY'02 AD-WELCOME TO CENT.AU 620.00 Aust Tourism Publications
JULY02 AD-WELCOME TO CENT.AU 620.00 Aust Tourism Publications
1 X HALF PAGE ADVERTS SUBSCRIP 681.82 Britz
ATTRACTION PASSPORT 700.91 Centralian Austour Industries
ADVERTISING ON (INFO 800.00 Info TV
SA MOTOR ADVERTISING-MAR/APR 811.82 Royal Automobile Assc
HOLIDAY GUIDE JUL/AUG02 811.82 Royal Automobile Assc
HOLIDAY GUIDE MAY/JUNE2002 811.82 Royal Automobile Assc
TERRITORY WILDLIFE P 875.00 Group Link
A/S DESERT PARK 875.00 Group Link
9/6-VIDEO BIKE RACE THRU PAR 950.00 Television News Agency
RADIO ADVERTISEMENT 965.00 NT Broadcasters
AQUARIUM & POND ACCE 985.00 Aquagreen
ADVERTISING-MIXFM 990.00 NT Broadcasters
ADVERT-MCCAFFERTYS TRVL TIME 995.00 Reflections Media
ADVRT-MCCAFFERTYS ISS#24 995.00 Reflections Media
1/4 PAGE ADVERT MCCAFFERTY'S 995.00 Reflections Media
ADVERTS MCCAFFERTY'S TRAVEL 995.00 Reflections Media
ADVERT 1,000.00 ASP Commercial Broadcasters
SPONSORSHIP ADVERTS 1,074.18 NT News
DESIGN (WORK TO DATE) LOGO-T 1,100.00 Bellette Media
ATEC 2002 SYMPOSIUM, 1,184.55 Australian Tourism Export Co
BAG/CAP/TORCH 1,242.65 Stickers & Stuff
ADVERTISING 5TH BIRT 1,323.64 Centralian Austour Industries
ADVERTISING 1,545.00 Channel 8
ADVERT MAY-OCT 2002 1,618.18 Tourism Top End
A14396 SALES MA2075091 1,654.80 Mirror, Australian Telegraph
800XA3 PRINTS COLOUR NEWSLETTE 1,920.00 Design 4
LARAPINTA TRAIL-SCANNED IMAG 2,072.73 Joh Henshall Photography
COLOR COPY X 20 2,075.00 Colemans Printing
ADVERT WET SEASON 2,145.45 Tourism Top End
DWN & KTH BROCHURE 2,340.00 Moore Marketing
CONSULT FOR SPONSORSHIP 2,970.00 Bell & Giles Consultants
50% FINAL PAYMNT-CON 3,510.00 Bell & Giles Consultants
50% FINAL PAYMNT-CON 3,510.00 Bell & Giles Consultants
SIGNAGE 3,550.00 AA Signs & Designs
ADVERT 4,090.91 Territory Television

TELEVISION ADVERTISING 7,215.00 Territory Television
75,542.16

Question 962 (Mr Elferink): (a) What advertising/promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by the Office of the Minister for Parks and Wildlife, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (b) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/ promotional activities referred to in question (a) by the Office of the Minister for Parks and Wildlife, and the Office and Department of the Chief Minister? (c) What advertising/promotional activities of you as minister, or government programs, the Northern Territory's history, its attractions or resources in any form, including print and electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by Parks and Wildlife, or any of its agencies in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (d) What was the total amount spent on the advertising/promotional activities referred to in question (c) by the Parks and Wildlife and its agencies?

Answer:

This question has been directed to the Minister for Parks and Wildlife and the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. As minister, my only involvement has been introductions to plans of management such as Casuarina Coastal Reserve and Manton Dam, a report on Mangrove Management, levy notices and the Commercial Vehicle Passenger White Paper, totalling \$20 100. These activities are detailed further in question 984. While it is not quite clear exactly what this question is targetting, I table a summary of promotional activities funded by the whole of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is provided in the attached tables.

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Note - approximately 70% of advertising costs area statutory requirement of the various Acts administered by the department.

Question 964 (Mr Baldwin): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full time basis, part-time, casual and contract? How many were employed by the agency on August 29 2001 on a full time basis, part-time, casual and contract? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time basis, part-time, casual or contract when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

Staff are not directly aligned to Output Groups but are aligned with organisational structures to deliver Outputs. The category "activity" does not relate to this year's accrual budget framework. However, the DIPE employment numbers (including Government Business Divisions) are as follows.

Staffing Aug 2001 Nov 2001 Aug 2002
Full-time Part-time Full-time Part-time Full-time Part-time
Permanent a 1216 17 1219 16 1162 19
Temporary b 212 198 169
Casual 112 109 70

1540 17 1526 16 1401 19
Total Staff 1557 1542 1420

Notes:

- a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie. Staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).
- b) Figure includes Graduates, Trainees and staff on temporary contracts. The break down of staff on contracts (ie. not permanently appointed) is categorised below.

Staffing Aug 2001 Nov 2001 Aug 2002
Non-Permanent
Executive Contract Officer 34 33 32
Trainees 13 10 10
Other 165 155 127
Total 212 198 169

Note: Full time includes all full time permanent staff.
Part time includes all part time permanent staff.
Casual includes all full and part time casual staff.
Contract includes all full and part time contract staff.

Question 965 (Mr Elferink): (1) What promotional activities of the Northern Territory's history, attractions or resources in any form, including electronic media advertising, books and general printed matter, have been funded by Parks and Wildlife, or any of its agencies, where the person or body engaged to do the work was not a full-time employee of a government department or agency in the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002? (2) What were the titles of all the promotional activities referred to in question 1 and who were the persons/person engaged to undertake them? (3) What was the total amount spent on the promotional activities referred to in question 1 by the Parks and Wildlife and its agencies? (4) Of the promotional activities referred to in question 1, which were assisted by: (a) payments in advance; (b) use of government facilities at no charge; and (c) use of government administration support at no charge? (5) What was the total value of the assistance rendered in each promotional activity? (6) Which of the promotions contained provisions for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotional activities? (7) How many and in which of the promotional activities were there provisions for the costs incurred by the Northern Territory government, or its agencies, to be offset against future royalty income? (8) In how many, and in which of the promotional activities, were expressions of interest or tenders called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion?

Answer:

This question has been directed to both the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Parks and Wildlife. While it is not quite clear exactly what this question is targeting, I table information on promotional activities undertaken by the whole Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment where the persons or body engaged were not a full time employee of the department or its agencies, as detailed in the tables provided. Titles of the activities and amounts spent for all of the promotional activities are detailed in the table provided. There were no payments in advance, no use of government facilities at no charge, no use of government administration support at no charge, and no promotional activities contained provision for payment of future royalties to the person or body responsible for carrying out the promotion. Where promotional activities exceed the tender threshold, verbal or written expressions of interest were called before a person or body was engaged to carry out that promotion.

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WHERE PERSON OR BODY ENGAGED WAS NOT A FULL-TIME
EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT

Title of the promotional
activity Person/s engaged Total cost

Business Area Road Transport

electronic media
advertising MVR Office closure
advert Roka Graphics \$121.00
Fatigue Management
Workshop ads Roka Graphics \$286.00
publications METAL Course Brochure Big Picture Graphic Art \$944.35
Traffic Code Book
artwork/film Image Offset \$572.00
METAL Course Brochure Big Picture Graphic Art \$104.50
general printed
matter METAL Course Stickers Stickers and Stuff \$1004.00
Rail Safety Stickers Stickers and Stuff \$50.00
ADRail Certificate of
accreditation Roka Graphics \$100.00
Fatigue Management
Display drop First Class in
Graphic Design \$550.00
other form

Public Transport

electronic media
advertising Timetable advert Roka Graphics \$308.00
publications
general printed
matter Xmas Free Buses
Posters Sprout Creative \$121.00
other form

Road Safety

electronic media
advertising Christmas road
safety ads Roka Graphics \$335.50
Territory Xmas
road safety ads Roka Graphics \$368.50
Xmas advert Roka Graphics \$1133.00
Caravanning
Australia advertisement Roka Graphics \$291.50
Child Safety feature ad Roka Graphics \$209.00
Driving in the
Wet feature Roka Graphics \$149.60
DTAL feature Roka Graphics \$77.00
Road Safety Council
Membership ads Roka Graphics \$308.00
Road Safety feature Roka Graphics \$231.00
Caravanning Australia
advertisement Drawing Room \$71.50
Show advertising Roka Graphics \$297.00

Roka Graphics \$649.00

publications Caravanning Brochure Roka Graphics \$1353.00
Boyanton's Admedia \$489.50
general printed
matter Keep Left car stickers Stickers and Stuff \$1386.00
Seat Belt/Safety

Message banners Norsign Pty Ltd \$2327.16
Free coffee Xmas
campaign banners Norsign Pty Ltd \$1994.96
Hector Rulers Stickers and Stuff \$2610.00
Road Safety
Council banners A Man of Letters \$411.00
Easter campaign banner Norsign Pty Ltd \$391.70
Buying a used car flyers Action Print \$463.64
Territory by Road Map Flat Earth Mapping \$136.36
Territory by Road Map Imprint Design
& Promotions \$50.00

other form Aboriginal road safety
video copies Darwin Pro Video \$3855.06
Aboriginal road safety
video production Info TV \$3333.64
Aboriginal road safety
video copies Darwin Pro Video \$120.00
Aboriginal road safety
video production Info TV \$2722.27
CD copies of Driving
Australia video Darwin Pro Video \$116.00
Aboriginal road safety
Xmas messages CAAMA Productions \$4276.36
Conversion of footage
to CD Adnet \$40.00
Signs & Markings video Darwin Pro Video \$3895.15

Marketing & Communications
electronic media
advertising
publications Corporate Directions
document Sprout Creative \$1540.00
Element Newsletter Big Picture Graphic Art \$238.90

general printed
matter Stickers to cover old logo Stickers and Stuff \$585.00
Tropical Garden
Spectacular panels Beyond Design \$869.00
other form Set up artwork for caps Stickers and Stuff \$132.00
Tropical Garden
Spectacular display Beyond Design \$627.00
Show Circuit
Display 2002 The Exhibitionist \$25 000.00
Pens for East Arm
Port Open Day DMs Promotional
Products \$4550.00
Site fees, passes etc.
Show 2002 Show Societies \$5589.40
Bushfires Council
magnets Stickers and Stuff \$4400.00

Road Development

electronic media
advertising Engineering Magazine Drawing Room \$522.50
Northern Defence
Magazine Roka Graphics \$154.00

publications
general printed
matter
other form

Infrastructure
electronic media
advertising Construction Industry
Forum advert Roka Graphics \$121.00
publications
general printed
matter
other form

Transport Planning
electronic media Mango export
trial video ITV Media \$1540.00
advertising
publications
general printed
matter
other form

Construction Division
electronic media Info TV 1800 road
conditions adverts ITV Media \$16 283.56
advertising
V8 Supercars Traffic
Management Roka Graphics \$176.00
Deviney Road
traffic lights Roka Graphics \$418.00
Tiger Brennan Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$231.00
Stuart Highway
road works Roka Graphics \$121.00
Weekly road
conditions update Roka Graphics \$242.00
Elrundie Avenue
crossing Roka Graphics \$170.50
Elrundie Avenue
crossing Roka Graphics \$148.50
Arnhem Highway
road work Roka Graphics \$77.00
Arnhem Highway
road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Larapinta Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$176.00
Bagot Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Cahill's Crossing
road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Arnhem & Stuart
Highway road work Roka Graphics \$165.00
Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Cox Peninsular
Road Work Roka Graphics \$187.00
Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00
Lasseter Highway
speed limit changes Roka Graphics \$187.00
Girraween Road work Roka Graphics \$121.00

Tiger Brennan Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$132.00
Tiger Brennan Drive
road work Roka Graphics \$253.00

publications
general printed
matter
other form Larapinta Trail Plaque Norsign Pty Ltd \$284.00

Environment & Heritage
electronic media
advertising
publications Green Car Brochure Big Picture Graphic Art \$865.20
general printed
matter
other form

Lands & Planning
electronic media
advertising Landcare Council ads Roka Graphics \$159.50
publications Caring for Catchments
Newsletters Jack Ellis \$6935.00
general printed
matter
other form

Marine Branch
electronic media
advertising
publications Marine Safety Guide First Class in
Graphic Design \$6039.00
general printed
matter Know Know Your
Boat Posters Copytime \$616.00
Motor, Boat &
Leisure Show 2002 The Exhibitionist \$745.79
other form

Weeds Branch
electronic media
advertising
publications
general printed
matter Garden Spectacular/
Nursery Industry Darwin Design \$1000.00
other form
Territory Wildlife Parks
electronic media
advertising
publications
general printed
matter
other form Various marketing and
promotional activities \$75 542.16
detail attached
\$196 002.26

Territory Wildlife Parks

Undertaken by persons or bodies other than full time employees of the department

Activity Amount Vendor

30 SEC STARTING 18/6 - 965.00 Ricoh Business Centre
 SPNSR ANIMAL,EASTER FAIR,EASTE - 600.00 Channel 8
 SUPPLY ENGRAVED PLAQ - 400.00 Computer Engraving & Design
 TODAY,NATIONAL NINE MORNING, - 255.00 Channel 8
 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 105.45 Centralian Austour Industries
 HUNT FOR YEP. TREASURE ADDVERT 106.00 NT News
 JUG/TRAY 107.10 Catering Equipment NT
 LABOUR CHARGE 120.00 Darwin Business Machines
 TARGET WINNERS ADVER 120.00 NT News
 23/3/02 PRE-REC LIVE 130.18 ASP Commercial Broadcasters
 23/3/02 PRE-REC LIVE 130.18 ASP Commercial Broadcasters
 ONLINE DIRECTORY LISTING 136.36 Text Media Group
 SLIDES SCANNED TO DISK 140.00 Copytime
 CAMEL CUP ADVERTISING 145.00 Dunnart Advertising
 ADVERTS FOR ADVOCATE 160.00 Dunnart Advertising
 05/04-FRI F3AM SCHOOL HOLIDAY 163.91 Centralian Austour Industries
 ADVERTISING EASTER F 163.91 Centralian Austour Industries
 ADVER-CARAVAN WORLD CUP 166.36 Centralian Austour Industries
 O/PRINT CHRISTMAS CARDS 187.00 Colemans Printing
 PAPER SUPPLIES 202.75 Copytime
 ADVERTISE IN NATIONW 225.00 Nationwide Business Directory
 ADVERTISE IN NATIONW 225.00 Nationwide Business Directory
 9X DRUMSCANS SEPT01 248.00 Iben Blom Hansen
 TODAY,NATIONAL NINE MORNING, 255.00 Channel 8
 NATIONAL NINE ADS 255.00 Channel 8
 BOOKS 275.00 Tourism Info Distributors
 BOOKS 275.00 Tourism Info Distributors
 CAMEL CUP PROG ADVERT 280.00 Alice Springs Printing
 ADVERT IN AUSTOUR BROCHURE 300.00 Austour (inbound) Wholesaler
 REPLACE LETTERING ON BANNER 300.00 TJ Signs
 ADVERT-TOP END TODAY 318.18 Tourism Top End
 RENEWAL OF ADVERTISING &PARTIC 345.00 Defcon
 DEFCON AD & PARTIC RIGHTS FEE 345.00 Defcon
 TWID FEB 02 EDITION ADVERT 375.00 TW Media
 MAP GRAPHICS 378.00 Iben Blom Hansen
 SA MOTOR/BRITZ/AUST MAG/CATI 388.00 Iben Blom Hansen
 LIVE CROC & PHTHON ETC 400.00 Australian Wildlife Displays
 SUPPLY ENGRAVED PLAQ 400.00 Computer Engraving & Design
 ALUMINIUM PLAQUE/ EN 400.00 Computer Engraving & Design
 SPONSORSHIP-TILMOUTH WELL 400.00 Outback 4WD Club
 RENT MARQUEE SITE FOR FRED P 400.00 Palmerston Business Directory
 CHANNEL 7 ADVERTISING 400.00 Southern Cross Broadcasting
 ADVERTISING ARTWORK 420.00 Iben Blom Hansen
 ADVERTISING ARTWORK 420.00 Iben Blom Hansen
 DESIGN BUMPER STICKER & CLIE 487.50 Bellette Media
 BREAKFAST MIXFM 30 SEC STARTIN 499.00 NT Broadcasters
 SIGN FOR TURF CLUB F 517.00 TJ Signs
 WEBSITE LISTING/ADVERTISING 575.00 Tourism Info Distributors
 ADVERT-AUST INST EMEG SVS 587.00 Media Liason Group
 SPNSR ANIMAL,EASTER FAIR,EASTE 600.00 Channel 8
 EASTER FAIR ADS 600.00 Channel 8
 MAY'02 AD-WELCOME TO CENT.AU 620.00 Aust Tourism Publications

JULY02 AD-WELCOME TO CENT.AU 620.00 Aust Tourism Publications
1 X HALF PAGE ADVERTS SUBSCRIP 681.82 Britz
ATTRACTION PASSPORT 700.91 Centralian Austour Industries
ADVERTISING ON (INFO 800.00 Info TV
SA MOTOR ADVERTISING-MAR/APR 811.82 Royal Automobile Assc
HOLIDAY GUIDE JUL/AUG02 811.82 Royal Automobile Assc
HOLIDAY GUIDE MAY/JUNE2002 811.82 Royal Automobile Assc
TERRITORY WILDLIFE P 875.00 Group Link
A/S DESERT PARK 875.00 Group Link
9/6-VIDEO BIKE RACE THRU PAR 950.00 Television News Agency
RADIO ADVERTISEMENT 965.00 NT Broadcasters
AQUARIUM & POND ACCE 985.00 Aquagreen
ADVERTISING-MIXFM 990.00 NT Broadcasters
ADVERT-MCCAFFERTYS TRVL TIME 995.00 Reflections Media
ADVRT-MCCAFFERTYS ISS#24 995.00 Reflections Media
1/4 PAGE ADVERT MCCAFFERTY'S 995.00 Reflections Media
ADVERTS MCCAFFERTY'S TRAVEL 995.00 Reflections Media
ADVERT 1,000.00 ASP Commercial Broadcasters
SPONSORSHIP ADVERTS 1,074.18 NT News
DESIGN (WORK TO DATE) LOGO-T 1,100.00 Bellette Media
ATEC 2002 SYMPOSIUM, 1,184.55 Australian Tourism Export Co
BAG/CAP/TORCH 1,242.65 Stickers & Stuff
ADVERTISING 5TH BIRT 1,323.64 Centralian Austour Industries
ADVERTISING 1,545.00 Channel 8
ADVERT MAY-OCT 2002 1,618.18 Tourism Top End
A14396 SALES MA2075091 1,654.80 Mirror, Australian Telegraph
800XA3 PRINTS COLOUR NEWSLETTE 1,920.00 Design 4
LARAPINTA TRAIL-SCANNED IMAG 2,072.73 Joh Henshall Photography
COLOR COPY X 20 2,075.00 Colemans Printing
ADVERT WET SEASON 2,145.45 Tourism Top End
DWN & KTH BROCHURE 2,340.00 Moore Marketing
CONSULT FOR SPONSORSHIP 2,970.00 Bell & Giles Consultants
50% FINAL PAYMNT-CON 3,510.00 Bell & Giles Consultants
50% FINAL PAYMNT-CON 3,510.00 Bell & Giles Consultants
SIGNAGE 3,550.00 AA Signs & Designs
ADVERT 4,090.91 Territory Television
TELEVISION ADVERTISING 7,215.00 Territory Television
75,542.16

Question 968 (Mr Baldwin): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget? In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods?

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in the agency's annual report. Information for 2002-03 is not provided in a form consistent with the mini-budget as 2002-03 information is on an accrual basis. The Treasurer has provided a general statement in regards to the development of the accrual budget.

Question 970 (Mr Baldwin): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The change is too difficult to quantify as there has been a change to the rate, as well as a change to the expenditure classifications payroll tax is applied to. The liability is based on the amount paid for various personnel costs, and is potentially highly variable. My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment has not received any budget adjustment in respect of payroll tax liability and anticipates that there will be no substantial variation. Payroll tax is not a line item in the budget, but is included as a part of employee expenses in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Question 973 (Mr Baldwin): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

DIPE paid \$3.58m in payroll tax for 2001-02. A similar amount is anticipated to be paid in 2002-03.

Question 978 (Mr Baldwin): Explain what the entry "Expenses relating to prior year receipts means" (or in the case of some agencies "Receipts relating to prior year expenses") means. Detail what the amounts listed against this entry are for both 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Answer:

Agencies will often receive revenue, particularly from the Commonwealth, close to the end of a financial year (ie 2001-02), but will not spend against that revenue until the following year (ie 2002-03). Appropriation is not required for these expenses as the prior year's revenue is still in the agency's operating account, and should be utilised for this purpose. Therefore the item "expenses relating to prior year receipts" identifies the amounts available for use from the operating account, and reduces the requirement for appropriation. I table a document that details the items relating to the carryover of balances from 2000-01 to 2001-02 and 2001-02 to 2002-03.

ITEMS RELATING TO THE CARRYOVER OF BALANCES FROM 2000-01 TO 2001-02 AND 2001-02 TO 2002-03 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

2001-02 2002-03

Balance Shown in Budget Paper 3 7 108 3 356

Consisting of:

Total Agency Operating Account Balances at 30 June 2001* 11520

Carryover from 2001-02 to 2002-03.** -4 648 4 648

Increase Territory Wildlife Park CSO 200

Land and Water Partnership -988 988

Carryover of capital item 1 024

Recoverable Works to be retained in Operating Account balances
not used for net Appropriation purposes -2 280

*The carryover for 2000-01 to 2001-02 of \$11.52m, consists of the following items:

\$000

CSO Darwin Port Corporation various 1447

Allocation for Commonwealth funding received and not expended in 2000-01 for the National Highway Program. 1 367
Recoverable Works for Repairs and Maintenance and Capital Works – funds received and not expended during 2000-01. 2 285
Excess balances transferred to Consolidated Revenue 3230
Use of balances associated with externally funded projects still to be completed. 404
Transfer of Allocation for bio-diversity externally funded projects not expected to be completed this financial year. 281
Transfer of Allocation for externally funded projects for the Bushfire Councils 70
Transfer of Allocation for conservation management related to Projects funded from external receipts 81
Carryover of various externally funded projects from 2001-02 due to inability to complete 1 964
Allocation for additional receipts received in 2001-02 from the Commonwealth 391

**The carryover for 2001-02 to 2002-03 of \$4.648m, consists of the following items:
\$000

Carryover of CSO for Port 2 388
Commonwealth Grants for various projects (National Estates \$49
NT Heritage \$95 National Pollutant Inventory \$54 Airwatch \$17
Land and Water Partnership \$282 497
Committed funds for Land Admin Info System project, which is behind schedule 400
Delays in National Highways Capital Works project 1 024
Commonwealth funding for the Natural Heritage Trust 90
Funding for Road safety Council projects funded by TIO 60
Delays in Land Survey due to delay in native title clearances 140
Additional Commonwealth funding associated with two fire management programs currently under-way. 49

Question 982 (Mr Baldwin): How many staff are employed by the minister in their ministerial office, including Alice Springs or any other centre. How many of these staff are paid for by the Department of the Chief Minister and how many are paid for by the minister's agency or department?

Answer:

No staff are provided by my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment to my ministerial office including Alice Springs.

Question 984 (Mr Baldwin): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office; (b) by the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office

Answer:

While it is not explicitly stated it is presumed that the question relates to 2001-02. The information would not be available for 2002-03. The money spent in my electoral and ministerial offices on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information etc will be

answered by the Chief Minister. The money spent by this department on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information etc is listed on the table below:

Advertising Promotion Provision of Information Policy Cost
Details Details Detail Issues
Details
Print Plans of management –
printed in house \$500 (est)
Television
Radio
Brochure Report: mangrove Management in NT 2002. \$1400
July 2001 – 5000 Road Code books
featuring Introduction and photo of
former Minister Palmer (removed in the
Feb 2002 edition) \$13 500
Direct Mail November 2001 – 160,000 Levy Notices \$4500
supplied by Treasury for insertion with (funded by
Registration Renewal Notices. May 2002 Treasury)
– Letter from Minister Vatskalis to multiple
CVL holders seeking comment on
CPV whitepaper \$200

TOTAL \$20 100

Question 987 (Mr Baldwin): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of *Working for Outcomes* for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The change to accrual accounting and the *Working for Outcomes* model has been achieved through the use of existing resources, maximisation of previously unused features available in corporate and agency systems and training and co-ordination provided by Treasury and DCIS. This has occurred over the last 18 months and will continue over the next two to three years. It is not possible to differentiate the costs related to these developments from other financial management costs.

Question 991 (Mr Baldwin): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

Agency revenue is found on the Outputs and Appropriation Table in Budget Paper No 3. The footnote to that table describes what comprises agency revenue. The Statement of Financial Performance on page 243 of Budget Paper No 3 provides the categories of agency revenue. Detailed explanations of revenue variations can be found in the revenue section of Budget Paper No 3. The major reasons for the reduction in agency revenue of \$12.074m for my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment are as follows:

· \$3.2m is related to reduced grant receipts. This is explained more fully on page 285 of Budget Paper No 3, which reads:

The Commonwealth provides funding directly to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment (DIPE) for a variety of projects including: Environment Australia, the Natural Heritage Trust, the National Land and Water Resources Audit, the Cooperative Research Centre for Tropical Savannas, and the Environmental Flow Initiative.

The variation in these grants from \$7.1m in 2001-02 to \$3.9m 2002-03 is due to the cessation of funding for Environment Australia, and the National Land and Water Resources Audit, one-off funding for Land and Water Partnership in 2001-02, and reduced funding for the Environmental Flow Initiative and Natural Heritage Trust. Funding for the Natural Heritage Trust Agreement ceased in June 2002 and discussions are currently under way regarding the signing of the second Natural Heritage Trust agreement.

· \$8.2m is related to reduced receipts for recoverable works within DIPE as is explained on page 293 of Budget Paper No 3, which reads:

The remaining \$8m reduction is due to lower estimated recoverable works receipts by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment. Recoverable works are projects undertaken by the department on behalf of entities external to government, whereby all costs are fully recovered. The reduction is due to a one-off project in 2001-02 for the Bradshaw Access at Victoria River.

Question 994 (Mr Baldwin): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?). How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts i.e who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason?

Answer:

My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment spent \$3.3m on consulting services in 2001-02. Attachment A details all contracts with an 'as varied' total of more than \$100 000 with expenditure in 2001-02. A breakdown of all consultancies with expenditure in 2001-02 by type is:

Number of contracts	Type of Consultancy	Expenditure in 2001-02
16	Presentation Specialists	\$32 394.00
14	Mechanical Electrical Structural	\$173 570.00
50	Management	\$115 105.00
14	Information Technology	\$275 064.00
21	Heritage	\$62 523.00
4	Financial Advice	\$31 753.00
6	Financial	\$7851.00
108	Civil	\$1 300 209.00
35	Architectural	\$1 326 228.00
	TOTAL	\$3 324 697.00

My department is expected to spend \$2.5m on consultancy services in 2002-03. My department has spent \$0.769m so far this financial year. Attachment B details all contracts with an 'as varied' total of more than \$100 000 with expenditure in 2002-03. A breakdown of all consultancies with expenditure in 2002-03 by type is:

Number of contracts	Type of Consultancy	Expenditure in 2002-03
2	Presentation Specialist	\$5736.00
8	Mechanical/Electrical/Structural	\$30 205.00
5	Management	\$17 994.00
27	Information Technology	\$238 495.00
3	Heritage	\$3700.00
2	Financial Advice	\$2880.00
39	Civil	\$225 662.00
16	Architectural	\$244 026.00
	TOTAL	\$768 698.00

I table a report with all consultancies for the financial year of 2001-02 and from July 2002 to August

2002.

ATTACHMENT A

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2001/2002
TW1-9899	JOHN HOLLAND/ SPOWERS	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT	565 115.00
SD5222/98	TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF NT'S TRAFFIC & WEIGH-IN-MOTION DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS	796 996.00
POD0087	SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	EAST ARM PORT - STAGE 2A - BULK LIQUIDS/SOLID WHARF AND ACCESS JETTY AND DREDGING OF WALKER SHOAL AND SWING BASIN	223 899.11
THD1131	GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	DESIGN NEW ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL	859.09
POD0168	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - STAGE 2A – INTERMODAL CONTAINER TERMINAL AND RAILWAY ACCESS EMBANKMENT	632 280.11
TW6-0001	SITZLER/GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	142 134.70
RCD01920	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TIGER BRENNAN DRIVE -C.B.D. ENTRY TO CAVENAGH ST BARNESON ST)	111 477.95
POD0166	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - 110M EXTENSION OF EXISTING WHARF - DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION	145 822.42
PFD0322	JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	DESIGN AND DOCUMENT NEW FORENSIC BUILDING AT THE PETER MCAULAY CENTRE	22 322.10
THA1000	APRIALA PTY LIMITED	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL - PROJECT MANAGER	148 944.63
TW6-0001	SITZLER/CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	35 440.00
CZD0204	MATTHEWS KAPETAS EHRlich ARCHITECTS	DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE – DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE LOW SECURITY FACILITY - STAGE 1	45 066.00
POD0148A	ROBERT REID & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	DARWIN-DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION OF MODIFICATIONS & RELOCATION EXISTING FORT HILL WHARF CONTAINER CRANE TO EAST ARM WHARF	17 054.50
TW6-0001	SITZLER/COLLESS & O'NEILL PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	10 355.30

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SRD02530-A	KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	DARWIN - MARRARA - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND DOCUMENT THE NEW BASKETBALL STADIUM	122 568.80
FRD0161002	ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	STUART HIGHWAY DUPLICATION – ARNHAM HIGHWAY TURNOFF TO COX PENINSULA RD TURNOFF	44 503.70
CAD00480	L MARSHALL	DARWIN - PLUMBING SUPERVISION 'AS AND WHEN REQUIRED' FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	34 047.68
RDD00950/7	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TEMPLE TERRACE DUPLICATION – STUART HIGHWAY TO BYPASS AND PART ROYSTONEA AVENUE	40 536.65
DFK00030	LINTIN GEOTECHNICAL PTY. LTD.	PROVISION OF SITE LABORATORY AND TECHNICAL STAFF FOR CONFORMANCE TESTING AT TIMBER CREEK	136 195.66
THD1133/3	SITZLER BARCLAY MOWLEM JOINT VENTURE	PALMERSTON HEALTH PRECINCT – DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	31 962.00

CAA003	JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - ALICE SPRINGS CULTURAL PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION OF A THIRD GALLERY	1400.00
AUD03650	KOMAE PTY LTD	RDH - 3D DRAWINGS MAIN WARD BLOCK AIR-CONDITIONING DUCTWORK AS BUILT RECORD	135 712.00
RDD0095/16	LUPATEC (TAS) PTY LTD	BARRIER LINE AUDIT OF STUART, ARNHAM & KAKADU HIGHWAYS	54 320.00
POD0072/10	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - SERVICES, HARDSTAND AND BUILDING - CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES	12 455.23
RBD01320	EGIS CONSULTING AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	SOUTH ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE INVESTIGATION OF SCOUR & PROTECTION OPTIONS FOR WEST BANK	113 278.18
POD0133	SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	STOKES HILL WHARF - STAGE 9 UPGRADE – DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	44 877.50
AWD00010/9	SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	ADELAIDE RIVER BRIDGE- ARNHAM HIGHWAY CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR THE STEEL PILES.	41 266.30

ATTACHMENT B

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2001-02
SA5000/00	A R M DESIGN CONCEPTS	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRAPHICS	458 603.00
INF2000180	HALLIBURTON KBR	PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL &	327 760.46

		TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT GLYDE POINT AND MIDDLE ARM PENINSULAS	
CFD11320	TG & D COLLINS	BAMS DATA COLLECTION ABC CONSULTANTS	282 374.38
CFD11200	INNOVATIVE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PTY. LTD.	CUSTOMISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GAMS	234 048.58
CFD1135	DAVIS CONSULTANTS PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION SEAN DAVIS & ASSOCIATES	256 529.09
MZD0003002	HAMILTON CONSULTING SERVICES	P2 ENGINEER SECONDMENT	60 333.40
CFD0998	KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	RDH-3D MODEL DEVELOPMENT /MAINTENANCE SERVICES	14 500.00
CFD11280	AR MCLEAN	BAMS DATA COLLECTION - ARM DESIGN CONCEPTS	120 162.06
CFD1060	SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	53 950.25
SA5080/02	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS-ALIGNMENT INVESTIGATION-HYDRAULIC DESIGN & PREP'N DRAWINGS-REPLACEMENT HIGH LEVEL PALMER RIVER BRIDGE	24 738.75
RFD03690	HALLIBURTON KBR	HYDROLOGICAL & HYDRAULIC STUDY-OENPELLI RD-ARNHEM HWY TO OENPELLI INCL CAHILL CROSSING/MAGELA CK CROSSING & NOMINATED	59 762.50
CFD1025	TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY LTD	TECHNICAL SUPPORT GEMP'S CLIENTS- AS & WHEN REQUIRED	5233.00
MZD0003003	WILLING & PARTNERS (N.T.) PTY LTD	PLANNING ENGINEER SECONDMENT	9310.00

ATTACHMENT C

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2002-03
SD5222/98	TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF NT'S TRAFFIC & WEIGH-IN-MOTION DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS	50 309.12
POD0087	SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	EAST ARM PORT - STAGE 2A - BULK LIQUIDS/SOLID WHARF AND ACCESS JETTY AND DREDGING OF WALKER SHOAL AND SWING BASIN	134 625.43
POD0168	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - STAGE 2A – INTERMODAL CONTAINER TERMINAL AND RAILWAY ACCESS EMBANKMENT	28 827.89

TW6-0001	SITZLER/GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	29 200.00
THA1000	APRIALA PTY LIMITED	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL - PROJECT MANAGER	25 531.17
TW6-0001	SITZLER/CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	25 000.00
TW6-0001	SITZLER/COLLESS & O'NEILL PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27 005.00
SRD02530-A	KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	DARWIN - MARRARA - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND DOCUMENT THE NEW BASKETBALL STADIUM	61 095.95
DFK00030	LINTIN GEOTECHNICAL PTY. LTD.	PROVISION OF SITE LABORATORY AND TECHNICAL STAFF FOR CONFORMANCE TESTING AT TIMBER CREEK	26 401.27

ATTACHMENT D

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2002-03
SA5000/00	A R M DESIGN CONCEPTS	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRAPHICS	25 178.91
INF2000180	HALLIBURTON KBR	PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT GLYDE POINT AND MIDDLE ARM PENINSULAS	115 723.14
CFD11200	INNOVATIVE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PTY. LTD.	CUSTOMISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GAMS	20 909.79
CFD11620	TG & D COLLINS	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGES 1,6,7,9	105 648.99
CFD11630	DAVIS CONSULTANTS PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGES 3,4,10	61 300.00
CFD11310	PHONEWARE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS PTY LTD	ENERGY AUDITING SERVICES FOR NT GOVT OCCUPIED BUILDINGS	14 910.00
CFD11640	AR MCLEAN	BAMS DATE COLLECTION PACKAGES 6 AND 8	45 111.81
CFD1060	SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	6645.00
SA5080/02	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS-ALIGNMENT INVESTIGATION-HYDRAULIC DESIGN & PREP'N DRAWINGS-REPLACEMENT HIGH LEVEL PALMER RIVER BRIDGE	13 763.00

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Trade: Architectural

Consultant	Description	Date Award	Value As Varied	Previous Years Expenditure	Expenditure 01-02	Expenditure 02-03
FUSION (NT) PTY LTD	MVR DESIGN WORK	12/07/01	616.00		616.00	
YELLOWCITY PTY LTD	BASE PLAN - A/S RAILWAY STN	18/07/01	913.73		913.73	
BUILD UP DESIGN ARCHITECTS	DESIGN NGANMARRIYANGA PRE SCHOOL	08/08/01	4312.61		4312.61	
JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (NT+)	ARCHETICURAL SERVICES RE NT SOCCER	07/09/01	2640.00		2640.00	
JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (NT+)	ARCH SERV MARARA B/BALL	21/09/01	870.00		870.00	
PASPALIS HOTEL INVESTMENTS PT+	REINBURSE TENDER EXPENSES	16/11/01	20 000.00		20 000.00	
MULTIPLEX CONSTRUCTIONS PTY L+	TENDER COST CONTRIBUTION	20/11/01	20 000.00		20 000.00	
SPOWERS	MAMOGRAPHY UNIT OFFICE REFURB	14/12/01	1123.00		1123.00	
SPOWERS	THS EXECUTIVE REFURB	14/12/01	800.00		800.00	
JETTNER BUILDING CONSULTANTS	PREPARATION OF SKETCH PLAN SPORT BLDG	25/06/02				450.00
T K CONTRACTORS	FIT SECURITY SCREENS ETC – TRANSPORTABLE	31/01/02	200.00		200.00	
NT LANDESIGN	GARDENS SIGNAGE	22/07/02				173.57
PAUL HINKLY DESIGN	ARID ZONE HOUSE – DOCUMENTATION	13/08/02				300.00
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	QUANTITY SURVEYOR SERVICES - AS & WHEN REQUIRED -	25/03/99	7100.00	6830.00	270.00	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES AS AND WHEN REQUIRED -	10/04/01	50 000.00	720.00	9260.00	-
RIDER HUNT N.T. PTY. LTD	QUANTITY SURVEYING	10/04/01	50 000.00	260.00	2442.50	1235.00

	SERVICES AS AND WHEN REQUIRED -					
THE RAWLINSONS GROUP PTY LTD	QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES AS AND WHEN REQUIRED -	10/04/01	50 000.00	-	1665.00	-
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING PTY. LTD.	QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES AS AND WHEN REQUIRED -	10/04/01	50 000.00	-	2608.75	600.00
YELLOWCITY PTY. LTD.	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR REFURBISHMENT OF MVR A/S -	08/06/01	3400.00	3145.00	255.00	
BENNETT DESIGN PTY LTD	PROVISION OF GRAPHICS FOR CITY BEACH PROJECT -	08/06/01	15 296.82	-	15 296.82	
AR MCLEAN	BAMS DATA COLLECTION – ARM DESIGN CONCEPTS -	30/06/01	120 162.06	-	120 162.06	
TG & D COLLINS	BAMS DATA COLLECTION ABC CONSULTANTS -	01/07/01	282 374.38	-	282 374.38	
REMOTE AREA SERVICES PTY LTD	BAMS DATA COLLECTION REMOTE AREA SERVICES -	01/07/01	68 379.89	-	68 379.89	
DAVIS CONSULTANTS PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION SEAN DAVIS & ASSOCIATES -	01/07/01	256 529.09	-	256 529.09	
BELLETT MEDIA PTY LTD	DESERT KNOWLEDGE PROJECT LAUNCH DISPLAY -	20/08/01	8900.06	-	8900.06	
THE LANDSCAPE STUDIO	LANDSCAPE AUDIT - URBAN SCHOOLS NT -	23/08/01	7687.00	-	7569.30	
YELLOWCITY PTY. LTD.	PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS FOR UPGRADE OF MVR A/S -	07/09/01	20 187.00	-	20 187.00	
KATHERINE BUILDING ADVISORY SERVICES PTY LTD	KATHERINE EDUC FACILITIES - ASBESTOS REGISTERS -	08/02/02	10 964.14	-	10 964.14	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	PROPOSED DPC BUDGET COSTING ENERGY ANALYSIS & CONSTRUCTION -	07/06/02	2500.00	-	-	2175.00

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TG & D COLLINS	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGES 1,6,7,9 -	19/07/02	261 760.50	-	-	105 648.99
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DAVIS CONSULTANTS PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGES 3,4,10 -	18/07/02	236 446.00	-	-	61 300.00
AR MCLEAN	BAMS DATE COLLECTION PACKAGES 6 AND 8 -	15/07/02	131 586.00	-	-	45 111.81
REMOTE AREA SERVICES PTY LTD	BAMS DATA COLLECTION - PACKAGE 2 -	22/07/02	64 073.64	-	-	-
WOODS BAGOT PTY. LTD.	RENOVATIONS 8TH FL 38 CAVANAGH -	16/06/00	25 490.00	25 390.00	100.00	
PR MORRIS	TRAVELLERS WALK DIRECTIONAL SIGNS -	17/06/02	1049.00	-	-	-
A R M DESIGN CONCEPTS	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRAPHICS	06/07/99	1 447 000.00	573 672.00	458 603.00	25 178.91
ARCH2464	17 SHEPHERD ST DWN	11/10/01	- 285.00		- 285.00	
ARCH2464	17 SHEPHERD ST DWN	10/10/01	285.00		285.00	
ARCH2564	17 SHEPARD ST DWN	11/10/01	285.00		285.00	
ARCH2564	GROVE HILL HOTEL	20/11/01	1072.00		1072.00	
ARCH2564	PROFESS. SERVICES- CONSERVATION	23/07/02	1852.50			1852.50
ARCH2564	PROJ: MUD BRICK BLD MILLIGIMBI	21/08/01	3119.23		3119.23	
QANT1000	DESERT KNOWLEDGE PROJECT	10/05/02	4710.00		4710.00	
Architectural Total		3 233 399.65		1 326 228.56	244 025.78	

Trade : Civil:

VAN TILBURG, CD & MA	ON SITE CONSULTING	05/07/01	22 019.20		22 019.20	
GIMBELLS PTY LTD	DUKE ST OVERHANGING BRANCHES	09/07/01	390.91		390.91	
ZERBE, MR WAYNE	AERIAL SURVEY GLYDE POINT	13/07/01	6700.00		6700.00	
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL	STUART PARK TRAFFIC STUDY	02/08/01	15 000.00		15 000.00	
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL	GILRUTH AVE/GARDENS RD/MARIA LIVERIS	02/08/01	62 314.34		62 314.34	
PALMERSTON TOWN COUNCIL	THE HUB AND SURROUNDS TRAFFIC STUDY	02/08/01	6770.91		6770.91	

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ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	BRADSHAW DRAIN RETARDATION	20/08/01	9077.50		9077.50	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY KTN HOSPITAL	07/09/01	1875.00		1875.00	
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUST	FANNIE BAY COASTAL STABILITY	17/09/01	3624.00		3624.00	
CADD CONCEPTS PTY LTD	LASSETER HWY ACCESS REPORT	27/09/01	6777.27		6777.27	
CADD CONCEPTS PTY LTD	ARNHEM HWY ACCESS REPORT	27/09/01	5355.23		5355.23	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS PTY+	PROFESSIONAL FEES OLIVE PINK	13/11/01	2612.97		2612.97	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS PTY+	PROFESSIONAL FEES TUNCKS TO STOTT W/WAY	13/11/01	1557.97		1557.97	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	KATH CYCLE PLANNING REPORTS	01/12/01	569.00		569.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	ROAD NETWORK MAPS	01/12/01	450.00		450.00	
OVE ARUP PTY LTD	PROGRESS CLAIM NO. 3 - TRAFFIC STUDY	18/03/02	3265.50		3265.50	
OVE ARUP PTY LTD	TRAFFIC STUDY OF UNCONTROLLED LEFT TURNS	18/04/02	2940.00		2940.00	
OVE ARUP PTY LTD	STUART HIGHWAY ACCESS REVIEW	18/04/02	2695.00		2695.00	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	EXTENSION TO PRISON OFFICE	16/05/02	764.00		764.00	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	PARLIAMENT HOUSE PATHWAY	16/05/02	764.00		764.00	
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL	BLACKSPOT CLAIM INV 27466	13/06/02	23 804.22		23 804.22	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	COLOUR PLANS AND PLAN PRODUCTION	21/06/02	863.00		863.00	
OVE ARUP PTY LTD	STUART HIGHWAY ACCESS REVIEW CLAIM NO. 3	23/06/02	1362.50		1362.50	
COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT+	SRICKLAND ROAD	24/06/02	11 643.50		11 643.50	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	1559 DETAIL LAKE LEANYER	18/07/02				1029.60
MATCHPLAY ENGINEERING SERVICES PTY. LTD.	ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ROADS ASSESSMENT OF CONDITION -	12/11/99	63 583.68	53 083.68	10 500.00	
QANTEC PTY LTD	DESIGN WORK FOR	05/04/01	600.00	-	600.00	

	SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1238 TENNANT CREEK -					
TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION – TAMS -	30/06/01	58 953.12	-	58 953.12	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	LANDSCAPE ENTRY TO OLIVE PARK RESERVE -	17/10/01	13 482.50	-	9618.45	-
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	TODD RIVER WALK DESIGN -	22/10/01	17 360.00	-	12 453.20	-
KJ KIRKMAN & A GRANT	INTERPRETATIVE SHELTER BOTANIC GARDENS - DESIGN DO CUMENTATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT	18/09/01	28 820.40	-	24 925.03	-
DJ SIM	PROPOSED CITY BEACH RECREATION AREA CONCEPT -	01/08/01	31 797.27	-	31 797.27	
CADD CONCEPTS PTY LTD	GEORGE BROWN GARDENS MASTER PLAN CIVIL SITEWORKS -	20/02/02	1700.00	-	-	1700.00
TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGE 5 -	01/08/02	55 946.36	-	-	-
URS AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKS- GLYDE PT,GUNN PT,MIDDLE ARM -	03/04/02	76 000.00	-	-	40 156.00
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	STUART HIGHWAY/MCKINNON ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY -	10/05/00	15 989.25	12 279.25	3710.00	
ARUP PARTNER PTY LTD	STUART HIGHWAY ACCESS REVIEW- VIRGINIA ROAD TO BEES CK ROAD -	09/10/01	16 027.50	-	5550.00	2477.50
HALLIBURTON KBR	PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT GLYDE POINT AND MIDDLE ARM	06/05/01	690 793.18	28 380.96	327 760.46	115 723.14

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	PENINSULAS					
RN ALFORD	ALICE SPRINGS HERITAGE PRECINCT SIGNS -	08/07/02	3450.00	-	-	-
RN ALFORD	KATHERINE AIRPORT DISPLAY -	11/03/00	1656.90	1206.90	450.00	
DR TARR & D SAUTELLE	GHAN RAILWAY HERITAGE TRAIL -	26/10/00	28 450.60	24 243.10	4207.50	
DRAWING ROOM PTY. LTD.	AFGHAN PARK SIGNS DRAWING ROOM -	17/07/01	2382.27	-	2382.27	
RN ALFORD	2/414TH RAA COMMEMORATIVE SIGNS -	05/06/01	4555.00	-	4555.00	
DRAWING ROOM PTY. LTD.	NT DISCOVERY BROCHURES -	11/06/02	62 000.00	-	-	-
DRAWING ROOM PTY. LTD.	DOUGLAS DALY INTERPRETIVE SIGNS -	06/06/02	4837.00	-	-	3735.00
RN ALFORD	PROVIDE INTERPRETATION SIGNS IN DARWIN -	19/10/01	9760.00	-	6905.00	
RN ALFORD	PROVIDE INTERPERTATIVE SIGNS SOUTHPORT -	19/10/01	4470.00	-	3147.36	-
RN ALFORD	PROVIDE/DESIGN DALY RIVER MAP AND SIGN -	20/12/01	6500.00	-	1800.00	-
RN ALFORD	TRAVELLERS WALK MURAL – INTERPERATIVE MURAL COLLECTION -	15/06/00	-	-	-	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PALMERSTON TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLAN REVIEW & DESIGN FOR 2000/2001 LANDSCAPE WORKS ADJACENT THE WATER TOWER	20/06/00	17 150.00	6150.00	4479.50	-
DRAWING ROOM PTY. LTD.	DISCOVERING ALICE SPRINGS PROJECT – MAPS AND BROCHURES -	12/01/01	19 090.00	13 748.00	-	-
RN ALFORD	DEVELOP AND PROVIDE INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE FOR MINERS PARK PINE CREEK	26/03/02	15 404.00	-	3404.00	6033.41
RN ALFORD	RAPID CREEK INTERPRETIVE SIGNS-	01/12/00	7609.09	-	500.00	-
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	SAVANNAH WAY DEVELOPMENT – CLOUSTONS -	06/06/01	47 071.50	-	47 071.50	
RJ KOCH-LAURIE	TRAVELLERS WALK	19/03/01	15 275.57	960.00	14 315.57	

	DESIGN -					
RN ALFORD	WWII SIGNS KATHERINE RAIL BRIDGE -	14/06/01	6500.00	-	5748.29	-
TERRITORY GRAPHICS PTY LTD	INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE – DALY RIVER -	18/09/01	2538.75	-	2538.75	
RN ALFORD	TALK HEAD INTERP SIGNAGE -	08/07/02	3600.00	-	-	3336.54
RN ALFORD	LIBERATOR BOMBER WRECK SIGNS/FENCING/PATHS -	08/07/02	14 000.00	-	-	8419.10

DR TARR & D SAUTELLE	OLD GHAN HERITAGE TRAIL STAGE 2 -	21/01/02	52 000.00	-	10 780.00	-
DRAWING ROOM PTY. LTD.	DALY RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL MAP -	13/06/02	2815.00	-	-	685.00
HAMILTON CONSULTING SERVICES	P2 ENGINEER SECONDMENT -	29/06/00	173 758.40	113 425.00	60 333.40	
WILLING & PARTNERS (N.T.) PTY LTD	PLANNING ENGINEER SECONDMENT -	11/07/00	102 771.77	93 461.77	9 310.00	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	ALICE SPRINGS - PIONEER PATH VISITORS FACILITIES STRATEGY DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	20/06/00	91 846.00	81 194.19	10 651.81	
DIPLOID PTY. LTD.	FIELD SURVEY OF EXISTING IRRIGATION ASSETS SERVICING DARWIN & PALMERSTON ARTERIAL RDS NETWORK- TELEMETRIC IRRIGATION U/G	16/05/01	64 410.00	-	64 410.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	KATHERINE RIVER LOW LEVEL CROSSING WEIR UPGRADE - POST CONSTRUCTION MONITORING	11/12/00	8300.00	-	2348.00	-
OVE ARUP PTY LTD & ARUP PARTNER PTY LTD	TRAFFIC STUDY OF THE UNCONTROLLED LEFT TURNS AT SIGNALISED INTERSECTIONS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY	24/04/01	9978.00	-	3007.50	-
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TRAFFIC NOISE STUDY -	29/08/00	44 331.48	42 501.48	1830.00	

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CIVCADD PTY LTD	'AS AND WHEN' MINOR COMMISSIONS -	30/06/00	12 532.00	8570.00	3962.00	
AS KOTRANCZ	'AS AND WHEN' REQUIRED - MAP PRESENTATIONS -	30/06/00	8500.00	2054.61	2217.35	-
CADD CONCEPTS PTY LTD	'AS AND WHEN' MINOR COMMISSIONS - CONCEPTUAL PLANNING -	30/06/00	8500.00	-	2949.21	-
CIVCADD PTY LTD	KATHERINE CYCLE PLANNING STUDY -	17/04/01	6406.20	-	6406.20	
HALLIBURTON KBR	HYDROLOGICAL & HYDRAULIC STUDY- OENPELLI RD-ARNHEM HWY TO OENPELLI INCL CAHILL CROSSING/MAGELACK CROSSING & NOMINATED	10/11/00	111 706.89	41 157.50	59 762.50	
EGIS CONSULTING AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	STUART HWY/DEVINEY ROAD - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDY -	07/02/02	10 449.15	-	-	10 449.15
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS- ALIGNMENT INVESTIGATION- HYDRAULIC DESIGN & PREP'N DRAWINGS- REPLACEMENT HIGH LEVEL PALMER RIVER BRIDGE	11/02/02	113 675.00	-	24 738.75	13 763.00
PETER ANDERSON CONSULTING PTY LTD	NCP-LEGISLATION REVIEW AERODROMES ACT -	14/08/01	10 000.00	-	-	-
PETER ANDERSON CONSULTING PTY LTD	STUDY OF REMOTE AEREA AIRSTRIPS AND BARGE LANDINGS -	14/08/01	15 000.00	-	-	-
ACER7553	SURVEY,DESIGN GOLF C	20/05/02	880.00		880.00	
ACER7553	JOB NO/6633-1/3	18/02/02	2490.00		2490.00	
ACER7553	JOB NO/6633-1/2	18/02/02	3535.00		3535.00	
ACER7553	JOB NO.6633-1/1	04/01/02	6740.00		6740.00	
ALFO1466	STRAUSS AIRSTRIP	29/05/02	1288.90		1288.90	
ALFO1466	CONTR/HE2001/216/MINERS PARK	28/02/02	1466.50		1466.50	
ALFO1466	FEE PROPOSAL 24 MCH 2002	29/05/02	2540.00		2540.00	
ALFO1466	LIVINGSTONE AIRFIELD	23/10/01	2784.09		2784.09	
AQUA1000	CONSULT FEES RE POND ALTERATNS	19/11/01	81.82		81.82	
BOBA1500	COX PEN.B-24 WRECK SITE	12/08/02	693.00			693.00
BOBA1500	REVIEW/PEAK HILL	24/07/02	720.00			720.00

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CARD2505	PRE-ENGINEERING FEAS STUDY-D/R	24/07/02	1497.27			1497.27
CONN7862	DWN HARB.STRATEGIC PLAN	14/11/01	5454.54		5454.54	
CONN7862	NHT CONTRACT 1999/073666 NO.5	30/11/01	18 181.82		18 181.82	
CONN7863	ADDITIONAL SURVEY FOR MATARANK	29/10/01	1763.74		1763.74	
CSIR8038	RANGELANDS SOIL MANUAL REVISIO	09/10/01	15 000.00		15 000.00	
DESE8916	LAKE MACKAY,SIMPSON SURVEY	19/12/01	1050.00		1050.00	
DESE8916	WETLANDS SURVEY SANGSTER BORE	12/09/01	1850.00		1850.00	
DESE8916	LAKE MACKAY WETLANDS SURVEY	29/10/01	4150.00		4150.00	
HALL2004	ASP WATER DEMAND MOD	22/08/02	20.00			20.00
HALL2004	ASP WATER DEMAND MOD	22/08/02	12 612.89			12 612.89
HEWE3000	5 DAYS SURVEY WORK/1	19/11/01	2199.00		2199.00	
LATR1200	FINAL PYMT-AGAL WORK DALY RVR	10/12/01	16 000.00		16 000.00	
LATR1200	INTERIM P/MENT ALGAL WORK	26/07/01	25 000.00		25 000.00	
LATZ3039	WETLAND SURVEY 26,27/11/01	31/01/02	375.00		375.00	
LATZ3039	WETLAND SURVEY, N.SI	08/02/02	1250.00		1250.00	
LATZ3039	WETLAND SURVEY FINKE 5-10/11/1	31/01/02	1375.00		1375.00	
LATZ3039	TOBERMORY WETLAND SURVEY	31/01/02	1375.00		1375.00	
LATZ3039	WETLAND SURVEY LAKE MACKAY	31/01/02	2500.00		2500.00	
LEWI5169	VIC RVR DISTRICT REPORT SEPT02	19/03/02	13 635.45		13 635.45	
RISK2000	DWN LNG FACILITY PEER REVIEW	31/07/02	2400.00			2400.00
UNIV1974	CALIBRATION OF DALY RIVER	12/04/02	2200.00		2200.00	
UNIV1974	MODEL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING F	10/09/01	16 363.64		16 363.64	
UNIV3908	COMPLETION OF MILESTONE 2	17/07/01	15 918.00		15 918.00	
UNIV3908	4TH TRANCHE PMT PROG. REPORT	31/07/01	19 064.00		19 064.00	
UNIV3908	PMNT-MILESTONE 3 REPORT	01/05/02	35 350.00		35 350.00	
WARD8133	WATERTOWER C/PARK PALMERSTON	28/08/02	211.00			211.00

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WATE4493	FEES-DEV OF GROUNDWATER MODL	12/12/01	3900.00		3900.00	
WATE4493	CONSLTG/DEVLPMNT GRNDWATER MDL	27/03/02	6404.96		6404.96	
WATE4493	TI-TREE FARM WATER SURVEY	22/11/01	9680.53		9680.53	
WATE4493	PROFESSIONAL FEE/REIMB EXPENSE	10/09/01	12 832.69		12 832.69	
XG00	SURVEY OF FLOOR LEVELS OF BLDGS IN DALY	30/01/02	2254.54		2254.54	
Civil Total		2 662 618.23		1 300 209.23	225 661.60	

Trade: Financial

AUST4976	VALUTION SERV NOV 2001	18/12/01	545.45		545.45	
AUST6158	CHARGES RE: VISIT PROGRAM MAY	04/07/01	1600.00		1600.00	
AUST6158	CHARGES RE: CLIENT RESEARCH.	04/07/01	3366.13		3366.13	
BATE1000	PROF SERVICE 1-31/10	23/11/01	720.00		720.00	
BATE1000	PROFESSIONAL SERV 1-	12/10/01	720.00		720.00	
BATE1000	PROFESSIONAL SERV 31/8&13/9	03/10/01	900.00		900.00	
Financial Total		7851.58		7851.58	-	

Trade: Financial Advice

ERNST & YOUNG	DARWIN & ALICE SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTRES PROBITY AUDITOR	24/02/00	44 708.55	44 056.50	652.05	
PETER ANDERSON CONSULTING PTY LTD	PETER ANDERSON – CONSIDERATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A LABOUR MARKET ANALYSIS PROGRAM	14/08/01	9000.00	-	9000.00	
PETER ANDERSON CONSULTING PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DATABASE/INVESTIGATION MAJOR PROJECTS -	23/08/01	16 881.00	-	16 881.00	
B BATES	MONTHLY SKILLS FORECASTING DATA UPDATES -	09/10/01	8100.00	-	5220.00	2880.00
KPMG AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	FINANCIAL ADVICE - GLYDE POINT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE -	23/08/02	300 000.00	-	-	-
Financial Advice Total	378 689.55		31 753.05	2880.00		

Trade: Heritage

BEGN2000	INVOICE 120502/ARC.D/BASE	12/06/02	369.00		369.00	
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BEGN2000	ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE D/BAS	30/05/02	432.00		432.00	
BJOR3860	ARCHAEOLOGICAL BRIEF FORT DUND	26/07/01	250.00		250.00	
BOBA1500	WWII SITES	03/05/02	450.00		450.00	
BOBA1500	STAGE1/MINERS PARK	30/11/01	692.05		692.05	
BOBA1500	CONTRACT/HE2001/216/221101	17/01/02	1350.00		1350.00	
BOBA1500	INVENTORY OF WWII SI	04/09/01	2384.09		2384.09	
BOBA1500	SAVANNAH WAY WOLLOG	20/11/01	2727.27		2727.27	
CSIR8038	IDENTIFICATION ART SAMPLES	07/07/01	4363.64		4363.64	
CYCA7500	KALUMBURU FIRE HISTORY ANALYSI	29/08/02	350.00			350.00
CYCA7500	KALUMBURU FIRE HISTORY PROJECT	17/05/02	1200.00		1200.00	
CYCA7500	TIMBER CREEK WORKSHOP	22/08/02	1550.00			1550.00
CYCA7500	KALUMBURUR FIRE HISTORY	31/07/02	1800.00			1800.00
CYCA7500	KALUMBURU PROJECT	16/04/02	3800.00		3800.00	
DOME2672	PART TIME HERITAGE ADVISER	24/05/02	1332.73		1332.73	
DOME2672	PART TIME HERITAGE ADVISE	24/05/02	1505.00		1505.00	
DOME2672	PART TIME HERITAGE ADVISE	24/05/02	2172.73		2172.73	
DOME2672	PART TIME HERITAGE ADVISE	24/05/02	2795.00		2795.00	
DOME2672	CCNT266959/QUOTQ425	08/11/01	3010.00		3010.00	
DOME2672	CCNT266959/1-31/10/01	14/02/02	4816.00		4816.00	
DOME2672	JUNE TO AUG- CCNT 26	17/10/01	11 573.14		11 573.14	
THOM2560	KALUMBURU FIRE HIST.PROJ.	21/05/02	757.50		757.50	
THOR7231	KATH/DALY ARCH ASSMT	15/11/01	14 610.10		14 610.10	
TROP9184	ANGURUGU HERITAGE ADVICE	19/06/02	1932.65		1932.65	
Heritage Total		66 222.90		62 522.90	3700.00	

Trade: Information Technology

VICROADS	PARMS PILOT INVOICE 00114987	04/07/01	14 195.83		14 195.83	
ITMATES PTY LTD	ITMATES – AS AND WHEN IT SUPPORT -	¾/01	4170.00	2400.00	1770.00	
INNOVATIVE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT	CUSTOMISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GAMS -	21/08/01	274 776.37	-	234 048.58	20 909.79

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PTY. LTD.						
ASSE3761	WARIS DATA IMPORT-SALLNFO-COMP	31/07/02	4225.00			4225.00
CERT7962	DTIMS ANNUAL MAINT BF08980011	30/08/02	4500.00			4500.00
COMP0205	GENERAL LAIS MAINTENANCE	31/07/02	2913.33			2913.33
COMP0205	GENERAL LAIS MAINTENANCE	30/07/02	2913.33			2913.33
COMP0205	GENERAL LAIS MAINTENANCE	15/08/02	3126.67			3126.67
COMP0205	GENERAL LAIS MAINTENANCE	29/08/02	3826.67			3826.67
DDBR7460	INFO MNGMNT UNIT&SERV RECRTMNT	14/11/01	378.00		378.00	
DDBR7460	SEPT 01 PRODUCTS+SERVICES	31/10/01	500.00		500.00	
DDBR7460	PROJECT SUPPORT FOR INFORMATN	21/09/01	735.00		735.00	
DDBR7460	IMU JOB DESCRIPTN/OEU FLOWCHRT	20/08/01	1697.50		1697.50	
DDBR7460	POS:18546-SERV RELAT	19/11/01	1743.00		1743.00	
DDBR7460	POS:18545-PROJ OFF S	19/11/01	1743.00		1743.00	
DDBR7460	C.I.M. BRANCH TEAM BUILDING &	02/05/02	2090.91		2090.91	
DDBR7460	TRAINING REVIEW OCT-NOV 01	07/12/01	2730.00		2730.00	
DDBR7460	BUSINESS SERV REVIEW-PHASE 1	11/12/01	3000.00		3000.00	
DDBR7460	ENGAGE CONSULTANT D&D BRYAN TO	31/05/02	5000.00		5000.00	
DIAL5914	I.JONES/21- 280702/STC01-66061	15/08/02	6200.00			6200.00
DIAL5914	IVOR JONES/07- 14/07/02	30/07/02	7700.00			7700.00
DIAL5914	IVOR JONES/09- 30/06/02	15/07/02	14 400.00			14 400.00
DMRC2231	PROFESSIONAL SVCS RENDERED FOR	27/08/02	71 137.25			71 137.25
DMRC2231	PROFESSIONAL SVCS RENDERED FOR	27/08/02	71 137.25			71 137.25
EVOL8534	VG MAINTENANCE	31/07/02	35.00			35.00
EVOL8534	VG MAINTENANCE	30/07/02	35.00			35.00
EVOL8534	VG MAINTENANCE	15/08/02	35.00			35.00
EVOL8534	VG MAINTENANCE	15/08/02	105.00			105.00
EVOL8534	GENERAL LAIS	31/07/02	140.00			140.00

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	MAINTENANCE					
EVOL8534	GENERAL LAIS MAINTENANCE	30/07/02	140.00			140.00
EVOL8534	GENERAL LAIS MAINTENANCE	29/08/02	210.00			210.00
EVOL8534	GEN.LAIS MAINT & DEVT	22/07/02	402.50			402.50
EVOL8534	VG MAINTENANCE	29/08/02	507.50			507.50
EVOL8534	LAIS REDEVELOPMENT	22/07/02	2327.50			2327.50
EVOL8534	LAIS REDEVELOPMENT (ILIS)	29/08/02	2870.00			2870.00
EVOL8534	LAIS REDEVELOPMENT (ILIS)	15/08/02	3012.50			3012.50
EVOL8534	LAIS REDEVELOPMENT (ILIS)	31/07/02	3965.50			3965.50
EVOL8534	LAIS REDEVELOPMENT (ILIS)	30/07/02	3965.50			3965.50
IBMA9628	EDRM PILOT IMPLEMENTATION	23/08/01	5432.00		5432.00	
SPHE2525	BAMS/TANIA LAWRIE	19/08/02	7755.00			7755.00
Information Technology Total		535 777.11		275 063.82	238 495.29	
Trade: Management						
CATA9000	EVALUATION WORKSHOP	10/09/01	5913.64		5913.64	
CATA9000	CONSULTANCY AND COSTING AND PR	04/06/02	7045.45		7045.45	
CATH7083	COPLETION OF MANUAL OF DISPLAY	04/04/02	5000.00		5000.00	
DDBR7460	TRAINING & RECORDS UNIT REV	20/08/02	2090.91			2090.91
DDBR7460	MVR PROBLEM SOLVING PROJECT	20/08/02	5000.00			5000.00
MADD3075	PREPARE TRAINING SESSION	28/09/01	1918.00		1918.00	
MARK2998	DELVY-TOUR GUIDE TRAINING FRMEWK	30/07/01	5390.00		5390.00	
MITC1265	MOVING FORWARD WKSHOP	20/06/02	7962.73		7962.73	
MITC1265	MOVING FORWARD WORKSHOP	04/06/02	8285.59		8285.59	
MITC1265	MOVING FORWARD WORKSHOPS	31/07/02	10 588.18			10 588.18
PSYC1100	DIVERSITY TRAINING 26-28/11	05/12/01	2500.00		2500.00	
RALE2000	CONSULTING SERVICES FOR DIGITA	27/02/02	4529.45		4529.45	
STAC4903	CNSLT-NTIPE	14/02/02	15 535.15		15 535.15	

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SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNING &	04/09/01	120.00		120.00	
SUSA9904	MBTI MANUAL	26/07/01	131.30		131.30	
SUSA9904	MBTI INVENTORIES	06/09/01	825.00		825.00	
SUSA9904	TEAM DEV MVR 26/8/01	06/09/01	1000.00		1000.00	
SUSA9904	FACILITATION OF BUSI	14/08/01	1000.00		1000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANS 28-29/6/01	26/07/01	2000.00		2000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNING 2-3/8/01	23/08/01	2000.00		2000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNG DBS & NTFLEET	06/09/01	2000.00		2000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNING 13&16/8/01	06/09/01	2000.00		2000.00	
SUSA9904	STRATEGIC BUSINESS P	12/09/01	2000.00		2000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNING &	04/09/01	2000.00		2000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLAN 18-19-20/6/01	26/07/01	3000.00		3000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANS 12-14-15/6/01	26/07/01	3000.00		3000.00	
SUSA9904	MVR TEAM DEV14,21,22	06/09/01	3000.00		3000.00	
SUSA9904	FACILITATIONOF PTB W	21/11/01	3000.00		3000.00	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANS 25-26-27/6/01	26/07/01	3090.91		3090.91	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNING 30/7-1/8/01	23/08/01	3181.82		3181.82	
SUSA9904	BUSINESS PLANNING 23-26/7/01	23/08/01	4000.00		4000.00	
TEAM3714	REPRINT DISCOVERY WORKBOOK	24/08/01	35.00		35.00	
TEAM3714	PROFILE DETAILS:T&W N.COLLETT	16/07/01	104.00		104.00	
TEAM3714	TEAM MEMBER PROFILE KBOCHOW	24/08/01	104.00		104.00	
TEAM3714	TEAM MMBR PROFILE-K.QUICKENDED	09/11/01	105.00		105.00	
TEAM3714	TEAM MEMBER PROFILE BW	16/08/02	105.00			105.00
TEAM3714	TEAM MANAGEMENT PROF	19/06/02	107.00		107.00	
TEAM3714	TEAM MEMBER PROFILE-LC,LW	20/05/02	210.00		210.00	
TEAM3714	PROFILES/D KELLY/R BEVAN	18/07/02	210.00			210.00
TEAM3714	TEAM MEMBER PROFILE	12/06/02	234.00		234.00	

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TEAM3714	TEAM MEMBER PROFILE	22/05/02	309.00		309.00	
TEAM3714	TEAM MEMBER PROFILE-FINANC	31/05/02	2111.82		2111.82	
TURN2801	REVIEW JOB ANALYSIS ?4 FINANCE	20/08/01	454.54		454.54	
TURN2801	JOB ANALYSIS QUESTIONNAIRE;	10/12/01	454.54		454.54	
TURN2801	JOB ANALYSIS/LAND IN	13/11/01	511.36		511.36	
TURN2801	PREP JOB ANALYSIS QUESTIONNAIRE	07/11/01	550.00		550.00	
TURN2801	PREP.JOB ANALYST QU	12/10/01	568.18		568.18	
TURN2801	PREP.JOB ANALYST QU	12/10/01	568.18		568.18	
TURN2801	PREP.JOB ANALYST QU	12/10/01	568.18		568.18	
TURN2801	PREP.JOB ANALYST QU	12/10/01	568.19		568.19	
TURN2801	PREPARATION OF 2 JAQ	10/01/02	654.54		654.54	
TURN2801	JOB DESCRIPTION LEGAL SERVICES	26/07/01	682.50		682.50	
TURN2801	REVIEW & REPORT PROSECUTIONS B	09/07/01	1046.50		1046.50	
TURN2801	CS PROGRAM EVALUATION	22/08/01	1729.00		1729.00	
TURN2801	PRPRTN JOB ANALYSIS QUESTIONAR	09/11/01	2000.00		2000.00	
Management Total		133 098.66		115 104.57	17 994.09	

Trade: Mechanical/Electrical/Structural

KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	RDH-3D MODEL DEVELOPMENT /MAINTENANCE SERVICES -	18/11/99	138 960.00	122 960.00	14 500.00	-
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY LTD	MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AS & WHEN -	06/08/99	10 000.00	1474.00	3200.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY LTD	TECHNICAL SUPPORT GEMP'S CLIENTS- AS & WHEN REQUIRED -	06/11/99	110 000.00	72 333.26	5233.00	
MICHAEL RICE CONSULTING ENGINEERS	GEMP -ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPTIMISATION -ALICE SPRINGS BMS -	28/03/00	45 000.00	28 057.00	8000.00	8650.00
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ENVIRONMEN TAL DESIGN -	01/06/00	119 000.00	46 026.66	53 950.25	6645.00

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IMC GROUP PTY LTD	GENERIC SHADE STRUCTURE DESIGN FOR ALICE SPRINGS - IMC GROUP -	27/04/0 1	2727.2 7	-	2727.2 7	
PHONEWARE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS PTY LTD	ENERGY AUDITING SERVICES FOR NT GOVT OCCUPIED BUILDINGS -	01/07/0 2	170 000.00	-	-	14 910.00
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY LTD	COMPLIANCE AUDIT - CHEMICAL LABORATORIES NT SCHOOLS -	13/08/0 1	70 000.00	-	69 446.64	-
MAUNSELL MCINTYRE PTY LTD	STUDY INTO THE LIVE CATTLE INDUSTRY -	27/10/0 0	41 000.00	-	-	-
NORM1000	DESIGN LAKE NUMBER GENERATOR	13/02/0 2	2000.0 0		2000.0 0	
PETE9161	ENVIROMENTAL NOISE REGULAT	10/05/0 2	2025.0 0		2025.0 0	
PETE9161	ENVIROMENTAL NOISE REGULAT	11/04/0 2	2100.0 0		2100.0 0	
PETE9161	DRAFT.ENVNOISE REG/261101	04/01/0 2	2500.0 0		2500.0 0	
PETE9161	PM:FM:4158/250202	01/03/0 2	2887.5 0		2887.5 0	
PETE9161	CONTRACT DO1-0184	04/07/0 1	5000.0 0		5000.0 0	
Mechanical/Electrical/Struct ural Total		723 199.77		173 569.66	30 205.00	

Trade: Presentation Specialist

FIRST CLASS (NT) PTY LTD	DESERT KNOWLEDGE PROJECT	12/07/01	900.00		900.00	
FIRST CLASS (NT) PTY LTD	CLUB ALICE PROJECT	12/07/01	900.00		900.00	
MCCUE, MS SAMANTHA	DESERT KNOWLEDGE DISPLAY	12/07/01	262.50		262.50	
ENTITY 1 LIMITED	CITY BEACH PRESENTATION	02/08/01	1462.50		1462.50	
CATALYST CONSULTING INTERNATI+	LANDSCAPING FORUM FACILITATION	20/12/01	4162.50		4162.50	
ROKA GRAPHICS PTY LTD	LANDSCAPE FORUM LETTERHEADS	20/12/01	570.00		570.00	
LANDPLAN STUDIO PTY LTD	PREPARATION OF FORUM	31/12/01	1707.45		1707.45	
AH TOY, MR LAURENCE	CHAIRMAN'S REMUNERATION OCT2001	08/01/02	1926.00		1926.00	
AH TOY, MR LAURENCE	CHAIRMAN'S REMUNERATION	08/01/02	5753.50		5753.50	
BENNETT DESIGN PTY LTD	ARTLANDIS PORT MODEL	28/03/02	272.00		272.00	
ROKA GRAPHICS	BOTANIC GARDENS	16/05/02	330.00		330.00	

PTY LTD	MASTERPLAN					
AH TOY, MR LAURENCE	PERIOD 1/12-20/6 CHAIRMAN'S REMUNERATION	20/06/02				5736.40
SAMANTHA MCCUE	SAMANTHA MCCUE - SCRIPT AND SPEAKING NOTES -	01/08/01	1680.00	-	1680.00	
SIGNTECH (NT) PTY LIMITED	CITY BEACH CONCEPT PROPOSAL -	17/08/01	5710.00	-	5710.00	
SIGNTECH (NT) PTY LIMITED	DESERT KNOWLEDGE AUSTRALIA CONCEPT PROPOSAL -	17/08/01	4770.00	-	4770.00	
ENTITY 1 LIMITED	CITY BEACH PRESENTATION DEVELOPMENT -	31/07/01	1500.00	-	1500.00	
CATALYST CONSULTING INTERNATIONAL PTY. LIMITED	FACILITATE FORUM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MASTERPLAN FOR DARWIN -	31/05/02	3000.00	-	487.50	-
Presentation Specialist Total		34 906.45		32 393.95	5736.40	
Grand Total		7 775 763.90		3 324 697.32	768 698.16	

Question 1058 (Mr Elferink): How much has been spent on developing communication with Traditional Land Owners to enable “speedy” resolution of economic development issues on the land?

Answer:

As stated in the *Building a Better Territory* document, this government is committed to working co-operatively with Indigenous land owners and their representatives to speedily resolve land rights and native title claims to enable greater economic use of land. The settlement of claims and the work on native title spans across government agencies activities and is being managed in existing resources.

Land Use Planning

Question 257 (Mr Bonson): Can the minister advise if funds will be expended this financial year on urban enhancement in my electorate? In particular, will funds be expended to improve the boundaries of Bagot Community to attenuate noise and improve privacy for community members?

Answer:

Funds have been identified for a landscape project along the Bagot Road/Community boundary. The scope of that project is yet to be finally agreed with the Bagot Community but I am hopeful that some work can commence this financial year.

Question 304 (Mr McAdam): Can the minister advise on allocations made in this financial year to complete work on Land Use Objectives, the introduction of a revised *Planning Act* and progress on work pulling together the one Territory wide Planning Scheme?

Answer:

The costs associated with current projects for the Darwin Southern Suburbs, Central Darwin (2) and Nightcliff LUO's will be contained within the Land Use Planning output of my DIPE. No specific project allocation has been made. Similarly, the costs associated with a review of the *Planning Act* and

development of the new NT Planning Scheme will be met with the Land Use Planning output appropriation of \$5.105m.

Question 1021 (Mr Baldwin): What funding allocation has been allowed for the development of the Flemming Township in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

No funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget for the development of the Flemming Township.

Question 1027 (Mr Baldwin): How many unfilled planning positions are there within the planning division of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment?

Answer:

As at 10 September 2002, there is one Planner (P1/2) vacancy in Alice Springs which has been advertised. Because of the difficulty of attracting planning professionals to the Territory, universities with planning faculties were also contacted and advised of the vacancy. A small number of candidates applied and their claims are under consideration. A P3 position was filled recently within the Darwin office. Several other P1/P2 positions were advertised recently.

Question 1079 (Mr Baldwin): What will be the cost of re-working the Alice Springs Land Use Objectives?

Answer:

Alice Springs Land Use Objectives are not being reworked. The department will be drafting a regional land use plan for Alice Springs beyond the boundary of the 1999 Land Use Structure Plan. Costs for the regional land use plan have not yet been determined, but are expected to be contained within the department's allocated budget.

Question 1085 (Mr Baldwin): Is the government currently negotiating residential zoning south of the Gap in Alice Springs? If so, how much is anticipated in expenditure in this area, for example, headworks?

Answer:

There has been an ongoing interest by private landholders in pursuing urban type densities south of the Gap. However, there are no current proposals, the government is not "negotiating" with anyone and no expenditure on headworks is proposed in 2002-03.

Question 1099 (Mr Baldwin): Detail the list of all initiatives to be funded under the 2002-03 budget, Urban Enhancement and Heritage program and total allocation. Detail actual funding against this list, including any un-allocated amount.

Answer:

The final list of new projects under this program will be made available once approved. The total new program allocation is \$1.5m as indicated on page 32 of Budget Paper No 4. This is in addition to \$2.294m included in the revote program. The government will in future be placing particular emphasis on projects which:

- are in an urban environment within or in close proximity to major cities and towns. Works should be 'landscape based' to enhance the natural or built environment;
- are visually pleasing, built in context with the area surrounding them, add value, appeal and function;

and

- involve stakeholders and the wider community, where practical, through a consultative process.

Land Management

Question 940 (Ms Carter): When will responsibility for Cullen Bay Beach be transferred from the NT government to Darwin City Council so that work can commence to enhance the appearance of the beach?

Answer:

My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is awaiting a final report from the developer to ensure it has met its contractual obligations. This report is expected in the near future. Upon receipt a copy is to be forwarded to the Darwin City Council. A meeting is then to be arranged to discuss any concerns and also to define the boundary of the beach. This process is expected to take at least 3 to 4 months.

Question 1016 (Mr Dunham): It is noted (p 226 Budget Paper 3) that the department believes that the speed of resolution of land claims will enable greater economic use of land, and lists this as a strategic issue. Can the minister provide figures of the pastoral land estate granted to Aboriginal people under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act*, and an estimate of the economic benefit arising from this? Have Treasury provided estimates of the gross state product which has risen as a result of the resolution of these land claims?

Answer:

Thirty-two leases have been claimed pursuant to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* (ALRA) and to date 26 have been granted under ALRA title. The total area of former pastoral leases granted to date as ALRA title is 92 545 km². A direct estimate of the economic benefit of these grants has not been made. However, there are intangible benefits to Aboriginal people from obtaining freehold title to their traditional land that can't be quantified in economic terms. Treasury has not provided estimates of the impact on Gross State Product of the settlement of the land claims. The economic impact would be dependent on how the land is utilised for production purposes as a result of the resolution of the land claims. The important point is that any land free of claims is available for economic use. The government is committed to working cooperatively with Aboriginal landowners and their representative organisations to increase the economic use of land.

Question 1025 (Dr Lim): Budget Paper Number 5, page 100 advises that "Some 40 lots were released in Larapinta, to be followed by a further release in Mount Jon Valley scheduled for 2003". Provide plans showing location and size of the 40 lots released in Larapinta together with plans showing location and size of the residential blocks at Mount Jon Valley to be released in 2003 including a time line of the land release.

Answer:

Unfortunately the reference in Budget Paper No 5 is incorrect, as no land has recently been released in Larapinta. My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is holding negotiations with the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation and the Central Land Council with the aim of having land ready for release by mid April 2003. This release is expected to provide around 30 residential blocks. Further negotiation is expected to provide a staged release of up to 300 more blocks commencing in 2004-05. Subdivision design is proceeding with the inclusion of sacred site and land capability constraints. The Mt Johns Valley has been identified for future residential development and is included in current negotiations, but a target date for land release has not been set.

Question 1040 (Dr Lim): Budget Paper No 5, page 100 advises that 'Some 40 lots were released in Larapinta, to be followed by a further release in Mt Johns Valley scheduled for 2003.' Provide plans showing location and size of the 40 lots released in Larapinta together with plans showing location

and size of the residential blocks at Mt Johns Valley to be released in 2003 including a time line of the land release.

Answer:

Same answer as in Question 1025.

Question 1050 (Mr Baldwin): When will native title over Larapinta Stage 4 be resolved? What negotiation points are being pursued, eg, land grant, financial payouts.

Answer:

My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is holding negotiations with the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation and the Central Land Council with the aim of having land ready for release by mid April 2003. The negotiation points include involvement of Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation in the subdivision design to protect cultural values and economic participation through a development right over land within the subdivision. The Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation has been involved in negotiating the design of the subdivision to protect sacred sites and exclude cutting or benching into hillsides. There is also an in principle agreement to limit extinguishment of native title to areas where a title is to be issued or protection of public works is required.

Question 1056 (Mr Baldwin): What government purchases of land have occurred or are expected to occur over 2001-02 and 2002-03? For what purposes are these purchases being made? What is the estimated cost of these purchases?

Answer:

LAND PURCHASES – 2001-02

Parcel	Purpose	Cost (\$)
YMCA - Talc Head	Compensation for improvements	136 500
Section 4581, Hundred of Strangways	Oil and gas corridors	75 000
Section 1857, Hundred of Ayers	Relocation of Berry Springs Hardware (planning objectives, new district centre)	266 700
NT Portion 6152 – part Atartinga Station	Compensation	50 000
Section 1715, Hundred of Colton	Acacia Hills Bushfire Brigade site	22 000
Section 4859, Hundred of Bagot	Knuckey Arterial	461 000
Various	Minor road acquisitions	43 300
	Total	1 054 500

LAND PURCHASES – 2002-03 (ANTICIPATED)

The 2002-03 Land Acquisition Budget for the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is \$3.528m. Anticipated land purchases for 2002-03 include:

- buyback of four residential lots in the Head Street subdivision in Alice Springs;
- acquisitions associated with oil and gas corridors;
- purchase of a rural property in Berry Springs that is subject to flooding;
- buyback of 10 residential lots in the Rosebery D subdivision; and
- acquisition of the Rapid Creek recreation corridor.

It is anticipated that the above land purchases will be contained within the Land Acquisition Budget.

Land purchases are negotiated with the owners, based on valuations assessed by the Australian Valuation Office. Additional land purchases may be identified during the financial year.

Question 1063 (Mr Baldwin): What steps have been taken to resolve native title over Owen Springs?

Answer:

Initial discussions have been held with the Central Land Council regarding the native title issues associated with the future development of Owen Springs. As native title may co-exist with the Owen Springs pastoral lease, excision of land for non-pastoral purposes will need to comply with the future act provisions of the *Native Title Act*.

Question 1067 (Mr Baldwin): What funding allocation has been made in the 2002-03 budget to allow for: (a) the subdivision of Owen Springs Station; (b) the design of any future works necessary on Owen Springs Station for recreational, horticultural, tourism and urban rural development?; (c) Has the masterplan been developed for the future use of Owen Springs Station? (d) When will an announcement regarding future use of Owen Springs Station be made? (e) Will neighbouring pastoralists have the opportunity to obtain remnant pieces of the Owen Springs property? (f) What individuals or organisations have submitted expressions of interest or sought access or grants for land?

Answer:

Funding for the subdivision of Owen Springs Station has not been allocated. Before releasing land for non-pastoral use government will need to address the future act provisions of the *Native Title Act*, and therefore it is not expected that any funding for subdivision will be required within the current budget period. As government determines future uses for Owen Springs land, budget will be allocated by the usual works program processes and will be subject to assessment of priorities. A draft land use concept plan has been developed for the consideration by the government. An announcement regarding future use will be made after due consideration of the issues by government. It is intended that any land from Owen Springs made available for pastoral use or commercial development will be offered subject to public competitive process. Neighbouring pastoral lessees will be able to participate. A total of 47 unsolicited expressions of interest from 33 organisations or individuals have been received seeking access or grants of land from Owen Springs (table attached). The government has made no commitments in regard to grants of land at this time. Access on a 12-month trial basis has been granted to ballooning operators and a commercial quad bike operator.

DATE	PERSON/S EXPRESSING INTEREST	NATURE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
3/12/99	Bill and Jan Hayes – Deep Well Station	Pastoral
22/05/00	Ken Porter – Wallace Rockhole	Pastoral
7/07/00	Ken Porter – Wallace Rockhole	Pastoral
8/03/01	Ken Porter – Wallace Rockhole	Bush Camp for tourists
13/03/01	Ken Porter – Wallace Rockhole	Cattle Run & Camp
10/04/01	Ken Porter – Wallace Rockhole	4 x 4 tourism & Cattle run
28/10/01	Ken Porter – Wallace Rockhole	Cattle run & Camp
18/06/00	Rod Kramer – Temple Bar Station	Additional land to be added to Temple Bar
30/09/00	Rod Kramer – Temple Bar Station	Additional land to be added to Temple Bar
22/06/00	Jim Thomas - Central Australian Horticultural Group	Horticultural Land
20/06/00	Department of Defence - JDFPG	Additional land for Pine Gap

12/10/00	Department of Defence - JDFPG	Additional land for Pine Gap
10/01/02	Department of Defence - JDFPG	Additional land for Pine Gap to form a buffer
24/04/02	Department of Defence - JDFPG	Additional land for Pine Gap to secure continuing access to the calibration tower west of the existing JDFPG boundary & creation of a private easement
23/05/00	Wally Klein - Orange Creek Station	Pastoral
20/06/00	Jim Hayes – Undoolya Station	Pastoral
6/06/00	John Sanby – Outback Ballooning	300km2 for Game Park, Ballooning, Safari Lodge & camping
1/03/01	John Sanby – Outback Ballooning	Tourism development and game park
25/07/00	Craig Gifford – Helimuster, via VRD Station	Residence, helicopter base, Brahman Stud
4/08/00	Sven Tetlow - Spinifex Ballooning	Land adjoining the Stuart Highway for Ballooning
3/08/00	Will MacGregor - "Bushmob Youth Diversion Group"	Land for Youth Diversionary Program
14/08/00	Jol Fleming - Centralian Recreational Vehicle Awareness Group	Establishment of an off-road motorcycle track
16/08/00	Lori Ventura-Delgiacco - Delgiacco Pty Ltd	Land for horticulture
18/10/00	Alice Fun Flyers Inc.	Land for Clubhouse and landing strip (Model Aeroplanes)
31/10/00	Finke Desert Race Inc.	Land for Race Start and Prologue Track and 35 km strip of land to assist with crowd control and access track for spectators
21/12/00	Tony Smith – Territory Transportables	Grazing and tourist accommodation
12/01/01	Bob Rowe - T & R Pastoral Pty. Ltd.	Pastoral sub-lease
25/05/00	Jim Brown – White Gums	Pastoral/Grazing Licence
2/02/01	Jim Brown – White Gums	Pastoral/Grazing Licence
1/05/01	Bureau of Meteorology	Retention of rain gauge at Owen Springs Homestead
4/05/01	Imparja Television	Youth Camp and media education centre
4/07/01	Mark Hampel - Hampel Pty. Ltd	1km2 for a Commercial Date Plantation
4/07/01	Greg Toholke	1km2 for a Commercial Date Plantation
25/06/01	Central Australian Camel Industry Association Inc.	4km2 for Depot to supply camels for live export trade & domestic slaughter trade
5/12/01	Central Australian Camel Industry Association Inc.	Camel Depot
30/08/01	Gary Dann – Waite River Holdings Pty. Ltd. Amburla Station	Irrigation for Cattle feed crops
7/09/01	Glen Auricht - Alice Springs Motorcycle Club Inc.	Venue for the 2002 Masters Game Enduro event
25/10/01	Glen Auricht - Alice Springs Motorcycle Club Inc.	Venue for the 2002 Masters Game Enduro event
1/02/02	Bob Lee – Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association	Addition to Bohning Saleyards complex
9/01/01	Alice Springs Aero Club	Approx. 10 nautical miles due south of the airport for a landing area & pilot training

29/10/01	Patrick Brown - Patrick Homes Pty. Ltd.	Purchase all or part of Owen Springs Station, in particular the area behind Whitegums Station
24/01/02	C & M South	Cattle run
10/12/01	Alice Springs Off Road Racing Club	From Roe Creek to Orange Creek Station boundary for a multi-purpose complex to cater for the Masters Games, Motorcycle Enduros & 4 wheel drive clubs
19/12/01	Central Australian Drag Racing Association Inc.	Permanent National standard drag racing strip
14/01/02	Central Australian Sporting Car Association Inc.	Car Rally Racing
16/08/02	Sandra & Harry Osborne - Ossies Outback Horse & 4WD Tours	Use of the Station Home & paddocks for relocation of Horse Tours

Question 1068 (Mr Baldwin): What funding allocation has been made in the 2002-03 budget to allow for: (a) the design of urban development at Lee Point? (b) the purchase of Commonwealth land at Lee Point? (c) the development of head works at Lee Point to enable urban development? (d) what is the timeline for works to begin?; (e) how will the land be released?

Answer:

There has been no specific funding allocation in the 2002-03 budget for the purchase of and development work on the Commonwealth land at Lee Point. Negotiations are still proceeding with the Department of Defence and a draft contract of sale has been received which is being examined by the government's legal advisers. My department will shortly be preparing a submission to the government, which discusses options available to the Territory in respect to the purchase and future release of the land. In any case, it is not expected that site works will commence until at least the 2003-04 financial year.

Question 1098 (Mr Baldwin): What revenue was received from land sales in 2001-02? What estimated revenue will be received in the 2002-03 budget from the sale of land and assets? Detail individually.

Answer:

In the financial year ending 30 June 2002 the total revenue received from land sales was \$4.3m. For the financial year ending 30 June 2003 the revenue estimated from sale of land is \$5m. For commercial reasons it is not appropriate at this time to provide estimates of revenue from the sale of particular parcels of land.

Question 1101 (Mr Baldwin): How much has been provided in the budget for the acquisition of private land adjoining Rapid Creek? How is the amount calculated?

Answer:

No specific allocation has been provided in the 2002-03 budget. The acquisition of private land adjoining Rapid Creek will be contained within the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment's Land Acquisition Budget. Values for the land to be acquired are determined by the Australian Valuation Office.

Trade Development Zone

Question 1059 (Mr Baldwin): The 2002-03 Budget Policy Initiatives include: "The Establishment of a Land Development Corporation". (a) What funding has been allocated to achieve this by June 2003?

(b) What type of structure will it be? (c) What will be its charter? (d) Explain the membership of the Corporation; (e) How will it be administered?

Answer:

\$0.3m has been allocated in the budget for the establishment of the Land Development Corporation. These funds relate to the costs of my department's officers and consultants who are providing advice on the form charter, management and financial structure that the new body should have. The Corporation is scheduled to be established by June 2003 as identified in "Building a Better Territory". It is intended that the corporation's principal focus be the development of East Arm, Middle Arm and Glyde Point to support projects associated with the railway, port and onshore gas. The legislation is still to be drafted and presented to the parliament and therefore a board has not been appointed. Also, a mechanism for the appointment of board members has not been decided as yet and will be the subject of the advice previously referred to. However, it is intended that the board members be selected on the basis of competence and experience in land development matters.

Building Control

Question 297 (Mr McAdam): Can the minister detail funding for additional inspectorate and auditing resources under the *Building Act*? Is this an increase on what was allocated last financial year?

Answer:

The Building Advisory Services Branch of my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment has been allocated an additional \$100 000 for the 2002-03 financial year. These additional funds will be used to substantially increase the auditing of building practitioners to ensure that they fulfil their obligations under the *Building Act*. Given that the major function of building certification lies with the private sector, the government recognises there is a strong need to have an independent checking of the system. This will ensure that building practitioners are maintaining appropriate standards and fulfilling their obligations under the *Building Act* and also ensure that government and the community can have faith in the integrity of the process. It is vital that all buildings are constructed to appropriate national standards, so that minimum levels of health, safety and amenity are achieved.

Question 1092 (Mr Baldwin): What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to implement Builders Registration and Warranties for home building by June 2003? (a) What will be the overall cost of administering this scheme?; and (b) What will be the cost to individual builders and home owners?

Answer:

No specific funding has been made available for the implementation of the Builders Registration and Warranty Scheme in the 2002-03 budget. The establishment of such a scheme is a complex task particularly as it needs to balance the interests of home-buyers with those of the many reputable but relatively small builders in the Northern Territory and introduce a comprehensive yet cost effective scheme. The development of these proposals is not only a complex task but has to involve a consultative process, as it impacts significantly upon the building industry, lenders, insurers and home-buyers. The Territory needs to develop a scheme that is suited to Territory conditions and that strikes a balance between the provision of protection to the home-buyer while allowing the industry scope to function effectively. To this end, once proposals have been developed, the government will consult widely with the community. Following the consultation process, the government will consider the preferred option and the financial and resourcing implications.

Land Development

Question 126 (Mr Wood): Is there a budget allocation for the development of industrial land at Wickham Point? Is Phillips contributing anything towards the cost of the road to Wickham Point, and the supply of water and power to the Point? What will be the total cost to government of providing these services (road, power and water)?

Answer:

There is no budget allocation for the development of industrial land at Wickham Point. Phillips is not making any direct contribution to the provision of roads, power or water to Wickham Point. However, the company will be paying \$2.8m for purchase of a serviced block of land. The total cost of providing services to Wickham Point is shown on pages 30 and 31 of the Budget Paper No 4 (2002-03 Capital Works Program) as follows:

- Construct Wickham Point Road – linking Channel Island to Wickham Point \$7.979m.
- Wickham Point – construction of power and water supply infrastructure to Wickham Point \$11m.

The total cost for providing these services is therefore \$18.979m. In providing services to Wickham Point from Palmerston some further land along the route will become available for release by my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment thus providing further revenue potential in the future.

Question 609 (Mr Burke): How much has been allocated in the budget in providing essential infrastructure to Glyde Point industrial estates?

Answer:

No money has been allocated in the budget for the construction of essential infrastructure to service the Glyde Point industrial estate. However, \$1.956m is allocated in the Capital Works Program for continuing infrastructure feasibility studies and the collection of environmental data associated with proposed development at Glyde Point. These studies will provide the basis for detailed engineering design of wharf facilities, a power station and the industrial estate itself when Sunrise gas comes onshore to support major developments in the Glyde Point area. The background environmental data will enable the project proponents to develop meaningful environmental impact statements without undue delay. This allocation reflects the government's continuing commitment to a responsible planning and development approach to Glyde Point to cater for the next phase of onshore gas projects after the Phillips project at Wickham Point.

Question 1074 (Mr Baldwin): What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to specifically establish new management arrangements to oversee the preparation of concepts for and development of the Darwin Wharf precinct? (a) What form will the new management arrangement take? (b) What is the timeline for the new arrangements to be implemented? (c) What role will the new management structure have? (d) When will the development works proceed?

Answer:

No specific funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to establish new management arrangements to oversee the preparation of concepts for the development of the new Wharf precinct. Recommendations on the form of new management arrangements will be formulated by my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment taking into account recent public input on the future of the area and these will be put to government in the near future. I expect to provide more information on this matter next month. Minor works to continue cleaning up the site will be undertaken during 2002-03.

Environmental Impact Assessments, Waste Management and Pollution Control Services

Question 302 (Mr Kiely): Can the minister detail increases in resources allocated to environmental monitoring of major projects in the Office of Environment and Heritage? What will this mean in terms of auditing major projects?

Answer:

The Office of Environment and Heritage has received an additional allocation of \$75 000 for the appointment of an Environmental Compliance Officer. An officer has been appointed who has already commenced monitoring the construction of the railway to ensure compliance with the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Other major projects that will be monitored once construction starts are the LNG plant at Wickham Point and the Bradshaw Field Training Area. The railway will be audited once a year for compliance against the EMP. The audit for last financial year is almost complete. Auditing of other major projects will be undertaken as they arise.

Question 1048 (Mr Baldwin): The previous government provided data to the public on emissions from facilities such as power stations and incinerators. Will this government continue to provide this valuable information to the public, and if so, in what form, and when, will this information be provided?

Answer:

Information on emissions from industrial facilities is made available to the public through the National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) program. The NPI is a joint initiative of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and was established by the National Environment Protection Council. The Territory government has participated in the NPI program since its inception and continues to do so. In December 2001, the Territory government entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth government regarding the implementation of the NPI. Pursuant to this agreement, the Commonwealth provides \$37 000 pa to the Territory to assist in the implementation of the NPI, commencing in the 2001-02 financial year and finishing in the 2003-04 financial year. The Territory provides "in kind" support (valued at \$37 000 pa) to the NPI program over this same period. In the last reporting year (2000-01), 87 Territory facilities reported to the NPI. Data for the 2001-02 reporting year will be made available on the Internet in January-February 2003.

Question 1071 (Mr Baldwin): Under the *Waste management and Pollution Control Act* a working draft of environmental noise regulations had been published some time ago. What is the status of those regulations and when will they be formalised?

Answer:

Parliamentary Counsel has advised that due to heavy commitments for drafting bills for the October sittings work on the noise regulations has had to be delayed. It is now likely that public consultation and finalisation of the regulations will occur in the first half of 2003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

In the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 there were 107 incidents involving noise, out of a total of 449 pollution incidents (almost 24% of all incidents).

Proposed Noise Regulations
Not Covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Dogs· Occupational Noise· Noisy Parties· Amplified Music - from non entertainment venues· Domestic Disputes· Aircraft Noise· Trains· Cars and Trucks· Highways· Emergency Equipment
Proposed to be covered:

- All other noise, with special conditions for:
- Community Noise
- Playgrounds
- Sports
- Fairs
- Education events
- Construction Work
- Domestic Power Tools
- Agricultural Operations
- Special Events
- Concerts
- Sporting
- Mobile Equipment
- Tree lopping and chipping
- Carpet and upholstery cleaning
- Refrigeration
- Building Services Equipment
- Commercial Entertainment Venues with amplified music

Question 1073 (Mr Reed): Isn't it correct that the actual cash to be spent on capital works in 2002-03 is not \$213.7M but rather \$179.6M after you deduct \$25M for program delivery costs and \$9M in payments for works already completed? How much of the \$179.6M in cash is consumed by contracts already let? What were those projects/contracts when were they put out to tender? When were tenders let and when did work commence?

Answer:

As stated in Budget Paper No 4 (page 7) the actual cash to be spent on Capital Works during 2002-03 is \$213.7M. As with previous years, this amount includes the cost of Program Delivery. In respect of the \$9m, the member for Katherine is obviously referring to creditors and accruals as at 30 June 2002. In the normal course of doing business there will always be unpaid accounts at any given point in time. Just as there are unpaid accounts at 30 June 2002, this will also be the case as at 30 June 2003. As a part of increased accountability and transparency provided by accrual accounting, these amounts will be reported by government agencies in the future. Budget Paper No 4 clearly identifies that the \$213.7m is the cash allocation for 2002-03. This provides a consistent treatment of creditors in previous years under the former CLP government. Hence, whilst it is true that the cash will be paid in the 2002-03 financial year for works completed in 2001-02, it can be anticipated that similar amounts will also be outstanding at 30 June 2003. Hence, the value of work undertaken in the field as part of the Capital Works Program is not diminished. This means that the cash flowing directly to contractors is \$188.7m in addition to the \$39.3m anticipated to be spent by PowerWater. Also as stated in Budget Paper No 4 (page 7) the revote is \$157.4m.

A high percentage of this amount will represent contracts already let as that is essentially what the revote is - works in progress. Included in this amount are two very large contracts at East Arm Port that will require approximately \$52m and the completion of the redevelopment of the Royal Darwin Hospital that will consume a further \$14m. To respond to the third and fourth questions relating to when these contracts were put out to tender would require the collection of a large amount of data that is, quite frankly unwarranted. This government has been very open about the large amount of revote that has been carried into this financial year. We have also been able to reduce the revote going into 2003-04 by over \$58m to a mere \$99m which is an extraordinary achievement in 12 months. I might remind the member for Katherine that we inherited a revote into 2001-02 of \$208m.

Question 1089 (Mr Baldwin): Are there any funds provided in the budget for the introduction of a Container Deposit Legislation and regime in the Territory?

Answer:

There is no specific budget allocation for the introduction of a Container Deposit regime in the Budget. The details of introducing such a regime in the Territory are currently under consideration and I will be announcing the government's decision in the near future.

Question 1100 (Mr Baldwin): How much, in cash grants, was provided to KAB in 2001-02, and how much in 2002-03? Detail by program and source of funds, NT government, federal government, private and other.

Answer:

A special purpose grant of \$110 000 (GST inclusive) was paid from DIPE funds to KAB in 2001-02 for the purposes of undertaking community consultation on the possible introduction of Container Deposit Legislation. \$40 000 of this grant remained unspent by KAB and was returned in 2002-03. The Office of Environment and Heritage budget does not include provision for any payments to KAB in 2002-03. Grants to KAB for general operational purposes are provided by the Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs.

Heritage Conservation Services

Question 1037 (Mr Baldwin): How many sites or objects were listed under the Heritage Act during 2001-02 and how many during the previous period, 2000-01?

Answer:

The number of heritage declarations made under the *Heritage Conservation Act* in recent years is as follows:

- 2001-02 7
- 2000-01 21
- 1999-00 8
- 1998-99 10

The number varies considerably from year to year depending on the complexity of the particular issue and the amount of research required.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The rate of declarations of heritage places and objects varies considerably from year to year, as the following table indicates:

Year	Number of Declarations
1991-92	0
1992-93	7
1993-94	15
1994-95	46
1995-96	21
1996-97	23
1997-98	7
1998-99	10
1999-00	8
2000-01	21
2001-02	7

In 2001-02 the government indicated that it was initiating a review into the operation of the heritage

conservation regime generally. One consequence of this was the absence of a Heritage Advisory Council for some months, which slowed the number of declarations. Be aware also that the question sought the number of places and objects listed. This is often a difficult number to determine as a single "declaration" may cover one or many places and objects. In 2001-02 there were in fact 5 places and 5 objects (the Silver Bullets at Timber Creek) declared. In order to provide consistency with previous years, however, 'number of declarations' is used.

Parks and Reserves Management

Question 894 (Mr Elferink): What are the current arrangements between the Parks Service and the Resort at King's Canyon with regard to the canteen located in the carpark at the canyon? (a) With money being expended on the expansion of the carpark area are there any plans to ameliorate associated noise? (b) How much of the cost is being borne by the resort?

Answer:

The Resort at King's Canyon has a concessional agreement with P&W to operate a mobile kiosk for the purpose of providing refreshments to the general touring public. This agreement is for a three-year period commencing 29 March 2002, with a three-year option to extend. The current development at the Canyon includes the construction of an ablution facility, which requires the provision of power. The design of this facility incorporated the use of solar power. There are no immediate plans for combining/sharing power between P&W and the operators of the kiosk who use a generator located in a sound attenuated cubicle. However, preliminary discussions have been undertaken in this regard. The development of an expanded carpark will provide more appropriate parking for current and projected increase in vehicular numbers. The issue of noise emission is not anticipated to impact adversely on visitor experience, as the development site is further removed for the general pedestrian access, and the existing car park. All costs associated with the operation of the kiosk facility have been at the expense of the Resort. Any further development with regard to sharing power will require negotiation between parties.

Question 895 (Mr Elferink): What savings have been made in cutting the feral dove program in Alice Springs and why was it cut? What other feral animal or weed control programs have been cut and at what saving?

Answer:

Despite intensive efforts by the Parks and Wildlife Commission in the previous year, which saw over 10 000 birds removed at a cost of \$65 000, population reduction of feral doves in Alice Springs was not as marked as hoped. This was because the birds were able to breed almost as fast as they were being removed. This was exacerbated by the extremely good rainfall seasons that have occurred in Alice Springs over the past two years which provided ideal breeding conditions. At the end of the day, there is no guarantee that feral doves can ever be eradicated. In fact eradication has rarely been achieved for any pest species. It is much more cost-effective to prevent establishment in the first place. Control programs for feral animal and weeds vary in location and intensity over time in response to seasonal conditions. There have been no specific cuts made though in Central Australia in particular, resources are being directed at fire management in response to the high fuel loads now present in the centre. All park control programs are continuing and are adequately resourced. With the closer integration of weed, fire and feral animal management functions within my department a more strategic and better targeted approach to jointly managing these high priority issues is possible and is being pursued.

Question 898 (Mr Elferink): Are there any plans to introduce park entry fees or other charges for Territory Parks?

Answer:

There are no plans to introduce park entry fees at Territory Parks. The government is very disturbed by the recent announcement that the federal government intends to substantially increase entry fees

to Kakadu and Uluru/Kata Juta National Parks and the impact this will have on tourism and local residents.

Question 899 (Mr Elferink): How many staff resigned last year? How many were recruited? How much was spent on staff training last year? How does that compare with the year before?

Answer:

In 2001-02 28 staff resigned from the Parks and Wildlife, in comparison with 26 the previous year. There were 36 new commencements 20 January 2002. An amount of \$125 607 was expended in 2001-02 on staff training, including external and internal training, conference attendance and reimbursement of studies assistance. Previous year expenditure was \$201,281. In the new organisation of my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment a number of corporate training costs are provided for centrally and a direct comparison is not possible.

Question 900 (Mr Elferink): The 2002-03 Budget Policy Initiatives include "Resolution of Land Rights and Native Title on Territory Parks". (a) Has funding been allocated in 2002-03 to achieve this. (b) Will there be cash payments made to achieve these outcomes. (c) When will the resolution of these issues be completed.

Answer:

There is no direct funding for this purpose. The Office of Indigenous Policy, however, is addressing these matters, and there is provision in the Budget for establishment of that office (\$700 000). It is not anticipated that there will be any direct cash payments in this regard. A working group with government and land council representation has been formed to address these matters and negotiations have begun. The time it will take to conclude these negotiations is not known at this stage and depends on the difficulties encountered. Nevertheless, preliminary discussions have been very positive and it is felt that there will be significant progress in the coming months.

Question 902 (Ms Carter): How many people were employed to look after the Darwin Botanic Gardens for the year 2000-01? What was the operational budget for the park for the year 2000-01? How many people are now employed to look after the George Brown Botanic Gardens during this financial year? What is the operational budget for this park for this year?

Answer:

A total of 12 staff were employed to look after the Botanic Gardens in 2001-02. The staffing numbers are expected to remain the same this financial year. The Operational budget for 2001-02 was \$663 000 and similar expenditure is expected this financial year.

Natural Resource Planning and Management Services

Question 537 (Dr Lim): Flooding in the CBD and surrounding areas in a Q100 is a certainty in Alice Springs. Various CLP government's efforts have been frustrated by the federal moratorium on a flood mitigation dam in the Charles/Todd Rivers. What funding and process have been put in place by the government to ensure that the CBD is not affected by a Q100 flood?

Answer:

The older parts of Alice Springs, including the CBD, are built on a floodplain. There are very limited options to prevent a Q100 flood inundating parts of the CBD. Most of the available measures detailed in the comprehensive 1996 Alice Springs Floodplain Management Plan apply more to other areas of the town. Those which do apply to the CBD are as follows:

- my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment has produced detailed maps of various

predicted flood magnitudes for use in land use planning and counter disaster response;

- building regulations require floor levels of habitable rooms to meet minimum height levels. This includes hotels and motels;
- my department operates a flood forecasting service which is continually updated and improved and provides forecasts and hence warnings for the whole of Alice Springs, including the CBD; and
- the 1999 Land Use Objectives recognised that certain activities were inappropriate in Land Liable to Flooding. Therefore, future development of fuel storage structures, service stations or other hazardous material storage facilities are prohibited within the limits of Land Liable to Flooding, which essentially prohibits these activities in the CBD.

The 2002-03 budget contains provisions for:

- rehabilitation of channels in the Todd River - \$250 000;
- the Territory's contribution to construction of a partial levy on the eastern bank of the Todd River, adjoining the upper east side suburbs -\$150 000; and
- construction of the Lovegrove flood retardation basin - \$880 000.

These budget initiatives will contribute to an overall improvement of flood control in Alice Springs. The outcomes of this work will be monitored to determine what further measures, if any, can be practically implemented.

Question 615 (Dr Lim): Flooding of the CBD and surrounding areas in a Q100 is a certainty in Alice Springs. Various CLP government's efforts have been frustrated by the federal moratorium on a flood mitigation dam in the Charles/Todd Rivers. What funding and process have been put in place by the government to ensure that the CBD is not affected by a Q100 flood?

Answer:

Same answer as in Question 537.

Question 1045 (Mr Baldwin): Provide details of funding allocated in the 2002-03 budget to develop Regional Land and Water Development Strategies for the Daly Basin and Ti Tree Regions. Provide details of the strategies for each region.

Answer:

\$150 000 has been allocated to prepare the Daly Regional Land and Water Development Strategy: The draft Daly Region Water Allocation Plan is expected to be available for industry and community consultation in January 2003 leading to formal declaration by July 2003. \$20 000 has been allocated to prepare the Ti Tree Regional Land and Water Development Strategy: The Ti-Tree Water Allocation Plan is expected to be formally declared later this year. There will be continuing consultation in 2002-03 on new licensing and trading arrangements and support to the Water Advisory Committee for management of monitoring and resource assessment work. Further information in relation to Daly Basin planning is available in response to Questions 1069 and 1096.

Question 1053 (Mr Baldwin): Is it intended to release further horticultural land in the Pine Hill/Ti Tree area? What has been the result of the analysis of water draw down in determining the amount of land which could be released, and the safe levels of sustainable water use?

Answer:

Further horticultural land will be released in the Pine Hill / Ti Tree area subject to resolution of native title. Three additional blocks have been surveyed on Pine Hill pastoral lease. Negotiations with native title holders are underway. Licensed groundwater extraction for each block will be 1000 ML/a,

sufficient for at least 100 hectares of table grapes. Government has approved an infrastructure development plan for the Pine Hill area which will allow the orderly development of access roads. Turnoff of additional blocks will be subject to uptake of the three Pine Hill blocks. A Water Allocation Plan for the Ti Tree Water Control District will be declared later this year. The plan is based on the best available knowledge of groundwater sustainability. The number of blocks to be released, and their separation from each other, has been determined so that groundwater use will be sustainable in the long term.

Question 1069 (Mr Baldwin): Government's *Building a Better Territory* document of June 2002 indicates government will work with lessees to complete the sub division of at least one pastoral lease in the Katherine – Daly Basin into mixed farms. (a) Has funding been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to assist in this sub division? (b) What property is most likely to be sub divided?

Answer:

This government is committed to the further development of agriculture in the Katherine Daly basin, as long as this occurs in a sustainable manner. To facilitate better road access in to the area, \$500 000 in capital works funds has been allocated in the current budget for selected road developments within the existing Douglas Daly road network, primarily on the Ooloo and Fleming Roads. In addition, my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment and the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development continues to devote a range of resources to water, vegetation, soil and biodiversity studies to enable this government to make sensible decisions about future subdivisions in this area. As also indicated in *Building a Better Territory*, the government is also committed to developing a regional land use plan for the Daly Basin by July 2003. Further information in this regard is supplied in the answer to Question 1096. The most likely property to undergo subdivision is Douglas Station. The Tipperary Group of Stations who are the leaseholders have made an application to me as the Minister for Lands and Planning to subdivide this property. This application is now in the process of being assessed and assistance is being rendered to the applicant to develop a sustainable subdivision design.

Question 1078 (Dr Lim): Flooding of the CBD and surrounding areas in a Q100 is a certainty in Alice Springs. Various CLP government's efforts have been frustrated by the Federal moratorium on a flood mitigation dam in the Charles/Todd Rivers. What funding and process have been put in place by the government to ensure that the CBD is not affected by a Q100 flood?

Answer:

Same answer as in Question 537.

Question 1096 (Mr Baldwin): What allocation has been made in the 2002/2003 Budget to further the development of the Katherine/Daly Basin concept?

Answer:

This government is committed to sensible and environmentally sustainable development occurring within the Katherine/Daly basin. To achieve we will need not only to continue with a range of economic and scientific studies but we will also need to involve the community in providing input in to how this landscape will be developed and protected in the future. To ensure this happens my department is developing a specific regional land use plan for the Daly Basin by July 2003. Existing departmental resources amounting to \$50 000 have been specifically reassigned for this purpose. This will be supported by a number of other initiatives including the release of a water allocation plan for the region for which \$150 000 has been allocated in 2002-03. In association with the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, a consultation program regarding development and conservation plans for the basin will be undertaken. This will draw on previous work including a study of the Daly bioregion. In addition a range of water, soil and vegetation studies will be undertaken within an anticipated expenditure of \$1m to produce a land and water development strategy for the Basin as indicated in *Building a Better Territory*. .

Advisory, Monitoring and Regulatory Services

Question 33 (Mr Wood): According to Budget Paper No 3 (page 153) the Weeds Management Strategy worth \$4.2m has been transferred from the Industry department to DIPE. Can the minister explain where in the appropriation figures for his department the \$4.2m for Weeds has been included? Can the minister give a breakdown of that planned expenditure?

Answer:

Budget Paper No 3 (page 153) indicates that the amount transferred to my department was \$3.6m. The actual budget is now \$4.2m as it includes additional Commonwealth funding. The weeds management budget has been included in the budget for Advisory Monitoring and Regulatory Services of the Integrated Land and Water Resource Management Output Group (see page 223 of Budget Paper No 3). On page 238 of Budget Paper No 3 the performance measures indicate that 4 weed management plans will be implemented at an average cost of \$1.052m each which approximately totals the \$4.21m available in the budget. The weeds management budget is broken down into four major activities:

- review and support weed management advisory committees;
- development of strategic weed management plans and associated assistance scheme;
- extension of weed advice and information to landholder; and
- support for biocontrol of weeds.

Question 182 (Mr Wood): What is the government's program for controlling mission grass, gamba grass and mimosa? Considering the widespread nature of these weeds in the Top End and their potential to damage native vegetation, what programs does the government have in place to reduce the threat from these weeds? Is there any research being done into the control of mission and gamba grass – especially into biological controls?

Answer:

A program for control of mission grass is being implemented particularly on roadsides to minimise spread of the weed. A strategy is being developed with the hay industry and local government to further minimise its spread. Advice is available from my department to all landholders regarding control methods. Gamba grass is not a declared weed and is viewed by the pastoral industry as an important grass species to improve the growth rate of stock. The control program is therefore directed at controlling its spread to areas outside of those properties where it was originally planted. *Mimosa pigra* is classified as a Weed of National Significance and is managed under a national control strategy. The key components of this plan are being implemented in the NT, including education and extension services, research and release of biological control methods and the coordination of physical controls such as burning, rolling and slashing in strategic areas so as to minimise its spread and reduce the distribution of the weed. The Territory received \$708 000 from the Commonwealth in 2001-02 to assist in biocontrol activities. In addition, nearly \$500 000 is expended from the Weed Management Strategy budget in biocontrol. Unfortunately it is considered almost impossible to isolate host specific bio control agents for grass species, and the potential impact upon non-target species is considered too great. There are no research programs currently being conducted into the biological control of mission and gamba grass. However in the 2002-03 wet season a herbicide trial will be undertaken by the Territory Parks and Wildlife Service and Parks Australia North into improved broad scale control of mission and gamba grass. A particular initiative of this government has been the incorporation of the weeds management function in to my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment. This will ensure a close integration and better targeting of weed control on roadsides, Crown Land and our national parks.

Question 591 (Mr Baldwin): The Weeds Management Strategy of \$3.6m has transferred to DIPE from DBIRD. Is the amount of funding (\$3.6m) transferred the total funding allocated equivalent to weeds management in 2001-02 or has it increased/decreased?

Answer:

The Weeds Strategy budget for 2001-02 was originally \$3.186m, which included some external receipts. The transfer of \$3.6m from the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment made allowance for some increase in external project receipts (Commonwealth funds) received in 2001-02 and to be expended in 2002-03. Overall the Weeds Strategy budget for 2002-03 is now \$4.21m due to a further increase in external funds of \$612 000.

Question 1084 (Mr Reed): Why has the 2002-03 Capital Works for Mary River Wetlands saltwater intrusion decreased from 2001-02? Provide details of works to be undertaken in 2002-03.

Answer:

The 2002-03 capital works item for Mary River Wetlands saltwater intrusion works has not decreased from 2001-02. An amount of \$1m was included on the 2001-02 Capital Works Program for various works in the Mary River wetlands area to reverse the damage caused by salt intrusion. Works to the value of \$589 000 were completed during the 2001-02 financial year with the remainder of the original \$1m item (\$411 000) revoted into 2002-03. The work proposed for 2002-03 will comprise the construction of the next stage of a major submerged weir on Tommycut Creek to reduce the ingress of saltwater. Approximately 2000 geotextile bags will be filled with mud and placed in layers this year to complete the third stage of the weir. The construction of this weir commenced in 2000-01 and is expected to be completed in 4 - 5 years depending on future staging. The submerged weir when complete will allow continued access for fish and boats during the period of high tide each day. There is an item on the 2002-03 Design List (2003-04 draft Capital Works program) at \$500 000 to enable work to continue in the 2003-04 financial year. My department is also currently negotiating with the Commonwealth to seek additional funding for saltwater intrusion control works under the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality.

In addition, my department has recently negotiated a \$60 000 grant from the Commonwealth to fund a study of the potential impacts of long term sea rises on the Mary River Wetlands. The program of saltwater intrusion control works that have been carried out in the Mary River over many years are proving their worth with the freshwater systems optimum of the Shady Camp barrage remaining intact and more than 6000 hectares of the 25 000 hectares of salt devastated areas now beginning to regenerate. I would like to pass on my congratulations to your colleague and previous Minister for the Environment, Tim Baldwin, for the strong support he has always given this program.

Question 1097 (Mr Baldwin): Detail the funding that has been provided to the Waterwatch program for 2002-03.

Answer:

The Waterwatch program is a Commonwealth initiative funded primarily through the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT). The Commonwealth is yet to make a final decision on the amount of funding it will make available under the NHT stage 2 arrangements. However my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment has been arguing strongly for its continuation and the Commonwealth has agreed to extend funding arrangements until June 2003. This will see funding delivered for a full time Waterwatch coordination position who will be hosted by my department which will continue to provide \$30 000 in operational support funds. In addition, five existing part-time Waterwatch facilitations will be able to continue their work through their host non-government organisations.

Transport Strategy and Policy

Question 1023 (Mr Reed): In 2002-03 budget policy initiatives include "Development of a Territory Transport Plan". (a) What funding has been allocated for this? (b) What will the plan consist of? (c) Is it proposed to be completed by March 2003? (d) Will this deadline be met?

Answer:

Funding for development of the Plan (including staff time and costs of consultation with key stakeholders and the community) will be met within the department's 2002-03 budget. The Plan will be a document outlining possible courses of action to be taken by the government to achieve the transport objectives set out in *'Building a Better Territory'*. These actions may include such things as transport infrastructure priorities, legislative and policy development initiatives. It is proposed that the Plan be completed by March 2003 as indicated.

Marine Safety and Pollution Controls

Question 1066 (Mr Baldwin): The 2002-03 budget policy Initiatives include "Improvement of Marine Safety services for maritime Operators". (a) What funding has been allocated to achieve this? (b) What improvements will be made? (c) How will these impact on Maritime Operators?

Answer:

This initiative is included in the Marine Safety sub-output 2002-03 budget of \$1.593m (accrual). No additional funds have been provided for this purpose. Amendments to the *Northern Territory Marine Act* may be necessary to improve safety standards for crew and passengers on commercial and recreational vessels. Any amendments proposed will be the subject of full public consultation prior to a final decision by the government.

Public Transport Services

Question 198 (Mr Wood): Minister, is there any money allocated in the Budget for an expansion of the public bus service into the rural area? If so, how much has been allocated, have any routes and timetables been drawn up, and has there been any consultation with the community?

Answer:

There has been no direct allocation in the budget for expansion of the public bus service into the rural area. As you are aware, the development of a rural trial service was announced earlier this year. There are already early morning and late afternoon rural services and this trial was to provide a viable alternative for rural residents to access shops and services at other times of the day. Extensive community based consultation took place on the timetable and route of travel that would suit most residents. Through this process, it has been determined that a service at around 9.00 am and again at around 2.30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays would be most suitable. Details regarding service provision are being finalised. As these are subject to the procurement process, exact details are not currently available. There is an opportunity to review the broader urban network service provision after the letting of urban and school contracts in 2003 and this may result in the reconfiguration of some services. This review process will take place over the next 12-18 months, focussing on particular services or locations in a planned and managed way, including appropriate public consultation prior to any route of travel or timetabling changes being finalised.

Question 1008 (Ms Carter): How many kilometres were travelled by the Darwin Bus Service in 2001-02 and what is the average cost per kilometre travelled? Will the Darwin Bus Service be increasing its service this year to cover, for example, Bayview and Cullen Bay?

Answer:

Darwinbus is the brand name under which urban bus transport services in the Darwin and Palmerston areas are provided. The companies included under the Darwinbus brand name are: Darwin Bus Service (a Government Business Division within my department); and Buslink.

In 2001-02 Darwinbus travelled 3.4 million kilometres with an average cost of \$2.95 per kilometre. DIPE collects \$2.4m in ticket sales to the public, and a further \$1.5m from the Department of Health and Community Services and the Department of Employment, Education and Training. A review of all

services will be undertaken over the coming 12 months with the aim of maximising the resources available-in line with the Public's requirements. It should be noted that there is increasing demand for bus services and we are currently trialling extended services in the rural area. The Public Transport Review will involve extensive public consultation and a Public Transport Users Reference group will be formed shortly to guide the process. Changes to bus routes and additional services will ultimately come down to balancing resources and demand. It is obvious that Darwinbus routes can not be arranged to service every street and locality in the wider Darwin area. Other commercial passenger services such as taxis, hire cars and minibuses provide a convenient supplement to the subsidised core services funded directly by the government.

Dedicated School Transport Services

Question 1061 (Mr Reed): What is the difference in funding allocated to School Transport Services in 2001-02 and 2002-03? Detail by centre and services where provided across the Northern Territory.

Answer:

As outlined on page 223 of Budget Paper No 3, the allocation for Dedicated School Transport Services in 2001-002 was \$6 944 000 and in 2002-03 is \$6 867 000. The reduction of \$77,000 has come about due to efficiencies in service provision. The Regional Highlights detailed this direct cost where services are provided, by centre, across the Northern Territory as follows:

Darwin and Palmerston \$3.3m
Katherine \$0.97m
Alice Springs \$0.7m
Nhulunbuy \$0.37

TOTAL \$5.34m

The total of \$6.9m includes this breakdown and \$1.6m for staff, operational and corporate overheads related to providing School Transport Services.

Vehicle and Driver Regulation

Question 1019 (Dr Lim): Please provide detail of the numbers of taxis, private hire cars and minibuses currently operating in Alice Springs. In accordance with the moratorium that the government has placed on the Commercial Passenger Vehicle industry, what are the caps in Alice Springs on the numbers of taxis, private hire cars and minibuses?

Answer:

Numbers of Taxi, Private Hire Car and Minibuses currently operating in Alice Springs:

Taxi - 33
Multi Purpose Taxi 3
Private Hire Car - 25
Minibus - 9

Capped limits of Taxi, Private Hire Car and Minibuses in Alice Springs:

Taxi - 35
Multi Purpose Taxi 3
Private Hire Car - 26
Minibus - 15

The government will shortly be announcing its final decision on the future of the commercial passenger industry following an extensive and rigorous review process involving close consultation

with both the industry and user group.

Question 1026 (Mr Reed): What allocation has been provided in 2002-03 to support the commercial passenger vehicle industry, including the establishment of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Board?

Answer:

Within the Transport Output Group it is estimated that \$375 000 will be spent on regulation of the commercial passenger vehicle industry in 2002-03. This expenditure does not include any costs associated with a Commercial Passenger Vehicle Board as this matter is still to be finally determined by the government.

Question 1064 (Mr Reed): For 2001-02, provide a breakdown of the total number, by population centre of taxi, private hire car and minibus licenses currently in operation.

Answer:

I table a document that provides a monthly breakdown of the total number, by population centre, of taxi, private hire care and minibus licences for 2001-02.

Breakdown of the total number, by population centre, of taxi, private hire car and minibus licences for 2001-02

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
DARWIN												
Taxi	123	126	125	125	125	122	121	120	122	120	117	118
Multi Purpose Taxi	7	7	7	6	5	7	10	9	10	12	12	11
Minibus	42	48	41	38	36	37	36	36	36	36	36	35
Private Hire Car	42	44	43	43	41	42	40	39	40	40	40	38
ALICE SPRINGS												
Taxi	39	35	35	33	34	31	34	32	33	33	33	33
Multi Purpose Taxi	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Minibus	13	14	12	14	15	10	12	9	9	8	8	8
Private Hire Car	24	23	25	26	25	26	26	25	25	25	24	25
KATHERINE												
Taxi	10	10	10	10	12	13	13	13	12	11	10	10
Multi Purpose Taxi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minibus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private Hire Car	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
TENNANT CREEK												
Taxi	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Multi Purpose Taxi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minibus	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Private Hire Car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOVE												
Taxi	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Multi Purpose Taxi	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Minibus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private Hire Car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infrastructure Program Management

Question 29 (Mr Wood): Budget Paper No 4 on Capital Works (page 42) says the government's committal target date for the \$8m project for construction of the Wickham Point Road was August 2002. Can the minister tell us whether construction has started?

Answer:

Construction has not commenced on the access road to Wickham Point although specialised geotextile materials have already been supplied. However, approval by the PRB has been given to let a contract to construct the road when negotiations with Phillips regarding timing for completion of the works have been completed.

Question 94 (Mr Wood): Minister, according to your budget speech to parliament, \$52m has been allocated for capital works for Stage Two of East Arm Port. According to the Treasurer's budget speech, the allocation for East Arm Port Stage Two is \$58.3. Which figure is correct? What work will be carried out with that money? What is the estimated final cost of Stage Two of the project?

Answer:

The figures of \$52m and \$58.3m allocated to Stage Two of the East Arm Port are both correct. My budget speech to parliament refers to \$52m being the expected cash EXPENDITURE on East Arm Wharf this financial year. The Treasurer's budget speech refers to East Arm Wharf proceeding at a cost of \$58.3m which is the revote program amount. Of the \$58.3m revote, \$52m is expected to be actually expended in 2002-03 with the remainder to be expended in 2003-04. What work will be carried out with that money? This financial year we will see the completion of the Container Terminal and railway embankment. This almost \$40m contract was awarded to Henry Walker Eltin and completion is expected in December 2002. The container terminal and the railway embankment provides a dedicated facility for the transfer of containers between rail and ship. A \$42m contract with Thiess Pty Ltd is also proceeding and includes a 110m wharf extension and bulk liquids berth. The 110m wharf extension is an extension to the general purpose wharf which was constructed in Stage 1 and will provide the length of berthing required to relocate container operations to East Arm.

The dedicated container berth in front of the container terminal completes the rail/ship interface and will be available for general cargo use when not required for container shipping by the operators. The abutting 156m wharf will be dedicated to the importation of bulk liquids when the joint user terminal is built, but in the short term it will also be used for general purpose wharfage. In addition to the two major contracts with HWE and Thiess, a separate contract will be let to relocate the container crane from Fort Hill Wharf to East Arm Wharf. This is now expected to occur next year. In the next financial year a further contract will be let for the oil transfer pipeline and equipment connecting the bulk liquids berth to the oil industry's joint user terminal to be constructed adjacent to the Northern Cement factory. What is the estimated final cost of Stage Two of the project? \$90.2m.

Question 138 (Mr Wood): Is there any money allocated in the budget for an extension of the bicycle path along the old railway corridor from Palmerston to Howard Springs? If not, is it intended to be a future budget item and in what year? Does your government intend to extend the bicycle path to the Arnhem Highway and join it up to the bicycle path that already exists along that highway at Humpty Doo?

Answer:

Both the Palmerston to Howard Springs and Arnhem Highway extensions to cycle paths were

identified in the '1999 Darwin Arterial Cycle Network Strategic Review' for inclusion in future programs, but with low priority. Detailed planning work is yet to commence and no specific timeframe for implementation has been set.

Question 291 (Mr McAdam): Can the minister compare the outcome of the revote on capital works for the financial year 2001-02 with the planned outcome for 2002-03 and the impact that this will have on the capital works budget?

Answer:

We started this financial year with a revote of \$157.5m and the revote into 2003-04 will be \$99m. This government has managed to reduce the revote going into 2003-04 by over \$58m. This will mean that we will be in a financial position next year to get new projects off the ground sooner. This is in complete contrast to the situation this government inherited. This year we have had to allow funds for the continuation of two very large projects, the East Arm Port and the redevelopment of the Royal Darwin Hospital. Approximately \$65m will be required just for these two projects. Next year, not only will the cash demand for ongoing works be less, there will be no single project that will require a large amount to complete. This will provide considerable flexibility for the government to implement its priorities and support the vital construction industry. Every Capital Works project will be committed this financial year.

Question 296 (Mr Kiely): Can the minister advise on what steps he has taken in this year's budget to overcome problems with cash shortages for repairs and maintenance and minor new works? What did he find in last year's budget; what steps did he have to take then and has this been overcome in this year's budget?

Answer:

At about this time last financial year, small contractors were experiencing a real slump in activity. This was not surprising as the government had inherited a works program that was unsustainable. The revote program in 2001-02 was \$208m and the allocated cash was only \$192.6m. This meant that there was almost no cash for any new works, either large or small. Government responded quickly by injecting an additional \$10m into the construction industry. This injection of funds allowed many small businesses to get back on their feet. This year, the government has focussed on the needs of the construction industry, especially the smaller contractors by providing a minor new works program that is over \$5m more than last financial year and sustaining the cash level for Repairs and Maintenance.

For the first time, this government has also made a \$5m allowance for repairing flood damage on roads, which inevitably occur in at least one region each year and in the past, have largely been met by reallocating R&M funds from specific, cyclic and routine works. This government has also managed to reduce the revote into 2003-04 by over \$58m in just one year. In essence this means the demand on the cash next year by revoted works in progress will be much less. This in turns allow more new projects to get under way early in the new financial year. The government achieved this extraordinary reduction by allocating an additional \$48m above the previous years cash allocation which allows a cash to program ratio of 68% compared to the miserable 51% that was inherited from the previous government. This budget represents the largest investment in Territory infrastructure since self-government.

Question 421 (Ms Lawrie): The redevelopment of the Leanyer Recreation Park is very important to the Northern Suburbs. What allocation has been made within the 2002-03 budget for the redevelopment and enhancement of the facility?

Answer:

The redevelopment of the Leanyer Recreation Lake is an item on the 2002-03 Capital Works Program. It has a program provision of \$800 000. At this stage it is anticipated that \$200 000 of this

amount will be spent this financial year. Posters and a 3 minute video are being produced for a public consultation display at Casuarina Plaza on 5 October 2002. CDs are being sent to schools for their comments. The government believes that the extensive community consultation process under the direction of the member for Karama will result in a first class and safe recreation facility for residents of the northern suburbs.

Question 934 (Mr Burke): What is the current status of the planned Palmerston Multi-Purpose Facility? Where is the cash for design of the facility provided for in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

A steering committee has been formed to include Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment and the Palmerston City Council. The committee is developing a range of issues including: (a) a scope of works; (b) activities to be included; (c) involvement of Palmerston City Council; (d) identification of a site; (e) management of completed facility; and (f) other financial contributions.

No funding has been specifically allocated for detailed design of the Palmerston Multi Purpose Centre in the 2002-03 budget. However, the project has been identified as a forward works proposal and some low cost pre-design feasibility studies may be undertaken during the year. This would be met from the Program Delivery component of the Capital Works budget.

Question 950 (Mr Reed): The government states the revote into 2002-03 is \$152.7m. List the capital works items that comprise the revote. Which of these are transferred with cash against them?

Answer:

The Capital Works revote for the budget sector is \$157.4m not \$152.7m as indicated in the question. All major projects revoted into 2002-03 are individually listed in Budget Paper No 4. All revoted projects have cash against them to ensure they are completed or continued without delay in to 2003-04.

Question 951 (Mr Reed): The government states the minor works revote into 2002-03 is \$4.8m. List the minor works items that comprise the revote. Which of these are transferred with cash against them?

Answer:

I table list of Minor Works projects revoted into 2002-03, totalling \$4.8m. All are revoted with cash against them.

	PROJE CT NUMBE R	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AUTHORISAT ION	EXPENDIT URE AS AT 30.06.2002	REVOT E 2002.20 03
DEPARTME NT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER				178 060	72 128	105 932
	AUD043 10	DARWIN	GOVERNMENT HOUSE SLIP STABILISATION HUGHES AVE	100 000	42 967	57 033
	CMA003 30	ALICE SPRINGS	GREATOREX BUILDING - VARIOUS	32 000	21 101	10 899

			PARTITIONING AND BUILDING WORKS			
	CMD02050	DARWIN	GOVERNMENT HOUSE UPGRADE TERRACE LIGHTING	16 060	8 060	8 000
	CMD02480	DARWIN	DAMOE RA PARK WOMEN'S WALK PATHWAY	30 000	0	30 000
DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY				210 203	66 186	144 017
	LGD01700	DARWIN	PARLIAMENT HOUSE- AIRCONDITIONING PLANTS	17 000	8 228	8 772
	LGD01860	DARWIN	PARLIAMENT HOUSE PROVIDE UN- INTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLY	64 000	53 651	10 349
	LGD01890	DARWIN	PARLIAMENT HOUSE UPGRADE COOLING TOWERS	22 000	0	22 000
	LGD01920	DARWIN	PARLIAMENT HOUSE REPLACE PORTABLE PUMPS WITH VFD UNITS	28 000	0	28 000
	LGD01930	DARWIN	ELECTORATE OFFICES MINOR BUILDING WORKS WITHIN	8 000	4 307	3 693
	LGD02020	KARAMA	KARAMA ELECTORATE OFFICE REFURBISHMENT	71 203	0	71 203
NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY	150 000	103 052	46 948			
	IBD00130	DARWIN	ENTERPRISE HOUSE - FIRST FLOOR RENOVATIONS	150 000	103 052	46 948
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING				1 603 866	1 259 322	344 544
	TEA00980	UTOPIA	UTOPIA SCHOOL - INVESTIGATE POWER CONNECTIONS/UPGRADE	68 260	67 051	1 209
	TEA01050	ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL PROVISION	74 000	0	74 000

			OF SECURITY SCREENS AND			
	TED058 30	WOODRO FFE	WOODROFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW DEMOUNTABLE	161 592	119 136	42 456
	TED059 60	MANINGRI DA	MANINGRIDA CEC - UPGRADE POWER SUPPLY	110 000	0	110 000
	TED131 00	DARWIN	SCHOOL COUNCIL PROJECTS	558 094	534 132	23 962
	TED131 10	DARWIN	WORK HEALTH / DISABLED ACCESS	535 920	464 593	71 327
	TEG010 30	GALIWINK U	SHEPHERDSON COLLEGE - PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AIRCON	66 000	45 910	20 090
	TEK015 80	KATHERIN E	RELAOCATE TRANSPORTABLE CAS. ST TO WUGULARR	30 000	28 500	1 500
CENTRALIA N COLLEGE				40 000	32 727	7 273
	ASA014 20	ALICE SPRINGS	GREVILLEA - MODIFICATIONS TO GRINDING WORKSHOP	40 000	32 727	7 273
NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE & EMERGENC Y SERVICES				324 020	205 211	118 809
	PFA017 50	ALICE SPRINGS	NTARIA HERMANNSBURG POLICE COMPLEX REMEDIAL DRAINAGE WORK	36 000	35 004	996
	PFD046 50	BERRIMA H	PETER MCAULAY CENTRE UPGRADE WATER SUPPLY AND COMP MONITORIN	61 000	56 632	4 368
	PFD047 30	PORT KEATS	POLICE STATION - SECURITY	12 500	2 877	9 623
	PFD049 10	BERRIMA H	PETER MCAULAY CENTRE SUPPLY INSTALL CARBON ODOUR UNIT	3 400	0	3 400
	PFG003 40	ALYANGU LA	POLICE STATION RECONFIGURE COMMUNICATIONS COUNTER	50 000	30 964	19 036
	PFK013 80	LAJAMAN U	LAJAMANU - HOUSE LOT 368 - REMOVE ROOF & CEILINGS/TERMITES	140 000	79 734	60 266

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	PFK014 10	KATHERIN E	POLICE STATION UPGRADE VESDA FIRE SYSTEM TO POLICE CELLS	6 120	0	6 120
	PFT011 60	ALI CURUNG	POLICE STATION INSTALL AIRCON CELLS	15 000	0	15 000
DEPARTME NT OF JUSTICE				26 760	12 072	14 688
	CZA009 40	ALICE SPRINGS	VESDA SYSTEM G BLOCK ALICE SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	12 900	10 560	2 340
	OCK001 30	KATHERIN E	CAR PARK ENTRANCE GATES - INSTALL LOCKING DEVICE ON GATE	13 860	1 512	12 348
DEPARTME NT OF CORPORAT E AND INFORMATI ON SERVICES				60 100	17 334	42 766
	CIA0012 0	ALICE SPRINGS	INSTALL NEW A/C INTO SERVER ROOM ALICE PLAZA	13 000	8 740	4 260
	CID0056 0	DARWIN	DARWIN PLAZA SLIMLINE VENETIANS TO SELECTED WINDOWS	3 500	0	3 500
	CID0057 0	CASUARIN A	SCREENS RELOCATE COMPLETE WITH DATA COMMS AND POWER	20 000	8 594	11 406
	CID0061 0	DARWIN	SHELVING FOR STORAGE OF HR RECORDS DARWIN PLAZA 4 MATCH EXIS	14 600	0	14 600
	CID0062 0	DARWIN	HVP - OPEN SHELVING WITH BENCH TOP FOR ARCHIVE BOXES	4 000	0	4 000
	CID0063 0	DARWIN	PALM COURT SOUND PROOF GROUND FLOOR OFFICES TO LEVEL ACCEP	5 000	0	5 000
DEPARTME NT OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCE				302 960	242 513	60 447

DEVELOPMENT						
	PPA01830	ALICE SPRINGS	VARIOUS BUILDING ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING PROJECTS	25 500	17 709	7 791
	PPD04520	BERRIMAH	JOHN ENGLAND BLDG - CENTRAL LIBRARY - REDESIGN CURRENT FLOOR	23 500	20 600	2 900
	PPD04530	BERRIMAH	BERRIMAH FARM FISH LABORATORY VARIOUS PLUMBING AND FIT OUT	143 000	127 140	15 860
	PPD04750	BERRIMAH	UPGRADE VET SERVICES LAB TO OFFICE ACCOMMODATION	36 460	35 223	1 237
	PPD04760	BERRIMAH	UPGRADE EXISTING GAS PIPEWORK TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH DGA	17 500	15 182	2 318
	PPD04800	BERRIMAH	BERRIMAH FARM INSECT MUSEUM SUPPLY & INSTALL PROCESS COOLER	30 000	1 552	28 448
	PPD04820	BERRIMAH	BARC - FISH LABORATORY - INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	10 000	9 652	348
	PPT00150	TENNANT CREEK	BORROLOOLA DPIF - NEW CHEMICAL STORE	17 000	15 455	1 545
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS				622 941	420 278	202 663
	MAA00850	ALICE SPRINGS	CULTURAL CENTRE- REPLACE WATER DRIPER SYSTEM/SOLENOIDS/TIMERS	30 655	20 654	10 001
	MAA01080	ALICE SPRINGS	CULTURAL PRECINCT - BACKSTAGE OFFICE REFURBISHMENT	24 000	22 219	1 781
	MAA01300	ALICE SPRINGS	CULTURAL PRECINCT SECURITY STREHLOW RESIDENCY MCA&AVIATION	7 000	6 154	846
	MAA01340	ALICE SPRINGS	WITCHETYS ROOF REPLACEMENT AND	150 000	135 071	14 929

			UPGRADE A/S CULTURAL PRECINCT			
	MAD032 70	BULLOCK Y POINT	MUSEUM - REDESIGN CURATOR'S OFFICE	61 500	19 893	41 607
	MAD037 30	BULLOCK Y POINT	BULLOCKY POINT MUSEUM HISTORY AND CULTURE LAB REFURBISHMENT	33 000	30 869	2 131
	MAD039 30	DARWIN	ARTS NT FROG HOLLOW LANDSCAPING WATER MANAGEMENT & SUBMETERING	15 000	0	15 000
	LVG000 10	NHULUNB UY	CDSCA FITOUT NHULUNBUY OFFICE	35 000	30 946	4 054
	SRD020 40	MARRARA	NTIS - CONSTRUCT CLIMATE CHAMBER	79 500	77 720	1 780
	SRD024 40	DARWIN	ARAFURA STADIUM NTIS- ADD OFFICE SPACE	34 572	22 207	12 365
	SRD026 00	MARRARA	FOOTBALL PARK COMMENCE REPLACING GRAND STAND SEATING	45 000	0	45 000
	SRD026 10	MARRARA	NT INSTITUTE OF SPORTS OFFICE EXTENSION	81 914	54 545	27 369
	SRD026 30	MARRARA	MARRARA INDOOR STADIUM VARIOUS UPGRADES ELECTRICAL	25 800	0	25 800
DEPARTME NT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				894 435	358 562	535 873
	THA049 40	ALICE SPRINGS	LARAPINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONSTRUCT SITE FOR DENTAL TRUCK	20 000	14 545	5 455
	THA049 50	ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM	60 000	54 559	5 441
	THA051 80	ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL CAMPUS EXTEND SECURITY FENCE	150 000	100 000	50 000
	THA05200	ALICE SPRINGS	PROVIDE CONCRETE ACCESS RAMPS VARIOUS HEALTH CLINICS	9 000	6 518	2 482

	THD12920	TIWI	RDH - MAIN WARD BLOCK KITCHEN - UPGRADE EXHAUST	20 000	775	19 225
	THD13580	TIWI	RDH -INSTALL POWER FACTOR CORRECTION	80 000	0	80 000
	THD13590	TIWI	RDH INSTALL POWER FACTOR CORRECTION MAIN WARD BLOCK	40 000	0	40 000
	THD13630	CASUARINA	CASUARINA PLAZA SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CLINIC VAR REPAIRS	10 000	8 082	1 918
	THD13650	OENPELLI	OENPELLI HEALTH CLINIC BUILDING MODIFICATIONS	55 000	36 585	18 415
	THD14690	DARWIN	MENZIES CARPARK RELOCATE LIGHT TOWERS	17 000	0	17 000
	THD14810	DARWIN	REPAIR DAMAGED WINDOWS AND PROVIDE SECURITY SCREENS	2 400	0	2 400
	THG03040	NHULUNBUY	GOVE DISTRICT HOSP PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR CNC	5 000	0	5 000
	THG03060	NHULUNBUY	GOVE DISTRICT HOSP REDEVELOP CHILLER AND FREEZER FACILITIES	89 000	30 000	59 000
	THG03070	NHULUNBUY	SERVICE COURT YARD SHAVE PERIMETER AND RESURFACE	30 000	5 696	24 304
	THG03220	GOVE	PROVIDE SECURITY SCREENS TO WINDOWS &DOORS TO HEALTH CLINICS	28 000	1 566	26 434
	THG03230	GOVE	UPGRADE SINGLE GPO'S WITH DOUBLES VARIOUS HEALTH CLINICS	6 000	569	5 431
	THG03260	NHULUNBUY	ADDITIONAL WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THG03150	20 000	0	20 000
	THK04420	KATHERINE	GOVT CENTRE 1ST FLR - RENOVATIONS TO OFFICES	39 035	21 927	17 108
	THK04550	KATHERINE	HOSPITAL -	80 000	35 500	44 500

			UPGRADE BMS.			
	THK04580	KATHERINE	HOSPITAL - REPLACEMENT OF WATER SOFTENER	26 000	23 598	2 402
	THK04780	KATHERINE	HOSPITAL - RENAL UNIT - PROVIDE EXIT RAMP	20 000	0	20 000
	THK04940	KATHERINE	KATHERINE HOSPITAL COMPLEX SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE	65 000	0	65 000
	THT02320	BORROLOOLA	GOVT COMM.CENTRE REPLACE LOUVERS WITH SLIDING GLASS WINDOWS	23 000	18 642	4 358
DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT				4 352 024	1 731 250	2 620 774
Infrastructure				1 720 114	897 341	822 773
	LPD03050	DARWIN	LOT4177 PALMERSTON	24 900	8 500	16 400
	LPD04300	DARWIN	CONNECT SERVICES ST JOHNS AMBULANCE PALMERSTON LOT 8491	75 000	5 139	69 861
	LPD04310	PALMERSTON	LANDSCAPING INVERWAY CIRCUIT-FARRAR B	52 000	47 273	4 727
	LPD04430	DARWIN	DARWIN PLAZA – EXTEND SECURITY SYSTEM TO FLOORS 1&2	7 472	0	7 472
	LPK00470	TIMBER CREEK	SUBDIVISION LOTS 73 & 71	130 000	25 000	105 000
	LPK00680	KATHERINE	DRAINAGE UPGRADE REAR CRAWFORD ST	30 000	530	29 470
	CCA03540	ALICE SPRINGS	ELLERY CREEK INSTALL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM	4 000	0	4 000
	CCA03630	ALICE SPRINGS	PRODUCTION INTERPRETIVE DISPLAY FOR ASTS HISTORIC PRECINCT	20 000	2 120	17 880
	CCA03660	WEST MACDONNELL	CONSTRUCTION LARAPINTA TRAIL (STAGE 6)	100 000	81 558	18 442
	CCA03670	WATARRKA	CONSTRUCT ELEVATED	32 800	0	32 800

		NATIONAL PK	WALK AND SHADE STRUCTURE			
	CCA03810	ALICE SPRINGS	LARAPINTA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE SIGNS	30 000	26 346	3 654
	CCA03840	ALICE SPRINGS	CONSTRUCT STOCK PROOF FENCING VARIOUS LOCATIONS	30 000	8 815	21 185
	CCA03930	ALICE SPRINGS	ELLERY CREEK & TYLERS PASS CONSTRUCTION OF SHADE STRUCTURES	38 000	0	38 000
	CCA03940	ALICE SPRINGS	ELLERY CREEK INSTALLATION OF GAS BBQ'S	21 300	20 196	1 104
	CCD06520	DARWIN	CHARLES DARWIN NATIONAL PARK CONSTRUCT WW11 DISPLAY	67 342	50 443	16 899
	CCD06590	LITCHFIELD PARK	S&I CAMPGROUND FACILITIES & VEGETATION PROTECTION FENCING	40 000	38 623	1 377
	CCD06710	DARWIN	BOTANIC GARDENS DEVELOP CYCAD GARDEN STAGE 1	100 000	56 080	43 920
	CCD06730	HOWARD SPRINGS	HOWARD SPRINGS HUNTING RESERVE EROSION CONTROL	40 000	11 310	28 690
	CCD06980	DARWIN	LAKE LEANYER INSTALLATION OF SHADE STRUCTURES	120 000	1 845	118 155
	CCD07010	DARWIN	LITCHFIELD PARK CONSTRUCTION OF POISONS STORE	17 000	8 182	8 818
	CCK03780	TIMBER CREEK	BIG HORSE & SULLIVANS CAMP-S&I ENVIRONMENTAL TOILETS	65 000	63 550	1 450
	CCK04180	NITMILUK NATIONAL PK	NITMILUK NP – WATER STORAGE TANK	70 000	59 872	10 128
	CCK04200	NITMILUK NATIONAL PK	NITMILUK – TOUR BOAT JETTY STABILISATION AND REPAIR	45 000	19 373	25 627
	CCK04290	KATHERINE	KATHERINE CONSTRUCT STOCK PROOF FENCING VARIOUS LOCATIONS	40 000	0	40 000
	AUA00930	ALICE SPRINGS	POWER FACTOR CORRECTION ALICE SPRINGS PRISON	7 500	6 384	1 116
	AUA00950	ALICE SPRINGS	A/S HOSPITAL - INSTALLATION OF POWER FACTOR CORRECTORS	60 000	0	60 000

	AUA01090	ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS GREATOREX BUILDING-OFFICE MODIFICATIONS	56 000	54 166	1 834
	AUA01150	ALICE SPRINGS	BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OPTIMISATION	150 000	117 628	32 372
	AUA01170	ALICE SPRINGS	DESERT PARK IMPLEMENTATIONS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS	48 000	13 777	34 223
	AUA01210	ALICE SPRINGS	TOM HARE-INSTALLATION OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	28 000	25 812	2 188
	AUD03600	DARWIN	PARLIAMENT HOUSE OUTDOOR AIR DAMPER CONTROLS	18 560	0	18 560
	AUD04170	DARWIN	MISCELLANEOUS ENERGY CONSERVATION INITIATIVES	9 780	4 217	5 563
	AUG00500	GALIWINKU	VOQ SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING UNITS	3 500	3 142	358
	CFD09980	DARWIN	RDH-PROVISION OF 3D MODEL DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	138 960	137 460	1 500
National Highways				1 091 535	182 128	909 407
	FRA01880	ALICE SPRINGS	ENHANCEMENTS TO VARIOUS TRUCK PARKING BAYS	195 000	48 113	146 887
	FRD02150	STUART HIGHWAY	INSTALL/ UPGRADE GUARDRAIL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	51 535	44 041	7 494
	FRD03520	STUART HIGHWAY	PROVIDE OVERTAKING LANE AT KENTISH ROAD INTERSECTION	40 000	35 702	4 298
	FRD03550	DARWIN	UPGRADE LINEMARKING & SIGNAGE TO CONFORM TO AUST ROAD RULES	10 000	1 406	8 594
	FRD03570	DARWIN	SIGNAGE UPGRADES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS	5 000	383	4 617
	FRD03630	ADELAIDE RIVER	STUART HWY BOUNDARY FENCING BETWEEN LOTS 105 AND 191	1 000	0	1 000
	FRD03640	DARWIN	HENNING ROAD INTERSECTION - LEFT TURN KERB MODIFICATIONS	44 000	0	44 000
	FRK02050	KATHERINE	STUART HWY - HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE - TRASH TRAP IN DRAINAGE STRU	10 000	2 483	7 517
	FRK02120	KATHERINE	ENHANCEMENTS TO VARIOUS TRUCK PARKING BAYS	130 000	0	130 000
	FRK02200	KATHERINE	ENHANCEMENTS TO VARIOUS TRUCK PARKING BAYS	125 000	50 000	75 000
	FRK02250	KATHERINE	SIGNALISED PEDESTIAN CROSSING VICTORIA	65 000	0	65 000

			HIGHWAY			
	FRK02260	KATHERINE	VICTORIA HIGHWAY: FENCE ROAD RESERVE KM446-KM469	150 000	0	150 000
	FRK02270	KATHERINE	VIC HIGHWAY-EXTEND EXISTING STREETLIGHTING TO ZIMMIN DRIVE	25 000	0	25 000
	FRK02290	TIMBER CREEK	VIC HWY - TIMBER CK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - SERVICE RD STAGE 2	120 000	0	120 000
	FRT01670	TENNANT CREEK	STUART HWY - WIDEN PAVEMENT KM758.33 TO KM768.27	80 000	0	80 000
	FRT01690	TENNANT CREEK	BARKLY HIGHWAY - WIDEN PAVEMENT KM101 TO KM104	40 000	0	40 000
Territory Roads				1 283 375	531 734	751 641
	RFD01490	BATCHELOR	BATCHELOR TOWN - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	100 000	7 137	92 863
	RFD03720	DARWIN	DARWIN SCATS - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE	95 000	66 000	29 000
	RFD04220	DARWIN	DORAT/OOLLOO INTERSECTION - INTERP & DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE	48 000	41 245	6 755
	RFD04870	DARWIN	SIGNAGE UPGRADES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS	5 718	718	5 000
	RFD04900	DARWIN	FOG BAY ROAD CH14 TO 32KM - LINEMARKING	29 500	26 839	2 661
	RFG00130	NHULUNBUY	TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR TRAFFIC COUNTING STAT - NHULUNBUY	5 000	0	5 000
	RFK01400	KATHERINE	GORRIE RD TO WESTERN CK RD- FENCE 38KM OF RD RESERVE	97 104	57 579	39 525
	RFK01410	KATHERINE	HUMBERT RIVER RD TO STEEP CK CROSSING - WIDEN CAUSEWAY	132 000	31 839	100 161
	RFK01470	KATHERINE	KATHERINE TERRACE MASTERPLAN - STAGE 3A	150 000	132 472	17 528
	RFK01590	KATHERINE	ACCESS TO KELLY YARDS	65 000	38 156	26 844
	RFT00670	TENNANT CREEK	TENNANT CK TOWN AREA - UPGRADE FOOTPATH IN PATTERSON STREET	100 000	0	100 000
	RBD01380	DARWIN	ARNHEM HWY TERMITE MOUNDS - WIDEN & SEAL EXIST PARK LAYBYS	30 000	7 861	22 139
	RBD01560	DARWIN	ARNHEM/KAKADU INTERSECTION - TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS	6 000	0	6 000
	RBD01600	DARWIN	COX PENINSULA/CHARLES POINT ROAD - FENCING	7 000	3 212	3 788
	RBT00920	TENNANT	TABLELANDS HIGHWAY:	50 000	0	50 000

		CREEK	EXTENSION OF CULVERTS			
	RCD03660	DARWIN	ELRUNDIE AVE - LEFT TURN LANE AT CATALINA RD	23 000	0	23 000
	RCD03980	DARWIN	MCMILLANS ROAD - EROSION CONTROL WORKS	25 000	0	25 000
	RCD04250	DARWIN	UPGRADE LINEMARKING & SIGNAGE TO CONFORM TO AUST ROAD RULES	11 000	5 129	5 871
	RCD04320	DARWIN	VANDERLIN DRIVE - PLANT TREES IN MEDIAN	25 000	0	25 000
	RCD04330	DARWIN	TROWER RD-MODIFY LEFT TURN FROM RAPID CREEK RD TO TROWER RD	12 500	6 500	6 000
	RCD04340	DARWIN	CHUNG WAH CYCLEPATH/FOOTPATH FROM LAKEVIEW TO BUSCALL	50 000	42 305	7 695
	RCD04380	PALMERSTON	ROYSTONEA AVE - STUART HWY TO YARRAWONGA ROAD LANDSCAPING	66 553	64 742	1 811
	RCD04830	DARWIN	UPGRADE LIGHTING BETWEEN ROSS SMITH AVE AND BAGOT FLYOVER	150 000	0	150 000
Transport Facilities				257 000	120 047	136 953
	ZPD00630	DARWIN	PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS	62 000	40 909	21 091
	ZPD00720	DARWIN	8 X 12 SINGLE BUS SHELTERS / PART OF ACCELERATED MW PROGRAM	66 000	23 364	42 636
	ZPD00740	DARWIN	8 X 12 DOUBLE BUS SHELTERS / PART OF ACCELERATED MW PROGRAM	90 000	22 727	67 273
	ZPD00750	DARWIN	MODIFICATION ON BUS TERMINUS KIOSKS TO MEET HEALTH STANDARDS	19 500	17 844	1 656
	ZPD00760	PALMERSTON	MODIFICATION ON BUS TERMINUS KIOSKS TO MEET HEALTH STANDARDS	19 500	15 203	4 297
TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK	249 831	171 821	78 010			
	PSA00070	ALICE SPRINGS	DESERT WILDLIFE PARK - INSTALL ADDITIONAL DISPLAYS IN	53 927	43 164	10 763
	PSA00180	ALICE SPRINGS	DESERT PARK- CONSTRUCT GUIDE PRESENTATION AREA	100 000	87 273	12 727
	PSD01230	BERRY SPRINGS	TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK - NEW SHARK	57 824	32 993	24 831

			AQUARIUM			
	PSD01400	BERRY SPRINGS	TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK UPGRADE WETLANDS EXHIBIT	38 080	8 391	29 689
HOUSING COMMISSION				773 176	330 483	442 693
	HCC47610	CASUARINA	UPGRADE 6 VANDERLIN DRIVE-2001/2002 MNW	25 000	0	25 000
	HCD46810	DARWIN	INSTALL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2001/2002 MNW	31 000	19 596	11 404
	HCD46840	DARWIN	UPGRADES-2001/2002 MNW	49 000	23 138	25 862
	HCD47170	DARWIN	RAH-FENCING AND GARDEN SHEDS-2001/2002 MNW	25 000	0	25 000
	HCD47400	HOWARD SPRINGS	DEMOLISH 1X4 HSE-2000/2001 MNW	10 000	661	9 339
	HCD47600	DARWIN	UPGRADES-2001/2002 MNW	34 184	0	34 184
	HCE47050	EAST ARNHEM	CONSTRUCT PANTRY UNITS-2001/2002 MNW	3 231	2 430	801
	HCE47230	EAST ARNHEM	RAH-FENCING-2001/2002 MNW	35 000	16 361	18 639
	HCE47390	EAST ARNHEM	UPGRADE BATHROOMS-2000/2001 MNW	62 174	172	62 002
	HCE47470	NHULUNBUY	UPGRADE SAVA ST CARPARK-2001/2002 MNW	30 000	2 435	27 565
	HCE47530	NHULUNBUY	REPLACE LINEN CUPBOARD-2000/2001 MNW	1 815	0	1 815
	HCK46050	KATHERINE	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES-2000/2001 MNW	58 000	39 003	18 997
	HCK47040	KATHERINE	INSTALL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2001/2002 MNW	22 043	17 214	4 829
	HCK47060	KATHERINE	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES-2001/2002 MNW	68 948	37 858	31 090
	HCP46930	PALMERSTON	MODIFY WARDROBES-2001/2002 MNW	20 000	17 748	2 252
	HCP47560	PALMERSTON	FENCING-DILLON COMPLEX-2000/2002 MNW	7 088	0	7 088
	HCP47590	PALMERSTON	UPGRADE SECURITY-52 EMERY-2000/2001 MNW	8 000	0	8 000
	HCS45730	ALICE SPRINGS	INSTALL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2000/2001 MNW	30 552	30 146	406
	HCS45810	ALICE SPRINGS	INSTALL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2000/2001 MNW	15 500	4 678	10 822
	HCS47130	ALICE	INSTALL	15 528	8 953	6 575

		SPRINGS	CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES- 2001/2002 MNW			
	HCS47350	ALICE SPRINGS	REPLACE AIRCONDITIONING- 2000/2001 MNW	53 235	50 953	2 282
	HCS47540	ALICE SPRINGS	TILING-11 VAN SENDEN AVE-2001/2002 MNW	3 047	0	3 047
	HCS47550	ALICE SPRINGS	TILING-11 VAN SENDEN AVE-2000/01 MNW	2 453	0	2 453
	HCT47120	TENNANT CREEK	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES- 2001/2002 MNW	34 000	3 100	30 900
	HCT47200	BORROLOOLA	REPLACE SOLARS- 2001/2002 MNW	29 400	24 288	5 112
	HCT47270	TENNANT CREEK	REPLACE KITCHEN CUPBOARDS-2001-2002 MNW	16 600	14 649	1 951
	HCT47330	BORROLOOLA	UPGRADE SEPTICS- 2001/2002 MNW	58 000	17 100	40 900
	HCT47480	TENNANT CREEK	REPLACE FLOOR COVERINGS-2001/2002 MNW	12 378	0	12 378
	HCT47520	BORROLOOLA	UPGRADE SEPTICS- 2000/2001 MNW	12 000	0	12 000
TOTAL	9 788 376	5 022 939	4 765 437			

Question 952 (Mr Reed): The government states the revote into 2003-04 will be \$99m. Which items will that comprise? List the new capital works that total \$106m and list each that has cash against them.

Answer:

This question is identical to Question 1090 only in this instance the question pivots around the program rather than the cash. Items that comprise the \$99m revote into 2003-04 are not able to be listed in detail and accurately at this stage of the year.

There would be some projects that are certainties for revote such as the completion of Stage 2 of the East Arm Wharf and the construction of the new Hospice. As is normal, projects are being advanced and/or deferred on a regular basis according to progress on design, clearances, seasonal influences, contractor's performance and so on to ensure that the cash available for expenditure in 2002-03 is fully expended. The revote into 2003-04 will comprise the unexpended value of all projects that have commenced by 30 June 2003 and which are still to be completed. The question requests a list of capital works that total \$106m.

These are all listed in Budget Paper No 4. Each project will have cash allocated according to the requirements, that is; if the work commences early in the financial year and will be completed before 30 June 2003, full cash will be allocated. If a project commences in June 2003, minimal, (if any) cash will be required this financial year. Either way, all projects will be committed this financial year unless unforeseen circumstances occur.

Question 956 (Mr Baldwin): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

A total of \$53.07m was spent on Repairs and Maintenance for the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment for 2001-02. Breakdown is as follows:

Question 958 (Mr Burke): What funding has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget for design of the Palmerston Multi Purpose Centre?

Answer:

Refer to answer to question 934.

Question 1010 (Mr Dunham): It is noted that the Department of Health and Community Services is planning to build a facility to replace the existing incinerator at Royal Darwin Hospital. It is intended that this will be the major disposal site for toxic, noxious, infectious and quarantine materials in the greater Darwin area, or does the department have plans for another facility. If so, where is it to be located, what type will it be, what materials will be emitted, and how much will it cost?

Answer:

The Budget includes a \$2m item in the Department of Health and Community Services (DHCS) Capital Works Program to construct a new incinerator at the Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) to dispose of hospital and medical waste. My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is currently working with DHCS in considering several options to replace the existing incinerator including a new incinerator and new autoclave facility. My department is concurrently considering the feasibility of acquiring a much larger facility to dispose of both RDH and Darwin Port waste. Acquisition options being considered include traditional procurement through the Construction Division through to more modern private/public partnerships. As the project is still in its preliminary design stage, the location, type, emissions and cost are yet to be determined.

Question 1011 (Mr Reed): How much of the \$179m for capital works relates to projects where work will not commence until after July 1, 2003?

Answer:

All new projects on the 2002-03 Capital Works programs will be committed this financial year unless there are circumstances, such as site clearances, that prevent a contract being let. No circumstances of this nature have been identified to date. This is in contrast to the Capital Works Program inherited by this government which had new projects included when it was simply not possible to fund them. The Labor government does not intend to do business in this way.

Question 1015 (Dr Lim): The government claims that it has allocated several millions of dollars of capital works in Central Australia. What are capital works from the previous financial year's allocation? Provide the name and nature of the projects; and the allocation against each of these roll over projects from the previous year. What is the revote from each of these projects and what percentage of the capital works program for Central Australia is from the revote?

Answer:

The answers to all of these question are in Regional Highlights pages 9 to 16. All revoted works are under the heading "Continuing Capital Works" and each project has the allocation listed. The percentage may be calculated by adding all the revote works, then adding all new works and dividing one into the other.

Question 1018 (Mr Baldwin): In the 2002-03 budget have any finds been allocated to assist in the

relocation of the Fuel Farm to the new East Arm Port site? (a) What is the latest timeline for completion? (b) Will this be met?

Answer:

The Northern Territory government is currently extending the East Arm Wharf and this includes the provision of a bulk fuel liquids berth to service the relocated fuel terminal on a site at East Arm adjacent to Northern Cement. The estimated cost of this berth as part of the contract is approximately \$12m. These works will be followed next year by the construction of pipelines to connect the berth to the new terminal site. Both of these projects are consistent with the commitments entered into by the former government. The construction of the new terminal at East Arm and the site clean up is being undertaken entirely at the expense of the commercial operators in accordance with a schedule developed in consultation with the government. The three major companies are currently resolving the commercial arrangements for financing and operating the new terminal. However, government has continually emphasised that the project should not be delayed because of these negotiations. Relocation of the fuel terminal from Stuart Park to East Arm is now expected to be completed around mid 2004. The companies have up to 12 months after this date to remove the existing tanks and rehabilitate the site to the high standard required for urban redevelopment.

Question 1038 (Mr Reed): When government agencies order work from the construction division, is the whole amount of the work included in the figure given in the budget papers or are there other costs that the agencies have to meet that are not included in the allocated amounts?

Answer:

The figures given for projects in the budget papers are, in most cases, for the whole amount of works undertaken by the Construction Division and there are no additional costs that the agencies have to meet. Program Delivery is dealt with separately and there is a program to meet these costs. In some cases, tenders may be received that are in excess of the Program amount or the scope of the work may change during the design stage. In both cases, agencies are required to get ministerial endorsement and the Treasurer's approval to a program increase. In most cases, furniture, fittings and equipment is not included in the Capital Works Program for the project. In all cases, recurring operating expenses are not included in the Capital Works Program for the project, but are met from the operating budgets of the agency managing the asset.

Question 1042 (Dr Lim): What are the new capital works specifically for Central Australia, excluding Alice Springs, in the 2002-03 budget by item and cost?

Answer:

All new capital works specifically for Central Australia are in the Regional Highlights pages 9 to 16. Projects are listed individually and include program provision.

Question 1054 (Mr Reed): Why has the practice of detailing the forward capital works program in the budget papers ceased?

Answer:

If the question relates to the Design List and Forward Works, these have never been published in Budget Papers.

Question 1057 (Mr Reed): How much of the \$179m for capital works expenditure for 2002/03 has been let since July 1, 2002? Was any of it let before that date?

Answer:

The government has \$213.7m for expenditure on the Capital Works program during 2002-03. Program Delivery is estimated to cost \$25m and the remainder will be spent on both revote and new capital works (including minor works). A total of 30 contracts valued at \$9.7m have been let since 1 July 2002. The contracts let before 1 July 2002 form part of the \$157m revote.

Question 1060 (Mr Reed): How much of the \$179m for capital works is yet to be put out to tender or let? Will all of these projects be completed in 2002-03?

Answer:

The government has allocated \$213.7m cash for expenditure on the Capital Works Program during 2002-03. Program delivery costs will consume approx. \$25m. The remaining cash will be spent on revote and new works including minor works. As has always been the case not all new projects will be completed in 2002-03 and there will be a reduced revote of \$99m into 2003-04. However, the full \$213.7m will be expended during 2002-03. To suggest that all projects be completed during 2002-03 is ludicrous. Would the member for Katherine envisage all contractors come to a screaming halt on 30 June 2003?

Question 1065 (Mr Reed): Provide information regarding Capital Works Program cash expenditure on new fixed assets for all projects for which cash allocation in 2002-03 exceeds \$250 000.

Answer:

I table lists which provide both the new and revote Capital Works projects where cash allocation is expected to exceed \$250 000. It should be noted that while it is government's clear intention to commit every new work on the lists, the actual cash expenditure on each project will be determined by the progress of the projects.

CAPITAL WORKS CASH ON NEW WORKS OVER \$250,000
AGENCY/Description
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER
Railway Related Infrastructure - Stage 1
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Parap Primary Upgrade - Stage 1
Mitchell Centre – Refit/Relocation
Alice Springs High - Stage 2 Air Conditioning
NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
Darwin Police Station, Mitchell Centre - Fitout and addition to scope of works
Modify and upgrade Cells - Avon Downs, Galiwinki & Daly River
Peter McAuley Centre - Construct Mounted Police Patrol Facility Stage 1
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
Resurface the Athletics Track at Arafura Stadium, Marrara
Infrastructure upgrade for International Cricket at Football Park
Capital Items at Araluen
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - AES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Katherine Hospital - Provision of new Mortuary
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Royal Darwin Hospital - Construct new Incinerator/Autoclave

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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- Commonwealth Funded - National Highways

All Corridors – Pavement rehabilitation and widening selected sections
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Stuart Highway – Construct Palmer River Bridge and approaches Ch1640.83km

All National Highways - Road Safety, Environment and Amenities
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Blackspot

-Northern Territory Funded Roads

Central Arnhem Road - Stuart Highway to Beswick - Complete seal to Beswick Ch47-57km (8.4km)
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Tanami Road – Selected immunity upgrading and sealing

Beef Roads - Barkly Stock Route - Elliott to Anthony's Lagoon Road - Selected gravelling
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Cox Peninsula Road - Sealing to Belyuen Ch47-67km

Beef Roads – Calvert Road - Selected gravelling

Beef Roads – Katherine/Daly Basin Road network development - Ooloo Road/Fleming Road drainage improvements/partial sealing
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-Lands

Wickham Point construction power and water supply

-Parks and Wildlife

Watarrka – Construct carpark

DARWIN PORT CORPORATION

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CAPITAL WORKS CASH ON REVOTE OVER \$250,000

AGENCY/Description

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING
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Leanyer Primary School upgrade - Stage 1
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NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Tennant Creek – Modify and upgrade cells
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Don Dale Centre – renovations

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Marrara - Construct new airconditioned Basketball Stadium

Marrara - Football Park Reconstruct the playing surface

Alice Springs – Hockey Field Upgrade

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - AES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Royal Darwin Hospital redevelopment

Alice Springs Hospital redevelopment

Fitout for Royal Darwin and Alice Springs Hospitals

Nguiu Health Clinic - Program Delivery
DARWIN PORT CORPORATION
East Arm Wharf, Stage 2
DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
Infrastructure
Watarrka National Park - Construct car park, toilet block and water line
Alice Springs – Floodplain management measures
Fort Hill Wharf – Rehabilitation of roll on / roll off
Tiwi Primary School - Demolition of Primary School and assist in the redevelopment of a child-care centre
Lake Hickey flood mitigation
Glyde Point – environmental studies
East Arm site preparation works
Headworks – Rosebery, stage 5
Palmerston Headworks, stage 6
Industrial Estate – Construct Wickham Point Road
Mary River Wetlands - Construction of weirs and barrages to assist saltwater intrusion control
Tennant Creek – Lining of main drain, stage 1
Urban Enhancement and Heritage program
National Highways
Construct / upgrade Hugh River Bridge and approaches
All corridors – pavement rehabilitation / widening selected sections
All National Highways - upgrade strength deficient bridges
All National Highways - road safety / environment and amenities
Territory Roads
Rural arterials – pavement rehabilitation
Local Roads – pavement rehabilitation
Road Network – upgrade deficient bridges (mass limits review)
HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES
DARWIN PORT CORPORATION

Question 1070 (Mr Reed): The repairs and maintenance budget is reported (in the Budget Paper *Budget Overview* at Page 7) to be \$119m this year. What was spent on repairs and maintenance across the whole of government in 2001-02?

Answer:

The Repairs and Maintenance budget for 2002-03 is \$119.2m. Expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance in 2001-02 totalled \$120m and included \$11.3m on repairing flood damage to roads. This level of expenditure was only achieved after the new government allocated an additional \$6m to ensure that normal road maintenance works could continue. To avoid a repetition of this unacceptable situation the 2002-03 budget includes a contingency allowance of \$5m for repairing flood damage in the event it is needed. This means my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment can respond instantly to any unforeseen need.

Question 1075 (Mr Reed): Passenger Terminals will be required for the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway in Tennant Creek, Katherine and Palmerston/Darwin. (a) Has the design work started? (b) How much funding has been allocated to the design work in 2002-03? (c) Will design and or construction be by public tender process? (d) Will the Northern Territory government meet the total cost for these facilities?

Answer:

Preliminary design work has commenced on a scope of works and various options for a number of possible sites. Funding of \$100 000 for design work was approved in the 2001-02 Capital Works Projects. Most of this was revoted as only minimal expenditure was incurred in 2001-02. Design work will be undertaken through the engagement of local consultants. Construction work, other than tracklaying, is expected to be by the public tender process. A Submission is currently being prepared by my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment to comprehensively address the issues of the scope of works and the provision of funding for these facilities. This will be considered by government in the near future to ensure that adequate facilities are available for the first passengers using the extended Ghan service.

Question 1076 (Mr Reed): Detail the scope of works requested by DIPE with the allocation of \$1.5m to PowerWater for undergrounding of powerlines in Darwin.

Answer:

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment will pay PowerWater a Capital Grant of \$1.5m for undergrounding of power lines. The NTG funds PowerWater capital projects to the extent that they are not commercial. In addition to the \$1.5m PowerWater will expend an additional \$0.5m which it can justify on a full commercial basis. The detailed scope of works is being developed by PowerWater in accordance with the priorities established by the government.

Question 1077 (Mr Reed): What charge will the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment impose for managing the repairs and maintenance program on behalf of general government agencies? What is the estimated total of that charge and does it come off the \$119m or is it additional to it? How do these charges compare with historical practices?

Answer:

The Budget figure of \$119m makes no allowance for program delivery. Program delivery for repairs and maintenance is a separate cost and is included in individual agencies repairs and maintenance budgets. The Repairs and Maintenance budget, including program delivery, thus totals \$127.8m for 2002-03. The Construction Division charges 14% of expenditure for program delivery of Civil Repairs and Maintenance and 18.5% of expenditure for program delivery of Building Repairs and Maintenance. Not all Agencies use the Construction Division. These charges have remained constant for the last three years.

Question 1082 (Mr Reed): Capital Works 2002-03 for DBIRD includes a waste water treatment system for the Darwin Aquaculture Centre at total project cost of \$.4m in Budget Paper No 3. Book 3 describes the above amount as "not the cash commitment" "See Budget Paper No 4" which details the cash amount as \$0.429m. Why is the cash commitment of \$0.429m in Budget Paper No 4 higher than the total project cost of \$0.4m in Paper No 3.

Answer:

Budget Paper No 3 has all Capital Works Projects to one decimal point of millions of dollars. As such, on page 154 of Budget Paper No 3 the Darwin Aquaculture Centre - design and construct a system to treat all waste water discharged from the Centre is listed as \$0.4m as the total project cost ie the

program provision. The actual program provision (not cash) as listed in Budget Paper No 4 (page 22) is \$429 000 as this Budget Paper refers to all projects in thousands of dollars. \$429 000 rounded to nearest decimal point in millions is \$0.4m. Budget Paper No 4 does not purport to detail the cash amount, it details the program amount. Therefore the simple answer to this time wasting question is one is not higher than the other – the numbers are entirely consistent.

Question 1083 (Mr Dunham): Which sites are under consideration for the passenger terminal for the Darwin Adelaide Railway? What are the average estimates of cost associated with each?

Answer:

In the southern region of the Northern Territory there are three sites under consideration for passenger terminals Alice Springs (Existing Railway yards); Tennant Creek (Adjacent to existing sleeper factory) and Katherine (Adjacent to existing sleeper factory). In the Darwin Region there are five sites under consideration:

1. Palmerston - Corner of Roystonea Road and University Avenue;
2. Marlow's Lagoon - Adjacent to rail corridor at rear of Marlow's Lagoon;
3. Berrimah - At southern boundary of Berrimah Farm;
4. Freight Yard - In East Arm Wharf freight yard at rear of Trade Development Zone; and
5. Darwin City - Along Tiger Brennan Drive from adjacent to Fisherman's Wharf to Dinah Beach Road.

Estimates of cost are currently being prepared and will be included in a Cabinet Submission for government's consideration.

Question 1086 (Mr Reed): The indicative cash for R&M in the Capital and Infrastructure programme is stated as \$119.2m. List those items with cash allocated for each item. How is the \$25m for programme delivery apportioned?

Answer:

The 2002-03 Repairs and Maintenance Program is \$119.2m. This is consistent with the 2001-02 program. However, unlike previous years, this program is fully cashed. Another first for the government is that this year, R&M budgets have been allocated directly to agencies unlike previous years where the budget has been with my department. A detailed list of all R&M expenditure is not available as agencies are still in the process of identifying and determining priorities. However, I table a list of program/cash by agency. It should also be remembered that R&M expenditure consists of several categories such as unforeseen urgent works, cyclical maintenance and specific maintenance. Much of the R&M expenditure is therefore not directed towards specific projects. Page 7 of Budget Paper No 4 details the apportionment of the Program Delivery allocation of \$25m for the Capital Works Program.

APPROVED 2002-03 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM	
Agency	2002-03 Program
	\$000
Auditor-General's Office	1
Office of the Ombudsman	
Department of the Chief Minister	259
Department of the Legislative Assembly	797
Northern Territory Treasury	13
Department of Employment, Education and Training	
- Agency	17 657
- Grants to other entities	1 750

- Centralian College	972
Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment	26
Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services	2 305
Department of Justice	3 111
Department of Corporate and Information Services	330
Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development	1 561
Northern Territory Tourist Commission	9
Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs	2 198
-Aboriginal Essential Services	8 593
Department of Health and Community Services	8 951
Trade Development Zone Authority	30
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment	49 359
Territory Wildlife Parks	352
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	98 274
Darwin Port Corporation	3 404
Territory Housing Business Services	17 551
WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TOTAL	119 229

Question 1087 (Dr Lim): Can the minister advise what funding has been forwarded for the Stephens Road and Barrett Drive cycle/foot path in 2002-03 and what route the park will follow?

Answer:

An item is included on the 2002-03 Minor Works program for construction of the Stephens Road cycle/footpath at a cost of approximately \$150 000. The 2.5m wide path will be located on the northern side of Stephens Road and extend from the Barrett Drive intersection to the eastern Golf Course residential area. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2003 with completion expected in March 2003. Planning is underway for construction of a cycle/footpath along the entire length of Barrett Drive. The path is to be located on the riverside (west side) of Barrett Drive. This work has not proceeded due to indigenous land use issues and therefore has no program status. The order of cost estimate for this work is approximately \$300 000.

Question 1088 (Mr Reed): The indicative cash for minor works in the Capital and Infrastructure Programme is stated as \$23.4m. List those items with cash allocated for each item.

Answer:

The 2002-03 Minor New Works Program is \$24.3m which is \$5.2m higher than the 2001-02 program. The government recognises the importance of smaller businesses and this was clearly demonstrated last year when a definite slump in construction activity was felt by industry. We responded quickly by providing an additional \$4m for minor works. This larger program in 2002-03 will ensure that situation is not repeated this year and sufficient cash will be provided to ensure that revoted works are completed and all new works are commenced. I table a report summarising Minor Works Program levels by Agency. Details of individual program items are still being finalised and will be announced in due course as projects are commenced.

	BUDGET ALLOCATION
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OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE	60 000
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER	289 000
DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	610 000
NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY	70 000
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING	3 094 000
CENTRALIAN COLLEGE	85 000
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT	130 000
NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	733 000
DEPT OF JUSTICE	408 000
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES	213 000
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	749 000
NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION	80 000
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS	680 000
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - AES	4 150 000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	1 513 000
DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT	9 568 000
INFRASTRUCTURE	3 134 000
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS	1 750 000
TERRITORY ROADS	2 180 000
TRANSPORT FACILITES	2 504 000
TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS	60 000
TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE	60 000
HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES	1 660 000
DARWIN PORT CORPORATION	150 000
	TOTAL
	24 362 000

	PROJECT NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET ALLOCATION	PROJECTS IDENTIFIED
OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE				60 000	0
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER	289 000	59 060			
	CMD02340	DARWIN	NT HOUSE 4TH FLOOR - OFFICE ALTERATIONS		56 560
	CMD02530	DARWIN	DEMOLITION GLAZING NEW DOORS PAINTING CARPET LIGHTING		2 500
	CMD02540	DARWIN	GOV HSE A/C MODIFY FAN COIL UNITS UPGRADE CONTROL SYSTEM		90 000
DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE	610 000	60 000			

ASSEMBLY					
	LGD02130	CASUARINA	MAKE GOOD CASUARINA ELECTORATE OFFICE		5 000
	LGD02150	DARWIN	UPGRADE AUDIO SYSTEM TO FACILITATE RECORDING OF COMMITTEE HANSARD		25 000
	LGD02160	MOIL	U/G PHONE & DATA CABLING & INSTALL WATER UNIT		5 000
	LGD02170	HOWARD SPRINGS	RELOCATE OFFICE WALL EXTEND RECEPTION AREA		25 000
NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY	70 000	46 700			
	TYD00490	DARWIN	CAVENAGH HSE 9 - REVENUE - PARTITIONING & OFFICE ALTERATIONS		22 500
	TYD00520	DARWIN	RELOCATION OF WORK STATIONS & ASSOC ELECTRICAL & DATA CABLING		1 200
	TYD00530	DARWIN	ENTERPRISE HOUSE LEVEL 2 - CONSTRUCT SECURE LAB/TESTING RM		23 000
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING				3 094 000	1 366 651
	TEA16000	ALICE SPRINGS	DEET - ALL MINOR WORKS ALICE DESERT OAKS CLUSTER		468 000
	TEA16010	ALICE SPRINGS	MNW HEALTH & SAFETY CENTRAL STORM		4 834
	TEA16300	ALICE SPRINGS	MINOR WORKS ALICE DESERT OAKS		0
	TEA16310	ALICE SPRINGS	MNW HEALTH & SAFETY DESRT OAKS		0
	TED16000	DARWIN	DEET - ALL MINOR NEW WORKS DARWIN CITY CLUSTER		300 000
	TED16010	DARWIN	DEET - MISC ASSETS (LEASED ETC) CENTRAL CLUSTER		10 000
	TED16100	DARWIN	DEET - ALL MINOR NEW WORKS DARWIN		0

			NORTH CLUSTER		
	TED16110	DARWIN	DEET - MINOR WORKS ARNHEM CLUSTER		160 000
	TED16200	DARWIN	DEET - ALL MINOR NEW WORKS PALMERSTON & RURAL CLUSTER		274 000
	TED16210	DARWIN	MNW HEALTH & SAFETY PALMERSTON & RURAL		28 817
	TEG01090	ANGURUGU	ANGURUGU SCHOOL - ALTERATIONS TO OFFICE		35 000
	TEG16000	GOVE	DEET - MINOR NEW WORKS ARNHEM CLUSTER		0
	TEG16010	GOVE	MNW HEALTH & SAFETY ARNHEM REGION CLUSTER		0
	TEK01610	KATHERINE	KATHERINE REGIONAL OFFICE - OFFICE ALTERATIONS		20 000
	TEK16000	KATHERINE	MINOR WORKS RIVERS CLUSTER		0
	TEK16010	KATHERINE	DEET - ALL MINOR NEW WORKS RIVERS CLUSTER		10 000
	TET16000	TENNANT CREEK	DEET - ALL MINOR NEW WORKS TENNANT CENTRAL STORM CLUSTER		0
	TET16010	TENNANT CREEK	MNW HEALTH & SAFETY CENTRAL STORM		0
		VARIOUS	LATIS		56 000
CENTRALIAN COLLEGE	85 000	0			
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT				130 000	0
NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES				733 000	332 862
	PFA01760	ALICE SPRINGS	POLICE FLATS (OLD) ALLCHURCH STREET – SEPARATE ELECTRICITY METERING		35 700
	PFA01790	ALICE SPRINGS	INSTALL SPLIT UNIT AIR CONDITIONER		6 000
	PFA01800	ALICE SPRINGS	SUPPLY AND INSTALL SPLIT SYSTEM AIR CONDITIONER		15 000
	PFA01810	HARTS RANGE	INSTALL SPLIT SYSTEM AIRCONDITIONING TO LOUNGE		10 000

	PFA01830	YUENDUMU	SUPPLY INSTALL SPLIT SYSTEM AIRCONDITIONING		16 000
	PFA01880	ALICE SPRINGS	CLOSE GAP MAIN BUILDING & GARAGE TO PROTECT FINGERPRINT EXHIBIT		1 000
	PFA01890	TI TREE	POLICE STATION INSTALL CHAINMESH FENCE BETWEEN HOUSE 1&2		6 000
	PFD03330	BERRIMAH	REFURBISH AND PARTITION AREA VACATED BY FORENSIC SERVICES		60 000
	PFD03340	BERRIMAH	REFURBISH COLLEGE ROOM FOR FIRE TRAINING ROOM		2 818
	PFD04930	BERRIMAH	INSTALL A/C TO MAIN SWITCH BOARD		4 884
	PFD04940	BERRIMAH	INSTALL BOOSTERS TO HOTWATER SYSTEMS TO 4 BLOCKS OF FLATS		12 000
	PFD04950	BERRIMAH	PMC - UPGRADE SERVER ROOM INCLUDING AIRCONDITIONING		40 000
	PFD04960	DARWIN	INSTALL FIXED ROOF SHADE STRUCTURE OVER EXISTING BURN PAD		20 000
	PFD04970	PORT KEATS	INSTALL SECURITY SCREEN FENCE TO GATES FRONT 4 RESIDENCES		20 000
	PFD04990	DARWIN	PROVIDE ACCESS HARDSTAND AT NEW ENTRY TO FIRE STATION		11 500
	PFD05000	PORT KEATS	PORT KEATS POLICE RESIDENTS UPGRADE & PAINTING TO KITCHEN		12 600
	PFG00430	ALYANGULA	INSTALL SECURITY SCREENS TO CONNIE BUSH UNITS		4 660
	PFK01420	NGUKURR	INSTALL CHAIN MESH FENCE TO SECURE REAR OF STATION		5 000
	PFT01330	TENNANT CREEK	INSTALL SPLIT SYSTEM TO OIC'S RESIDENCE		3 500
	PFT01340	BORROLOOLA	CONCRETE UNDER OIC HOUSE INSTALL SECURITY LIGHT & VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS		16 000
	PFT01350	AVON DOWNS	AVON DOWNS POLICE STATION MODIFY TANK STAND INSTALL 1 SPLIT & RAC TO HOUSE 2		26 000
	PFT01360	ALI CURUNG	ALI CURUNG POLICE COMPLEX VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS		2 500

	PFT01370	ELLIOTT	INSTALL ADDITIONAL SECURITY LIGHTS AND MODIFY GARDEN SHED		1 700
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		408 000	184 167		
	CZA00990	ALICE SPRINGS	CONSTRUCT BULK DRY GOODS STORE CANTEEN & SECURITY SERVICE OFFICE		140 000
	CZA01000	ALICE SPRINGS	CONSTRUCT ELEC & COMM PIT INSTALL FIBRE & PH CABLE		25 000
	OCA00060	ALICE SPRINGS	PARTITIONING ALTERATIONS TO ALLOW VULNERABLE WITNESS FACILITIES		4 400
	JUD00010	DARWIN	REFIT OF MONITORS ROOM DARWIN MAGISTRATES		3 700
	LWD00490	DARWIN	INSTALLATION OF PLASTERBOARD WALL 11 FLOOR NT HOUSE		2 567
	OCK00160	KATHERINE	KATHERINE COURT HOUSE - INTERVIEW ROOM - PARTITIONING		8 500
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES				213 000	0
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT				749 000	22 650
	FSD00010	BERRIMAH	FARM VET LAB VARIOUS DRAINAGE & PLUMBING WORKS		8 000
	MED00340	WINNELLIE	SUPPLY & INSTALL FHR & SECURITY WORKS ASS WITH THE EQUIP STORE		7 000
	INT00010	BARKLY	CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR SERVER AT DBIRD MAIN OFFICE		7 650
NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION	80 000	0			
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS				680 000	149 861
	CDA00020	ALICE SPRINGS	ARALUEN UPGRADE OF POWER IN FOYER		7 500

	CDA00030	ALICE SPRINGS	ARALUEN STORAGE SYSTEMS FOR COLLECTIONS		23 000
	CDA00040	ALICE SPRINGS	STREHLOW RESEARCH OUTFIT LEVEL 3 FACILITIES FOR MEETING AREA		20 000
	CDA00050	ALICE SPRINGS	UPGRADE LIGHTING IN ARALUEN CARPARK		35 000
	CDA00060	ALICE SPRINGS	ARALUEN INSTALL ELECTRIC MOTOR FOR FIRE CURTAIN		6 000
	CDD00020	MARRARA	MARRARA INDOOR 3 PHASE ELECTRICAL CABLING CONJ SRD02630		2 000
	MAD04090	DARWIN	MUSEUM WORKSHOP - PROVIDE SOLID MEMBRANE OVER TAXIDERMY AREA		5 500
	MAD04100	DARWIN	MUSEUM WET STORE - REPLACEMENT OF GEN SET		50 000
	CDG00010	GOVE	ARNHEM SHOPPING VILLAGE SHOP 3 GOVE ALTERATIONS		861
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPORT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - AES				4 150 000	0
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				1 513 000	761 482
	THA05240	ALICE SPRINGS	ASH MAIN WARD BLOCK UPGRADE SECURITY		140 000
	THA05250	ALICE SPRINGS	UPGRADE RECEPTION AREA		35 000
	THA05260	ALICE SPRINGS	ASH MENTAL HEALTH BUILDING PROVIDE SECURE RECEPTION AREA		25 000
	THA05280	ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL CAMPUS EXTEND SECURITY FENCE		2 482
	THD14840	TIWI	RDH CONNECT FLUSHOMETER SYSTEM DIRECT TO WATER MAINS		28 000
	THD14850	TIWI	RDH BUILDING 10 PROVIDE CHW BYPASS LINE & PUMP		60 000
	THD14860	TIWI	RDH MAIN WARD BLOCK PROVIDE AHU TO HYPERBARIC UNIT		90 000
	THD14870	TIWI	RDH BUILDING 13 REPOSITION STEAM HEADER FROM ROOF TO		10 000

			BASEMENT		
	THD14880	DARWIN	VARIOUS REMOTE HEALTH CLINICS INSTALL DURESS ALARMS		150 000
	THG03080	UMBAKUMBA	UMBAKUMBA HEALTH CLINIC NEW COVERED ENTRY		56 000
	THG03090	NHULUNBUY	NHULUNBUY DENTAL CLINIC MODIFICATIONS TO DENTAL LABORATORY		25 000
	THG03290	RAMINGINING	RAMINGINING H/C RENOV TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TREAT ROOMS		140 000
DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT				9 568 000	6 913 000
INFRASTRUCTURE		3 134 000	2 983 000		
	CCA04000	VARIOUS	STRATEGIC FENCING SOUTHERN REGION VARIOUS LOCATIONS		25 000
	CCA04020	VARIOUS	ALICE SPRINGS VARIOUS INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE		50 000
	CCA04030	ALICE SPRINGS	STAGE TWO UPGRADING OF GHOST GUM WALK ORMISTON GORGE		100 000
	CCA04040	ALICE SPRINGS	UPGRADE BORE TO SOLAR FINKE GORGE ALICE SPRINGS		22 000
	CCA04170	WATARRKA	WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK RELOCATION OF VALVE UNITS		11 000
	IFA00010	ALICE SPRINGS	DESERT PARK HUMIDITY ECONOMY CYCLE		30 000
	IFA00050	ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS POLICE FLATS INSTALLATION OF INDIVIDUAL METERS		15 300
	CCD07110	VARIOUS	VARIOUS LOCATIONS DARWIN STRATEGIC FENCING		50 000
	CCD07120	VARIOUS	INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE VARIOUS LOCATIONS DARWIN		50 000
	CCD07130	LITCHFIELD	CONSTRUCTION DISABLED ACCESS TO MAIN POOL WANGI LITCHFIELD		25 000
	CCD07140	DARWIN	CONSTRUCT ALL PERSON ACCESS THROUGH GEORGE BROWN GARDENS		85 000
	CCD07260	FOGG DAM	CONSTRUCT POISONS STORE FOGG DAM RANGER STATION		26 000

	CCD07270	LITCHFIELD	REMOVE TANK & STAND FROM HILL SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW PUMP		10 000
	CCD07280	LITCHFIELD	INSTALL SOLAR PANELS ON HALL ROOF TO CHARGE BATTERY BANK		12 000
	IFD00010	DARWIN	LOTS 145/29 WOOLLEY CRT BATCHELOR – CULVERTS		30 000
	IFD00020	DARWIN	PLAZA – LIGHTING AND AFTER HOURS AIR CONDITIONING CONTROL		30 000
	IFD00030	PALMERSTON	HIGHWAY HOUSE LIGHTING AND AFTER HOURS AIR CON CONTROL		20 000
	IFD00040	FANNIE BAY	SPORTS HOUSE ENERGY AUDIT REPORT		14 000
	IFD00050	DARWIN	SUPREME COURT LIGHTING CONTROL AND UPGRADE ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		20 000
	IFD00060	DARWIN	SUPREME COURT A/C UPGRADE ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		40 700
	IFD00070	DARWIN	GOV HOUSE MISC ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		10 000
	IFD00080	PARAP	MVR ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		10 000
	IFD00090	WINNELLIE	FARRELL CRESCENT BUILDING DBIRD ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		6 000
	IFD00100	TIWI	RDH INSTALL KEY TAG CONTROLS STAFF ACCOM FAN COIL UNITS		36 000
	IFD00110	DARWIN	MISC ENERGY CONSERVATION INITIATIVES		6 000
	IFD00120	HUMPTY DOO	HUMPTY DOO PRIMARY SCHOOL ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		20 000
	IFD00130	HUMPTY DOO	TAMINMIN HIGH SCHOOL ENERGY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		22 000
	IFD00150	PARAP	GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE STRUCTURAL UPGRADE		120 000
	IFD00170	TIWI	RDH – INSTALL SOLAR RADIATION MONITORING EQUIPMENT		3 000
	IFG00140	GOVE	HOSPITAL CON STEAM AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS		33 000
	CCK04510	VARIOUS	VARIOUS LOCATIONS		50 000

			KATHERINE STRATEGIC FENCING		
	CCK04520	VARIOUS	INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE KATHERINE VARIOUS		50 000
	CCK04530	NATHAN RIVER	INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT NATHAN HOMESTEAD FOR HOUSING		150 000
	CCK04540	KATHERINE	CONSTRUCTION OF VIEWING PLATFORMS KATHERINE		50 000
	IFD00280	DARWIN	DARWIN WHARF PRECINCT PUMPSTATION POWER UPGRADE		50 000
		VARIOUS	SERVICES TO UNSPECIFIED SITES		300 000
		VARIOUS	DRILLING		150 000
		WANGURI	SEWERAGE SERVICE TO LOT 4177 TAMBLING TCE		96 000
		TIWI	CUT OFF DRAIN TO TIWI AGED CARE FACILITY		20 000
		DARWIN	STOKE HILL – REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SOIL		26 000
		DARWIN	STOKES HILL – REMOVAL OF FORMER BOND STORE		130 000
		COCONUT GROVE	ORCHARD STREET DRAIN, COCONUT GROVE		28 000
		COCONUT GROVE	LOT 9197, DRAIN COCONUT GROVE		20 000
		STUART PARK	COMPLETE CYCLEWAY WOOLNER ROAD		26 000
		PALMERSTON	ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO LOT 5743 PALMERSTON		60 000
		PALMERSTON	PALMERSTON TRUNK DRAINAGE UPGRADE		90 000
		PALMERSTON	UPGRADE CATALINA RD, PALMERSTON		60 000
		MARLOWS LAGOON	MARLOWS LAGOON LINK ROAD		150 000
		PALMERSTON	LOT 4177 PALMERSTON POWER CONNECTION		17 000
		PALMERSTON	PALMERSTON CITY COUNCIL DUMP MAINTENANCE		40 000
		DUNDEE BEACH	DUNDEE DUMP		75 000
		KATHERINE	CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE – DRAINAGE UPGRADE		30 000
		VIRGINIA	ACCESS TO PORTION 5007, BEASLEY ROAD		5 000
		ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE IN 10 CENTRAL AREAS STUDIES		144 000

		ALICE SPRINGS	FIRE PROTECTION & WATER SERVICES TO THE OLD ALICE SPRINGS GAOL		52 000
		ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS GOLF COURSE DRAINAGE – STAGE 1		55 000
		ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS TODD RIVER WEED ERADICATION PROGRAM		67 000
		ALICE SPRINGS	ALICE SPRINGS – REPCO BUILDING DEMOLITION		60 000
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS		1 750 000	1 750 000		
	FRA01700	ALICE SPRINGS	STUART HIGHWAY LEFT TURN LANE AT PERCY COURT		50 000
	FRA01900	ALICE SPRINGS	STUART HWY - ALICE SPRINGS - TRUCK PARKING BAY ENHANCEMENTS		150 000
	FRA02130	ALICE SPRINGS	ROAD RESERVE FENCING AT OWEN SPRINGS		50 000
	FRA02140	ALICE SPRINGS	STUART HIGHWAY - ILPARPA ACCESS LEFT TURN LANE		50 000
	FRA02180	ALICE SPRINGS	STUART HWY IMPLEMENT NEW SPEED LIMITS TANAMI RD/ALICE SPRGS		15 000
	FRD03590	STUART HIGHWAY	STUART HIGHWAY - 15 MILE CAMP - STREETLIGHTING		116 033
	FRD03610	DARWIN	STUART HIGHWAY - DARWIN - TRUCK PARKING BAY UPGRADES		80 000
	FRD03880	DARWIN	ACACIA GAP - INTERSECTION UPGRADE		150 000
	FRD03920	DARWIN	ARNHEM/STUART INTERSECTION - CABLING WORKS		2 713
	FRD03930	DARWIN	STUART HWY REPAIR ANCHOR BLOCK & PROTECTION CONCRETE RAIL		4 350
	FRD03950	DARWIN	FENCING OF CENTRE MEDIAN BETWEEN VIRGINIA ROAD & COOLALINGA		3 600
	FRK02300	KATHERINE	VICTORIA HIGHWAY: TIMBER CREEK DRAIN LOT 47		50 000
	FRK02320	KATHERINE	VICTORIA HIGHWAY - CONSTRUCT 2 NEW TRUCK PARKING BAYS		150 000
	FRK02480	KATHERINE	VICTORIA HIGHWAY JOE CREEK CH 206 & FILL AREAS NEAR CH 204 -		70 000
	FRK02500	KATHERINE	VIC HWY UPGRADE INTERSECTION TO BIG HORSE BOAT RAMP TO TYPE		100 000
	FRK02520	KATHERINE	VIC HWY KERB & CONSTRUCT DRAINAGE OPPOSITE OLD		150 000

			POWER HOUSE		
	FRT01450	TENNANT CREEK	STUART HWY - THREEWAYS ROADHOUSE AREA - UPGRADE LIGHTING		10 000
	FRT01650	BARKLY HIGHWAY	BARKLY HWY - INSTALL COMPOSTING TOILET AT SOUDAN REST AREA		30 000
	FRT01660	TENNANT CREEK	STUART HWY INSTALL COMPOSTING TOILET AT ATTACK CK REST AREA		30 000
	FRT01680	TENNANT CREEK	STUART HIGHWAY: UPGRADE DRAINAGE TO SERVICE ROAD ACCESS		28 304
	FRT01840	TENNANT CREEK	BARKLY HIGHWAY UPGRADING OF VARIOUS TRUCK PARKING BAYS		150 000
	FRD03600	DARWIN	UPGRADE EXISTING BARRIER LINE MARKING - ST HWY DARWIN REGION		150 000
	FRD03620	DARWIN	NATIONAL HIGHWAYS - NEW SIGNAGE		100 000
	FRD03960	DARWIN	STUART HIGHWAY - REPLACE EXISTING KILOMETRE POSTS		60 000
TERRITORY ROADS		2 180 000	2 180 000		
	RFA01510	ALICE SPRINGS	WOODFORDE RD - UPGRADE AND RE-ESTABLISH		50 000
	RFA01880	ALICE SPRINGS	STEVENS ROAD - CONSTRUCT CYCLEPATH/FOOTPATH		141 001
	RFA01920	ALICE SPRINGS	HATT ROAD - FENCING AND GRID REMOVAL		20 000
	RFA02070	ALICE SPRINGS	WARNING SIGNS - UNAVAILABILITY OF PETROL - TJUKARURU ROAD		11 000
	RBD05310	DARWIN	ARNHEM HWY PEDESTRIAN SIGNS TO BOTH SIDES OF GULUNGUL CREEK		1 000
	RFD04960	DARWIN	LITCHFIELD PARK ROAD - INVESTIGATE SPEED ADVISORY SIGNAGE		10 000
	RFD04990	DALY RIVER	DALY RIVER RD - UPGRADE DRAINAGE AT BACKYARD CREEK		4 991
	RFD05180	DARWIN	FLEMING ROAD FENCING		15 000
	RFD05190	DARWIN	SIGNAGE FOR WELLS CREEK AND GROVE HILL ROADS		1 000
	RFD05340	DARWIN	DORAT ROAD CH 24.78KM - UPGRADE CULVERT		17 000
	RFD05350	DARWIN	BATCHELOR ROAD CH 3.5KM - UPGRADE CULVERT		20 000
	RFD05360	DARWIN	BATCHELOR ROAD - RUM		93 000

			JUNGLE RD ROUNDABOUT - STREET LIGHTING		
	RFD05390	DARWIN	WILDMAN RIVER ACCESS - STABILISING AND SEALING FLOODWAYS		53 356
	RFD05440	DARWIN	SIGNAGE UPGRADES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS		5 000
	RFD05490	DARWIN	BARRAMUNDI DRIVE DUNDEE DOWNS - ERECT SPEED LIMIT SIGNS		5 000
	RFD05500	DARWIN	WOOLIANNA ROAD - SEALING OF 500 METRES		70 000
	RFG00160	EAST ARNHEM	MELVILLE BAY RD UPGRADE STAGE 4		100 000
	RFG00170	GOVE	GUNYANARA COMMUNITY ROAD - SEALING (CONTRIBUTION)		100 000
	RFK01630	KATHERINE	HODGSON RIVER ROAD: CONSTRUCT BED LEVEL CROSSING KM5		150 000
	RFK01640	KATHERINE	JINDARE STATION ACCESS- CONCRETE CAUSEWAYS AT KM7.1 & KM30.2		75 000
	RFK01760	KATHERINE	DRY RIVER/GORRIE RD CH49-60 FENCING RD RESERVE SOUTH SIDE		25 000
	RFK01860	KATHERINE	HUMBERT RIVER RD TO STEEP CK CROSS- WIDEN CAUSEWAY SUPPL		11 587
	RFT00900	TENNANT CREEK	SANDOVER HIGHWAY: UPGRADE UNSEALED SURFACE 319 TO 326 KM		100 000
	RBA00970	ALICE SPRINGS	LASSETER HWY/HARNEY PLACE INTERSECTION - UPGRADE TO TYPE B		75 000
	RBD01610	ARNHEM HIGHWAY	ARNHEM HWY - CH 122KM - CONSTRUCTION OF FLAT BOTTOMED DRAINS		10 065
	RBD01770	DARWIN	ARNHEM HWY CH 115.4 REHAB		4 500
	RBD01780	DARWIN	ARNHEM HIGHWAY RUMBLE STRIP BUSH SHOP AREA		1 500
	RBD04980	OENPELLI	OENPELLI RD - FLOODWAY AT CH 9.5KM - INSTALL CULVERT		20 000
	RBT00570	TENNANT CREEK	CARPENTARIA HWY WIDEN CUTTING FROM KM287.73 TO 288.04		85 000
	RCA00440	ALICE SPRINGS	TOWN CENTRE - IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR DISABLED		5 000
	RCD03640	DARWIN	DARWIN & PALMERSTON ARTERIAL RDS - TELEMETRY SYSTEM		100 000

	RCD04290	DARWIN	TBD - JI NIEM INTERSECTION - CONSTRUCT LEFT TURN LANE		100 000
	RCD04410	STUART HIGHWAY	ST HWY - BERRIMAH TO PALMERSTON STREETLIGHTING - STAGE 3		150 000
	RCD04620	PALMERSTON	UNIVERSITY AVE - LANDSCAPING OF EASTERN VERGE DWYER CT		40 000
	RCD04630	DARWIN	TIGER BRENNAN DR - BENISON ST INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS		40 000
	RCD04740	DARWIN	NT WIDE IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR DISABLED		45 000
	RCD04760	DARWIN	MCMINN STREET - INTERSECTION UPGRADE FOELCHE/CAREY STREETS		90 000
	RCD04770	PINELANDS	STUART HIGHWAY- ENHANCEMENTS BP PALMS TRUCK PARKING BAY AND		150 000
	RCD04790	DARWIN	STUART HWY/DEVINEY ST INTERSECTION SIGNALISATION		70 000
	RCD04800	DARWIN	LEASING OF VARIABLE MESSAGE BOARDS		70 000
	RCD04860	DARWIN	VANDERLIN DRIVE - ERECT BOLLARDS REGRASS AND PLANT TREES		15 000
	RCD05000	DARWIN	LINEMARKING WITHIN ROUNDBABOUTS TO AUS ROAD RULES		30 000
TRANSPORT FACILITIES				2 504 000	0
TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS	60 000	60 000			
	PSD00140	DARWIN	WILDLIFE PARK UPGRADE NOCTURNAL ENTRY & REPTILE DIS & BAT CHAT		50 000
	PSD00280	DARWIN	INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK		10 000
TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE	60 000	0			
HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES	1 660 000	1 660 000			
	HCC47670	CASUARINA	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS- 2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCC47680	CASUARINA	SECURITY SCREENS & DOORS- 2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCC47690	CASUARINA	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		30 000

	HCC47700	CASUARINA	FENCING REIMBURSEMENTS-2002/03 MNW		15 000
	HCC47970	CASUARINA	REPLACE HOPPER/SASH WINDOWS-2002/03 MNW		15 000
	HCC47980	CASUARINA	INSTAL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		145 000
	HCC47990	CASUARINA	CONSTRUCT GARDEN SHEDS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCC48000	CASUARINA	INSTAL FRONT/UPGRADE FENCING-2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCC48010	CASUARINA	STORMWATER DRAINAGE-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCC48020	CASUARINA	UPGRADE DRIVEWAYS-2002/03 MNW		15 000
	HCC48030	CASUARINA	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCD47630	DARWIN	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS-2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCD47640	DARWIN	SECURITY SCREENS & DOORS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCD47650	DARWIN	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		15 000
	HCD47660	DARWIN	FENCING REIMBURSEMENTS-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCD47920	DARWIN	INSTALLATION CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCD47930	DARWIN	GARDEN SHEDS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCD47940	DARWIN	FRONT FENCING/UPGRADE FENCING-2002/03 MNW		30 000
	HCD47950	DARWIN	UPGRADE DRIVEWAYS-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCD47960	DARWIN	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES-2002/03 MNW		30 000
	HCD48320	DARWIN	RAH-SECURITY DOORS/WINDOWS/LIGHTING-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCD48330	DARWIN	RAH-FENCING-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCE47750	EAST ARNHEM	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		4 500
	HCE48100	EAST ARNHEM	REPLACE HOPPER/SASH WINDOWS-2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCE48110	EAST ARNHEM	INSTAL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		50 000
	HCE48120	EAST ARNHEM	GARDEN SHEDS-2002/03 MNW		27 000
	HCE48130	EAST ARNHEM	STORM WATER DRAINAGE-2002/03 MNW		20 000

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	HCE48140	EAST ARNHEM	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES-2002/03 MNW		106 000
	HCE48340	EAST ARNHEM	RAH-SECURITY SCREENS/DOORS/LIGHTING-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCE48350	EAST ARNHEM	RAH-FENCING-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCE48420	EAST ARNHEM	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS-2002/03 MNW		10 500
	HCE48440	NHULUNBUY	3 MAGNOLIA-DRIVEWAY-2002/03 MNW		3 000
	HCE48450	ALYANGULA	DEMOLISH 12 ARNHEM-2002/03 MNW		19 000
	HCK47760	KATHERINE	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS-2002/03 MNW		25 000
	HCK47770	KATHERINE	SECURITY SCREENS & DOORS-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCK47780	KATHERINE	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCK47790	KATHERINE	FENCING CONTRIBUTIONS-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCK48150	KATHERINE	INSTALL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		30 000
	HCK48160	KATHERINE	MODIFY WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCK48170	KATHERINE	INSTALL FRONT/UPGRADE FENCING-2002/03 MNW		30 000
	HCK48180	KATHERINE	STORM WATER DRAINAGE-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCK48190	KATHERINE	UPGRADE SIGNAGE-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCK48200	KATHERINE	UPGRADE DRIVEWAYS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCK48210	KATHERINE	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES-2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCK48360	KATHERINE	RAH-SECURITY SCREENS/DOORS/LIGHTING-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCK48370	KATHERINE	RAH-FENCING-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCP47710	PALMERSTON	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS-2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCP47720	PALMERSTON	SECURITY SCREENS & DOORS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCP47730	PALMERSTON	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCP47740	PALMERSTON	FENCING REIMBURSEMENTS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCP48050	PALMERSTON	MODIFY WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCP48060	PALMERSTON	GARDEN SHEDS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
		HCP48070	PALMERSTON	INSTALL FRONT/UPGRADE FENCING-2002/03 MNW	20 000
		HCP48080	PALMERSTON	STORM WATER DRAINAGE-2002/03 MNW	10 000
		HCP48090	PALMERSTON	UPGRADE DRIVEWAYS-2002/03 MNW	30 000

	HCP48100	PALMERSTON	INSTAL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES- 2002/03 MNW		50 000
	HCS47840	ALICE SPRINGS	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS- 2002/03 MNW		30 000
	HCS47850	ALICE SPRINGS	SECURITY SCREENS & DOORS- 2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCS47860	ALICE SPRINGS	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCS47870	ALICE SPRINGS	FENCING REIMBURSEMENTS- 2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCS48240	ALICE SPRINGS	INSTALL CUPBOARDS/WARDROBES- 2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCS48250	ALICE SPRINGS	MODIFY WARDROBES-2002/03 MNW		15 000
	HCS48260	ALICE SPRINGS	GARDEN SHEDS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCS48270	ALICE SPRINGS	INSTALL FRONT/UPGRADE FENCING-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCS48280	ALICE SPRINGS	UPGRADE DRIVEWAYS-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCS48290	ALICE SPRINGS	RELOCATE A/C-2002/03 MNW		40 000
	HCS48300	ALICE SPRINGS	UPGRADE BATHROOMS/LAUNDRIES- 2002/03 MNW		15 000
	HCS48310	ALICE SPRINGS	HAYES CRT-UPGRADE 'STONE HUT'-2002/03 MNW		45 000
	HCS48400	ALICE SPRINGS	RAH-SECURITY SCREENS/DOORS/LIGHTING- 2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCS48410	ALICE SPRINGS	RAH-FENCING-2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCT47800	TENNANT CREEK	HANDICAP MODIFICATIONS- 2002/03 MNW		10 000
	HCT47810	TENNANT CREEK	SECURITY SCREENS & DOORS- 2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCT47820	TENNANT CREEK	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCT47830	TENNANT CREEK	FENCING REIMBURSEMENTS- 2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCT48220	TENNANT CREEK	INSTALL FRONT/UPGRADE FENCING-2002/03 MNW		20 000
	HCT48230	TENNANT CREEK	RELOCATE A/C-2002/03 MNW		75 000
	HCT48380	TENNANT CREEK	RAH-SECURITY SCREENS/DOORS/LIGHTING- 2002/03 MNW		5 000
	HCT48390	TENNANT CREEK	RAH-FENCING-2002/03 MNW		10 000

DARWIN PORT CORPORATION	150 000	0			
TOTAL	24 362 000	11 616 433			

Question 1090 (Mr Reed): The indicative cash for capital works in the Capital and Infrastructure Programme is stated as \$165.3m. List those items with cash allocated for each item.

Answer:

This indicative cash level appears to have been taken from the budget presentation that I made to Industry. At the time the presentation was made, it was clearly stated that this was an indicative figure only given that so many other factors effect the distribution of cash within the Capital Works Program. At the beginning of each financial year when the program has been approved and the cash level determined, it is usual to set some indicative cash levels against New Major Works according to government priorities and Contract Target Dates (CTDs). Priorities this year included the need to ensure that Wickham Point projects were adequately funded to provide power, water and the road in time for the Phillips LNG project, the fit out of Mitchell Centre for both Education and Police in conjunction with the construction of the building, Alice Springs High School air-conditioning Stage 2 to be completed during the school holiday break,, Parap Primary School, works at Marrara (athletics track and Football Park), essential road works, housing and many other projects.

As work progresses during the year there are inevitable changes. Some projects may be accelerated while others may be delayed. Factors such as contractor's performance, availability of materials, seasonal impacts, clearances, design elements all impact on the level of cash required. Already this year, following a major review of all projects, decisions have been made to advance the CTD on some projects that were initially listed as starting late in the financial year with minimal cash. The cash situation will remain fluid throughout the entire year. This is what works programming is all about. It is not a static fixed or inert program. As stated in my budget presentation, all works will commence this financial year and as such will have cash allocated as required to ensure that the total amount allocated for capital works purposes is fully expended. I table a listing of the indicative cash by Agency. This summary includes Program Delivery and Minor Works so it totals \$213.7m rather than the \$165.3m referred to.

2002-03 Capital Works Indicative Cash Levels

Budget Allocation
\$000

Ombudsman's Office 30
Department of the Chief Minister 6 807
Department of the Legislative Assembly 415
Northern Territory Treasury 72
Department of Employment, Education and Training 10 340
Centralian College 51
Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment 65
Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services 2 847
Department of Justice 2 100
Department of Corporate and Information Services 167
Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development 423
Northern Territory Tourist Commission 40
Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs 5 764
Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs – AES 10 000
Department of Health and Community Services 19 080
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment 78 173
Infrastructure 17 983
Lands 26 854
Parks and Wildlife 1 836
National Highways 13 700

Territory Roads 15 800
Transport facilities 2 000
Territory Wildlife Park 92
Trade Development Zone 30
Housing Business Services 25 000
Darwin Port Corporation 52 204

TOTAL 213 700

Question 1095 (Mr Burke): Government says a new high school for Palmerston is on the horizon. Is there any money provided for design of the facility in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

A new high school for Palmerston is on the 2002-03 Design List at an estimated cost of \$10m. Design funding for individual projects is not identified separately in the budget. Funding for the design work will be provided out of the \$25m Program Delivery component of the Capital Works budget. My department is currently working with the Department of Employment, Education and Training to identify the site, scope of works and method of program delivery.

Territory Roads

Question 178 (Mr Wood): Has there been an allocation for weeds control along Territory government roads? If so, what sprays are being used? Will any specific weeds be targeted and if so, where will they be targeted?

Answer:

Weed control along Territory government managed roads is funded from the Roads Repair and Maintenance Program. It is difficult to quantify the exact expenditure for this activity as weeds are not only controlled by weeding and chemical spraying but also fire management and slashing. However, it is estimated that a minimum of \$470 000 will be spent across the Territory which includes a combination of the above control methods. The main chemical used is glyphosate but many different chemicals are used to treat the wide variety of noxious plants. The main weeds on road reserves are mission and gamba grass in the Top End but there are many other varieties of noxious plants that have been identified for treatment across the Territory road network.

Question 193 (Mr Wood): The Tourism Minister told parliament in his budget speech that you had allocated \$27 000 for heritage assessment and conservation planning at the Second World War Strauss Airfield. The Infrastructure Department plan to build a realigned Cox Peninsula Road right through the Strauss Airfield – how does that proposal sit with conservation planning?

Answer:

The \$27 000 allocated for Strauss Airfield is for (a) a heritage assessment of the airfield; (b) interpretative signage at the airfield as part of the heritage walking trails program; and (c) replicas of three full sized World War Two fighter aircraft to be installed at the airfield. It is not the realignment of Cox Peninsula Road that impacts on the Strauss Airfield but the proposed duplication of the Stuart Highway from Noonamah to the Cox Peninsula Road which is on the National Highways Forward Works Program at an estimate of \$3.5m. The project will involve locating the new carriageway on the west side of the existing road, which will see about 80% of the Strauss Airfield covered by the new work. Strauss Airfield is part located on the Stuart Highway road reserve and my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment does not consider it to be feasible to locate the new carriageway on the east side of the existing carriageway. Location on the east side would need costly acquisition, watermain and optical fibre relocation and there would be major problems in tying in the new and existing works at Noonamah and at the Cox Peninsula Road.

The Strauss Airfield runway is in very poor condition with the seal beyond its useful life and failing throughout its length. Trees and suckers are causing additional damage. The Office of Environment and Heritage and the Heritage Advisory Council have been closely involved in the design development of the project to ensure that the heritage significance of the airstrip is retained and well advertised for future generations of Australians. The Office of Environment and Heritage has developed a strategy for preserving much of the heritage significance of Strauss Airfield by developing interpretive infrastructure for visitors. A vehicle lay-by will be located adjacent to Keleson Road on the airstrip and will have car and bus parking facilities, a shade shelter, interpretative signs, walking tracks to the old aircraft dispersal areas and the replicas of World War Two fighters. The proposed heritage conservation works are a sensible balance between the need to recognise our history and ensuring that infrastructure improvements are undertaken in a practical way.

Question 259 (Mr Bonson): Can the minister advise what funds will be expended on road upgrading, traffic lights and other roads issues in the electorate of Millner this financial year?

Answer:

It is anticipated that total funding of \$434 500 for the electorate of Millner this financial year comprising:

Skelton Street/Bagot Road intersection improvements \$90 000
Signs outside Ludmilla School \$ 500
Landscaping maintenance (McMillans Rd, Bagot Rd) \$80 000
Drainage repairs adjacent Airport boundary \$20 000
Painting handrail Rapid Creek Bridge \$ 4000
Kerbing and concrete works \$ 5000
General R&M pavement repair \$10 000
Cycle path R&M \$ 5000
Pavement rehabilitation work \$220 000

Question 617 (Mr Dunham): What plans are under consideration to improve road safety for the traffic community between Robertson Barracks and the Northern Suburbs via Campbell and Stevens Road?

Answer:

The controlling authority for Campbell and Stevens Roads is the Litchfield Shire Council and the issue rests primarily with the Council. There are no road safety issues currently under consideration by my Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment. However, it is understood that Stevens and Campbell Roads are both identified locations for Police speed enforcement activities. The DIPE has in the past provided design services to the Litchfield Shire Council as part of the Local Area Traffic Management Program and in connection with the realignment of the Campbell/Stevens Roads intersection. Completion of the design relies on resolution of land use for section 4544 which is currently in contravention of existing zoning. The Development Consent Authority has written to the owner/occupier of section 4544 providing options for a resolution and a response is awaited. It is understood that Litchfield Shire Council will not proceed with any realignment work until zoning issues are resolved.

Question 939 (Mr Maley): How much money, if any, was spent within the electorate of Goyder on roads and intersections which are within the responsibility of the Northern Territory government in 2001-02? (a) How much money, if any, has been allocated in the 2002-03 budget to be spent on roads and intersections within the electorate of Goyder which are the responsibility of the Northern Territory government? (b) Why has the fluctuation, if any, occurred in the 2002-03 budget?

Answer:

In the 2001/02 financial year \$5.4M was expended on Territory roads that are within or form the boundary of, the Goyder electorate. It is expected that \$5.9M will be expended in the 2002/03 financial year on Territory roads that are within or form the boundary of, the Goyder electorate. This represents an increase of 8 % and does not constitute a fluctuation.

Question 1012 (Dr Lim): What is the cash allocation for 2002-03 for the maintenance and upgrade of the Mereenie Loop Road and the Tanami Road?

Answer:

The 2002-03 cash allocation for the maintenance of Mereenie Loop Road (Cutta Cutta Pass to the Wilderness Lodge) is \$82 000. There is funding in the Budget for upgrading works on the Loop Road in 2002-03. However, negotiations with the Central Land Council are continuing to enable road corridor issues to be resolved in advance of future upgrading works on this important tourism link. The 2002-03 cash allocation for maintenance of the Tanami Road is \$1 000 000, which provides for \$800 000 of routine maintenance and \$200 000 for regravelling of shoulders over 100km of the road. The 2002-03 budget also provides for \$1.5m to widen and seal selected sections of the road to improve access for mining and tourism operators. The committal target date for this project is March 2003 and it is anticipated that cash expenditure of approximately \$500 000 may be made.

Question 1046 (Mr Elferink): What repairs and maintenance or upgrade works are proposed for the Deep Well Road in 2002-03?

Answer:

It is presumed that this question relates to the Maryvale Road up to the turn-off to Deep Well Station. The current funding allocation for maintenance works in 2002-03 is \$182 000 with the works comprising miscellaneous gravel patching, carriageway reinstatement through sand dunes and grading works as and when required. While no upgrading works are proposed however, my department is undertaking a review of the condition of this road to determine a priority for upgrading works.

Question 1051 (Mr Elferink): What happened to the \$40m promise to upgrade the route of the Outback Highway?

Answer:

The \$40m promise to upgrade the route of the Outback Highway was a commitment made to be implemented over two terms of office. The initial project approved in the 2002-03 budget is the upgrading of the intersection on the Lasseter Highway at Yulara Drive / Lasseter Highway for \$0.3m. Future items proposed for approval include Tjukururu Road upgrading; Plenty Highway upgrading; Lasseter Highway seal widening.

My Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is liaising with Western Australian and Queensland road authorities and municipal councils in regards to the long term planning and development of the corridor. I will be continuing to lobby the Federal, Queensland and Western Australian Ministers for funding support and to ensure that the three jurisdictions work together in consistently raising the standard of this increasingly important link across Australia.

Question 1072 (Mr Reed): A 2002-03 budget amount of \$12.5m is allocated to the Territory Roads network. (a) Is this allocation up or down on last financial year? (b) Provide a detailed scope of works to be undertaken in 2002-03.

Answer:

This allocation is an increase on the previous financial year. The 2001-02 Territory Roads new capital/minor works program was \$9.2m compared to the \$12.5m allocated to the Territory Road Network for the 2002-03 financial year. For details of the Capital works to be undertaken in 2002-03 refer to Budget Paper No 4, pages 30 to 33. I table a document that details the Minor works to be undertaken in 2002-03.

MINOR WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO THE TERRITORY ROADS NETWORK IN 2002-03

Lasseter Highway/Harney Place Intersection - Upgrade To Type B	75 000
Arnhem Highway - Ch 122Km - Construction Of Flat Bottomed Drains	10 065
Arnhem Highway Ch 115.4 Rehabilitation	4500
Arnhem Highway install Rumble Strip at Bush Shop Area	1500
Oenpelli Rd - Floodway At Ch 9.5Km - Install Culvert	20 000
Arnhem Highway Pedestrian Signs To Both Sides Of Gulungul Creek	1000
Carpentaria Highway Widen Cutting From Km287.73 To 288.04	85 000
Alice Springs Town Centre - Improvement Of Facilities For Disabled	5000
Darwin & Palmerston Arterial Rds - Telemetry System	100 000
Tiger Brennan Drive - Ji Niem Intersection - Construct Left Turn Lane	100 000
Stuart Highway - Berrimah To Palmerston Streetlighting - Stage 3	150 000
University Ave - Landscaping Of Eastern Verge Dwyer Ct	40 000
Tiger Brennan Dr - Benison St Intersection Improvements	40 000
NT Wide Improvement Of Facilities For Disabled	45 000
McMinn Street - Intersection Upgrade Foelche/Carey Streets	90 000
Stuart Highway-Enhancements BP Palms Truck Parking Bay And Relocate Bus Shelter	150 000
Stuart Highway/Deviney St Intersection Signalisation	70 000
Leasing Of Variable Message Boards	70 000
Vanderlin Drive - Erect Bollards Regrass And Plant Trees	15 000
Linemarking Within Roundabouts To Aus Road Rules	30 000
Woodforde Rd - Upgrade And Re-Establish	50 000
Stevens Road - Construct Cyclepath/Footpath	141 001
Hatt Road - Fencing And Grid Removal	20 000
Warning Signs - Unavailability Of Petrol - Tjukururu Road	11 000
Litchfield Park Road - Investigate Speed Advisory Signage	10 000
Daly River Rd - Upgrade Drainage At Backyard Creek	4991
Install Fleming Road Fencing	15 000
Signage For Wells Creek And Grove Hill Roads	1000
Dorat Road Ch 24.78Km - Upgrade Culvert	17 000
Batchelor Road Ch 3.5Km - Upgrade Culvert	20 000
Batchelor Road - Rum Jungle Rd Roundabout - Install Street Lighting	93 000
Wildman River Access - Stabilising And Sealing Floodways	53 356
Signage Upgrades - Various Locations	5000
Barramundi Drive Dundee Downs - Erect Speed Limit Signs	5000
Woolianna Road - Sealing Of 500 Metres	70 000
Melville Bay Rd Upgrade Stage 4	100 000
Gunyanara Community Road - Sealing (Contribution)	100 000

Hodgson River Road: Construct Bed Level Crossing Km5	150 000
Jindare Station Access-Concrete Causeways At Km7.1 & Km30.2	75 000
Dry River/Gorrie Rd Ch49-60 Fencing Rd Reserve South Side	25 000
Humbert River Rd To Steep Ck Cross- Widen Causeway	11 587
Sandover Highway: Upgrade Unsealed Surface 319km To 326 Km	100 000
Total Minor New Works Currently Programmed	\$2.180m

Question 1091 (Ms Carney): How much money, if any, was expended within the electorate of Araluen on roads and intersections by government in 2001-02? How much money, if any, has been allocated in 2002-03 to be expended on roads and intersections within the electorate of Araluen?

Answer:

In the 2001-02 financial year \$0.444m was on expended Roads that are within or form the boundary of, the Araluen electorate. It is expected that a similar amount will be expended in the 2002-03 financial year on roads that are within or form the boundary of, the Araluen electorate.

National Highways

Question 174 (Mr Wood): It is claimed that \$150 000 is allocated for lighting along the Stuart Highway near the 15-Mile Aboriginal community. Where is that allocation shown in the budget papers? When will the lighting be installed?

Answer:

\$150 000 has been allocated for the street lighting at 15-Mile camp under the federal government's program titled "Safety and Urgent Minor Works". The project is part of the \$1 750 000 Minor New Works program listed in Budget Paper No 4 (2002-03 Capital Works Program) under the National Highways category. Tenders for the project have been called and are being assessed. It is expected that construction will commence in late September 2002 with a time for completion of 14 weeks.

Question 1081 (Mr Reed): A 2002-03 Budget amount of \$15.2m is allocated to the National Highway Network. (a) Is this allocation up or down on last financial year? (b) Please provide a detailed scope of works to be undertaken in 2002-03. (c) Does the scope of works include additional passing lanes between Darwin and Katherine?

Answer:

This allocation is an increase on the previous financial year. The 2001-02 National Highway new capital/minor works program was \$9.7m compared to the \$15.3m allocated to the National Highway Network for the 2002-03 financial year. For details of the capital works to be undertaken in 2002-03 refer to Budget Paper No 4, pages 30 to 33. I table a document that details the minor works to be undertaken in 2002-03. Additional passing lanes between Darwin and Katherine are not included in the 2002-03 National Highways program.

MINOR WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY NETWORK IN 2002-03

Stuart Highway Left Turn Lane At Percy Court	50 000
Stuart Highway - Alice Springs - Truck Parking Bay Enhancements	150 000
Road Reserve Fencing At Owen Springs	50 000
Stuart Highway - Ilparpa Access Left Turn Lane	50 000
Stuart Highway Implement New Speed Limits Tanami Rd/Alice Springs	15 000
Barkly Highway - Install Composting Toilet At Soudan Rest Area	30 000

Stuart Highway - Darwin - Truck Parking Bay Upgrades	80 000
Acacia Gap - Intersection Upgrade	150 000
Arnhem/Stuart Intersection - Cabling Works	2713
Stuart Highway Install Anchor Block & Protection Concrete Rail	4350
Fencing Of Centre Median Between Virginia Road & Coolalinga	3600
Upgrade Existing Barrier Line Marking - St Hwy Darwin Region	150 000
National Highways - New Signage	100 000
Stuart Highway - Replace Existing Kilometre Posts	60 000
Victoria Highway: Timber Creek Drain Lot 47	50 000
Victoria Highway - Construct 2 New Truck Parking Bays	150 000
Victoria Highway Joe Creek Ch 206 & Fill Areas Near Ch 204 -	70 000
Victoria Highway Upgrade Intersection To Big Horse Boat Ramp	100 000
Victoria Highway Kerb & Construct Drainage Opposite Old Power House	150 000
Stuart Highway - 15 Mile Camp - Streetlighting	116 033
Stuart Hwy - Threeways Roadhouse Area - Upgrade Lighting	10 000
Stuart Highway Install Composting Toilet At Attack Ck Rest Area	30 000
Stuart Highway: Upgrade Drainage To Service Road Access	28 304
Barkly Highway Upgrading Of Various Truck Parking Bays	150 000
Total Minor Works Currently Programmed	\$1.750m

TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE AUTHORITY
Trade Development Zone

Question 22 (Mr Wood): In Budget Paper No 2 (page 15) it says that a broad Territory tax exemption is available for businesses that hold a Trade Development Zone licence and meet certain criteria. According to Budget Paper No 3 (page 265) there are 50 licence holders in the Zone and the average cost of each licence to the government is \$26 000 a year. Does that mean that each licensee is getting an average tax exemption of \$26 000 a year? If not, what is the average size of the tax exemption? What are the other components of the \$26 000? If so, on what basis has the government decided that it's in the taxpayers' interest to subsidise those businesses to the tune of \$1.3m a year? What status does the TDZ have now and what is the government's policy for its future? When will the TDZ come under the provisions of the Planning Act?

Answer:

The Trade Development Zone is a government agency established to attract investment to the Northern Territory and assist those businesses that decide to enter the Trade Development Zone and obtain an operating licence. Its annual operational Budget is approximately \$1.3m. At 30 June 2002 it had 50 licenses and the average cost of supporting each licensee is therefore \$26 000. The TDZ expenses relate principally to employee and administrative costs and these are detailed on page 266 of Budget Paper No 3. The functions of the TDZA focus on the promotion of the TDZ and attracting new investment to the Territory. It includes the servicing of the estate and project management of new developments. In addition, the TDZA provides a range of services to licencees. The TDZA Budget does not account for any non cash incentives such as taxes foregone as a result of licencees being exempt from Stamp Duty and Payroll Tax. These are matters that are controlled by Treasury. I understand that Treasury is undertaking a review of tax exemption arrangements relating to the TDZ as part of the process of abolishing the Authority and replacing it with the Land Development Corporation from 1 July 2003.

While the final decisions on the scope and charter of the new Corporation have yet to be made by the government, I expect that the TDZ assets will be transferred to the corporation and that the land will be subject to the Planning Act in future. The government is very conscious of the commitments made

by existing TDZ licencees and will need to decide how these licencees will be managed under the new arrangements, particularly where significant trade opportunities have been developed for the Territory's benefit. The proposed changes will be the subject of consultation with TDZ licence holders and the wider business community after the government has considered options in the near future.

Question 1028 (Mr Burke): Purchases of goods and services in the TDZA are budgeted to cost \$671 000 in 2002-03 and \$685 000 in 2001-02. Provide a table detailing how these costs are calculated.

Answer:

[Trade Development Zone Business Unit]:

· A breakdown of these budget amounts is as follows

	2002-03 Budget
Other Operational Costs	407 470
Property Management Costs	263 000
TOTAL	670 470

Details of the actual 2001-02 expenditures will be contained in the agency's annual report. Expenditure on this category in 2002-03 may be lower than budgeted in some areas due to the phasing out of the TDZA this year. Given this, it is not expected that any further breakdown of expenditure would be useful or meaningful.

Question 1047 (Mr Burke): Provide a table detailing the number and level of employees in the TDZA to account for the \$565 000.00 allocated in the budget.

Answer:

In the 2002-03 year, the TDZA will be staffed at minimum levels to ensure it continues to meet its obligations pending its abolition when the Land Development Corporation is established. The following staffing arrangements are in place

TITLE		LEVEL
General Manager		ECO1
Investor Services Manager		AO8
Infrastructure Officer		AO5
Administration Officer		AO5

Any savings in personnel costs may be used to offset any as yet unidentified costs associated with establishment of the Land Development Corporation

**TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS
Involves More Than One Output Group**

Question 904 (Mr Elferink): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) Where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The data published by my agency in the budget papers does not differ materially from the best estimates provided by my agency when the budget papers were compiled. The second and third part of the question are not applicable to this agency.

Question 906 (Mr Elferink): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average 4 per cent' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's Budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

Budget improvement measures were allocated at the whole of agency level. Agencies and ministers were responsible for determining how these measures would be achieved with an emphasis on efficiency improvements in back office functions. Territory Wildlife Parks is a single Agency, and the budgets for GBD's are not presented on an output basis, as they are already providing services on a "fee for service" basis. As detailed in the mini budget, the budget improvement target for the Territory Wildlife Parks in 2001-02 was \$182 000. The target was met without a reduction in the provision of services. For 2002-03 the Budget Improvement Target is \$359 000.

Question 907 (Mr Elferink): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

In most instances these amounts are not known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded and accounted for in the same manner as other transactions. A major source of revenue the Territory Wildlife Parks is the delivery of Community Service Obligations (CSO) that are sourced from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment. Full details of CSOs for the Territory Wildlife Parks may be found on page 287 of Budget Paper No 3, but are as follows:

2002-03 2001-02
\$000 \$000

Tourism 5683 5680
Threatened Species 697 697
Education 395 395
Botanic Gardens 643 643
Equity Arrangement 1111 1111

The budget also provides for some \$1.8m in payments to other agencies for the delivery of services under Specific Service Level agreements. Based on 2001-02 payments, it is anticipated that \$239 000 will be paid to the Central Holding Authority for Payroll Tax, and \$1.111m to DIPE as a return of equity.

Question 908 (Mr Elferink): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

In most instances these amounts are not known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded and accounted for in the same manner as other transactions. A major source of revenue the Territory Wildlife Parks is the delivery of Community Service Obligations (CSO) that are sourced from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment (DIPE). Full details of CSOs for the Territory Wildlife Parks may be found on page 287 of Budget Paper No 3, but are as follows:

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Question 909 (Mr Elferink): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

The Repairs and Maintenance expenditure by DIPE on behalf of Territory Wildlife Parks in 2001-02 was \$483 600. A breakdown of the expenditure is as follows:

	Corrective Maintenance	Cyclical Maintenance	Specific Maintenance	Total
Alice Springs Desert Park	37 143	43 070	86 767	166 980
Territory Wildlife Park	115 259	34 714	166 679	316 652
	152 402	77 784	253 446	483 632

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Major specific maintenance projects were as follows:
Alice Springs Desert Park:

- repairs to desalination unit
- various repairs on nocturnal house nature theatre workshop
- repairs to park furniture

Territory Wildlife Park:

- repair reservoir liner
- repairs to directional and interpretative signs
- various buildings repairs and painting

Question 910 (Mr Elferink): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity?

How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on August 29 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

GBDs are organised along 'lines of business', not outputs. However, the Territory Wildlife Park's employment numbers are as follows.

Staffing	Aug 2001	Nov 2001	Aug 2002
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
Permanent (a)	29	4	283255
Temporary (b)	11		1010
Casual	26		2716
	66	4	653515
Total Staff	70	68	56

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie. Staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes staff on temporary contracts. The break down of staff on contracts (ie. not permanently appointed) is categorised below.

Staffing	Aug 2001	Nov 2001	Aug 2002
Non-Permanent			
Executive Contract Officer			
Graduates			
Other	11	10	10
Total	11	10	10

Note: Full time includes all full time permanent staff.

Part time includes all part time permanent staff.

Casual includes all full and part time casual staff.

Contract includes all full and part time contract staff.

Question 911 (Mr Elferink): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of Agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in the Agency's Annual report. Information for 2002-03 for GBDs is already provided in Budget Paper No 3 in a form that is consistent with the mini-budget. GBD budgets have been presented on an accrual basis for some time.

Question 912 (Mr Elferink): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The terminology 'Agency Revenue' is not used in connection with Government Business Divisions (GBDs) in Budget Paper No 3. For GBDs, the Budget Papers refer to Operating Revenues in the Operating Statement, or Operating Receipts in the Cash Flow Statement. The Revenue section of Budget Paper No. 3 provides a detailed breakdown of Variations to revenue estimates between 2001-02 to 2002-03. The major variation in estimated revenue receipts for Territory Wildlife Parks as detailed on page 292 of Budget Paper No 3, is a projected reduction of \$80 000 in Operating Revenue. The main source of this revenue is through Park fees and charges. As with most of the Tourist industry in the Territory, Territory Wildlife Parks visitor numbers are down as a result of the demise of Ansett, and the events of 11 September 2001. My most recent advice is that numbers are picking up, but the international market is taking longer to recover.

Question 914 (Mr Elferink): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason). How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason).

Answer:

Territory Wildlife Services spent \$16 300.95 in 2001-02. The service has spent \$1 245.86 as at 31 August 2002. None of the awarded individual contracts were over \$100 000.

Question 917 (Mr Elferink): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

The answers to these questions are derived from the information provided in Budget Paper No 3 (pages 259-261). However, it should be noted that the budget estimates, net of these amounts, have no real meaning. GBDs pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons, and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other provider. These items need to be included to assess the full cost of providing services. To answer the question, however, the following information is largely extracted from the Statement of Financial Performance on page 259 of Budget Paper No 3:

2001-02 2002-03
\$000 \$000

Total Operating expenses 10 725 11 131
Less:
- Payroll Taxes 239 239
- Repairs and Maintenance 484 391
- Depreciation and Amortisation 1500 1500

Total 8502 9001

Question 918 (Mr Elferink): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or

liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 919 (Mr Elferink): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

The only state taxes and fees paid in 2001-02 were payroll tax of \$239 000. A similar amount of payroll tax is anticipated for 2002-03. No other payments of state taxation and fees are anticipated.

Question 920 (Mr Elferink): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office; (b) by the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

While it is not explicitly stated it is presumed that the question relates to 2001-02. The information would not be available for 2002-03. The money spent in my electoral and ministerial offices on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information etc will be answered by the Chief Minister. This agency did not spend any money on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail.

Question 922 (Mr Elferink): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of *Working for Outcomes* for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The Territory Wildlife Parks as a GBD has been operating in an accrual accounting environment for a number of years. There is no additional cost in relation to the implementation of *Working for Outcomes*.

Question 896 (Mr Elferink): Following the restructure of Parks and Wildlife into the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment, can the minister advise what is happening with the following positions which are currently listed as vacant on your department's organisational chart? [see table below] (a) What positions will be retained and filled? (b) When will these positions be filled? (c) How many positions will be abolished and what are they? (d) How many positions will be transferred to other outputs and what positions are they?

Answer:

At any given time there are always a number of unfilled positions within any department. Organisational charts can change daily and often represent the most desirable situation but the situation must always be tempered by funding restraints. Some of these particular positions remained on organisational charts from previously funded Commonwealth programs under NHT funding, others have not been filled over a long period of time. My department is in the process of reviewing all organisational charts to reflect the current reality after the amalgamation of agencies. This work is a

priority as a part of administrative and management systems reviews being undertaken since the amalgamation. The department is currently in midst of ranger recruitment program which attracted 170 applicants. It is intended to fill five ranger positions in the near future. As with all other areas in the department, the staffing situation in the Parks and Wildlife Service is always being monitored. Staffing resources are not allocated directly against individual outputs.

Park Guide T1 – 17358	Regulatory officer P2 – 18509	Arafura Swamp P2 – 22005
Maintenance Officer T1 – 4495	Senior Hydrographer T4 – 13105	Hydrogeologist P3 – 13071
Zoo Keeper T2 – 4506	Hydrographer T3 – 13110	Geomorphologist P2 – 13043
Zoo Keeper T1 – 4509	Hydro Assistant T2 – 13115	Technical Officer T2 – 13082
Zoo Keeper T2 – 4480	Manager T4 – 13059	Engineer P2 – 13079
Ground Maintenance T2 – 12173	Test Assistant T2 – 13066	Top End Waterways P2 – 17023
Ranger T1R – 5009	Test Assistant T1 – 16820	Southern A/S P3 – 5192
Ranger T1R – 4882	Manager T4 – 13080	Barkly P1 – 22009
Ranger T1R – 4707	Assistant Manager T2 – 16819	Groundwater Assessment P2 – 13124
Senior Park Ranger P1R/T3 - 4705	Drill Foreman T3 – 13107	Horticulturist T1R – 14875
Ranger T1R – 4711 Com Ed Officer T3 – 4642	Ranger T1R – 4816 Planning Officer P2 – 4460	Horticulturist T1R – 4797 Horticulturist T1R – 4805
Wildlife Ranger T2R - 4696	Planning Officer T3 – 4671	LRO P1 – 16134
Ranger T1R – 4904	Resource Scientist P1 – 17006	Kath/Ferg LCA P1 – 17046
Interpretation Officer T1 – 4916 Ranger T2R – 15723	Park Guide P2 – 17014 Snr Research Scientist P2 – 17012	Alice Springs Urban P2 – 17043 Admin Assistant Park Guide AO1 – 16712
Ranger P1R/T2 – 4735	Technical Officer T2 – 16123	Info & Data T4 – 13069
Ranger	Technical Officer	

T1R – 4738	AO4 – 16180	
Ranger P1R/T1 – 4750	District Weeds Officer T3 – 12999	
Ranger T1R – 5012	Pastoral Officer T4 – 16148	
Scientist Aquatic P2 – 17029	Lease Admin Officer A05 – 16261	
Community Ed Officer P2 - 5074	Sturt Plateau P2 – 16943	
Assistant Rural Advisory Officer T2 – 13052	Pastoral Officer T2 – 16740	
Snr Resource Scientist P2 – 17008	Spatial Info Officer P1 – 13061	
Snr Resource Scientist P2 – 17020		

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
Involves More Than One Output Group

Question 869 (Mr Reed): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The data published by my agency in the budget papers does not differ materially from the best estimates provided by my agency when the budget papers were compiled. The second and third part of the question are not applicable to this agency.

Question 873 (Mr Reed): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

GBDs are organised along 'lines of business', not outputs. However, the Construction Division employment numbers are as follows:

Staffing	Aug 2001	Nov 2001	Aug 2002
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
Permanent (a)	251		2452301

Temporary (b)	13		1711
Casual			
	264	0	2622411
Total Staff	264	262	242

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie. Staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes Trainees and staff on temporary contracts. The break down of staff on contracts (ie. not permanently appointed) is categorised below.

Staffing	Aug 2001	Nov 2001	Aug 2002
Non-Permanent			
Executive Contract Officer	4	4	4
Graduates/Trainees	1	0	0
Other	8	13	7
Total	13	17	11

Note: Full-time includes all full-time permanent staff.

Part-time includes all part-time permanent staff.

Casual includes all full- and part-time casual staff.

Contract includes all full- and part-time contract staff.

Question 875 (Mr Reed): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of *Working for Outcomes* for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The Construction Division as a GBD has been operating in an accrual accounting environment for a number of years. There is no additional cost in relation to the implementation of *Working for Outcomes*.

Question 877 (Mr Reed): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average four per cent' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

Budget improvement measures were allocated at the whole of agency level. Agencies and ministers were responsible for determining how these measures would be achieved with an emphasis on efficiency improvements in back office functions. The Construction Division is a single Agency, and the budgets for GBD's are not presented on an output basis, as they are already providing services on a "fee for service" basis. As detailed in the mini budget, the budget improvement target for the Construction Division in 2001-02 was \$600 000. The target was met while meeting service delivery targets. For 2002-03 the Budget Improvement Target is \$1.088m.

Question 879 (Mr Reed): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget? In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods?

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of Agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in the Agency's Annual report. Information for 2002-03 for GBDs is already provided in Budget Paper No 3 in a form that is consistent with the mini budget. GBD budgets have been presented on an accrual basis for some time.

Question 881 (Mr Reed): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The terminology 'Agency Revenue' is not used in connection with Government Business Divisions (GBD's) in Budget Paper No 3. For GBDs, the Budget Papers refer to Operating Revenues in the Operating Statement, or Operating Receipts in the Statement of Cash Flows. The Revenue section of Budget Paper No 3 provides a detailed breakdown of Variations to revenue estimates between 2001-02 to 2002-03. The major variation to Construction Division Operating Revenue is a projected increase of \$2.66m in revenue from Project Management Fees as detailed on page 292 of Budget Paper No 3. Construction Division manages the delivery of the government's Capital Works and Repairs and Maintenance programs on a fee for service basis. Program delivery fees are charged to government agencies to recover the cost of delivering each agency's Capital Works, Minor New Works, and Repairs and Maintenance programs. In the past, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment has held the majority of funding for those programs, and hence most billing has been direct to that Agency. In 2002-03, as a part of Working for Outcomes, Repairs and Maintenance funding is being held by individual agencies. The level of fees that Construction Division can earn is dependent on the size and composition of the government's Capital and Repairs and Maintenance programs, and the increased fee estimate reflects the real increases provided to those programs by the government in 2002-03.

Question 884 (Mr Reed): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason). How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason).

Answer:

\$5.8m was spent of Consulting Services in 2001-02 in this agency. Attachment A below details all contracts with an 'as varied' total of more than \$100 000 with expenditure in 2001-02. A breakdown of consultancies with expenditure in 2001-02 by type is:

Number of contracts	Type of Consultancy	Expenditure in 2001-02
176	Architectural	\$1 569 423.00
183	Civil	\$3 489 889.00
2	Financial	\$34 217.00

1	Management	\$15 736.00
112	Mechanical,Electrical,Structural	\$676 326.00
1	Presentation Specialist	\$20 000.00
TOTAL		\$5 805 591.00

The Construction Division is expected to spend \$4.5m on consultancy services in 2002-03. The Construction Division has spent \$0.705m so far this financial year. Attachment B details all contracts with an "as varied" total of more than \$100 000 with expenditure in 2002-03. A breakdown of all consultancies with expenditure in 2002-03 by type is:

Number of contracts	Type of Consultancy	Expenditure in 2002-03
37	Architectural	\$169 295.00
64	Civil	\$426 826.00
1	Financial Advice	\$11 389.00
21	Mechanical Electrical Structural	\$97 624.00
TOTAL		\$705 134.00

I table a report with all consultancies for the financial year of 2001-02 and from July 2002 to August 2002.

ATTACHMENT A

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2001-02
TW1-9899	JOHN HOLLAND/ SPOWERS	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT	565 115.00
SD5222/98	TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF NT'S TRAFFIC & WEIGH-IN-MOTION DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS	796 996.00
POD0087	SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	EAST ARM PORT – STAGE 2A – BULK LIQUIDS/SOLID WHARF AND ACCESS JETTY AND DREDGING OF WALKER SHOAL AND SWING BASIN	223 899.11
THD1131	GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	DESIGN NEW ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL	859.09
POD0168	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT – STAGE 2A – INTERMODAL CONTAINER TERMINAL AND RAILWAY ACCESS EMBANKMENT	632 280.11
TW6-0001	SITZLER/GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	142 134.70
RCD01920	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TIGER BRENNAN DRIVE -C.B.D. ENTRY TO CAVENAGH ST BARNESON ST)	111 477.95
POD0166	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY	EAST ARM PORT – 110M EXTENSION OF EXISTING WHARF – DESIGN &	145 822.42

	PTY. LTD.	DOCUMENTATION	
PFD0322	JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	DESIGN AND DOCUMENT NEW FORENSIC BUILDING AT THE PETER MCAULAY CENTRE	22 322.10
THA1000	APRIALA PTY LIMITED	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL - PROJECT MANAGER	148 944.63
TW6-0001	SITZLER/CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	35 440.00
CZD0204	MATTHEWS KAPETAS EHRlich ARCHITECTS	DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE - DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE LOW SECURITY FACILITY - STAGE 1	45 066.00
POD0148A	ROBERT REID & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	DARWIN-DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION OF MODIFICATIONS & RELOCATION EXISTING FORT HILL WHARF CONTAINER CRANE TO EAST ARM WHARF	17 054.50
TW6-0001	SITZLER/COLLESS & O'NEILL PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	10 355.30
SRD02530-A	KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	DARWIN – MARRARA - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND DOCUMENT THE NEW BASKETBALL STADIUM	122 568.80
FRD0161002	ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	STUART HIGHWAY DUPLICATION – ARNHem HIGHWAY TURNOFF TO COX PENINSULA RD TURNOFF	44 503.70
CAD00480	L MARSHALL	DARWIN – PLUMBING SUPERVISION 'AS AND WHEN REQUIRED' FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	34 047.68
RDD00950/7	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TEMPLE TERRACE DUPLICATION - STUART HIGHWAY TO BYPASS AND PART ROYSTONEA AVENUE	40 536.65
DFK00030	LINTIN GEOTECHNICAL PTY. LTD.	PROVISION OF SITE LABORATORY AND TECHNICAL STAFF FOR CONFORMANCE TESTING AT TIMBER CREEK	136 195.66
THD1133/3	SITZLER BARCLAY MOWLEM JOINT VENTURE	PALMERSTON HEALTH PRECINCT - DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	31 962.00
CAA003	JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - ALICE SPRINGS CULTURAL PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION OF A THIRD GALLERY	1400.00
AUD03650	KOMAE PTY LTD	RDH - 3D DRAWINGS MAIN WARD BLOCK AIR-CONDITIONING DUCTWORK AS BUILT RECORD	135 712.00
RDD0095/16	LUPATEC (TAS) PTY LTD	BARRIER LINE AUDIT OF STUART, ARNHem & KAKADU HIGHWAYS	54 320.00
POD0072/10	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY	EAST ARM PORT – SERVICES, HARDSTAND AND BUILDING –	12 455.23

	PTY. LTD.	CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES	
RBD01320	EGIS CONSULTING AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	SOUTH ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE INVESTIGATION OF SCOUR & PROTECTION OPTIONS FOR WEST BANK	113 278.18
POD0133	SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	STOKES HILL WHARF - STAGE 9 UPGRADE – DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	44 877.50
AWD00010/9	SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	ADELAIDE RIVER BRIDGE- ARNHAM HIGHWAY CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR THE STEEL PILES.	41 266.30

ATTACHMENT B

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2001-02
SA5000/00	A R M DESIGN CONCEPTS	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRAPHICS	458 603.00
INF2000180	HALLIBURTON KBR	PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT GLYDE POINT AND MIDDLE ARM PENINSULAS	327 760.46
CFD11320	TG & D COLLINS	BAMS DATA COLLECTION ABC CONSULTANTS	282 374.38
CFD11200	INNOVATIVE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PTY. LTD.	CUSTOMISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GAMS	234 048.58
CFD1135	DAVIS CONSULTANTS PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION SEAN DAVIS & ASSOCIATES	256 529.09
MZD0003002	HAMILTON CONSULTING SERVICES	P2 ENGINEER SECONDMENT	60 333.40
CFD0998	KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	RDH-3D MODEL DEVELOPMENT /MAINTENANCE SERVICES	14 500.00
CFD11280	AR MCLEAN	BAMS DATA COLLECTION - ARM DESIGN CONCEPTS	120 162.06
CFD1060	SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	53 950.25
SA5080/02	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS-ALIGNMENT INVESTIGATION-HYDRAULIC DESIGN & PREP'N DRAWINGS-REPLACEMENT HIGH LEVEL PALMER RIVER BRIDGE	24 738.75
RFD03690	HALLIBURTON KBR	HYDROLOGICAL & HYDRAULIC STUDY-OENPELLI RD-ARNHEM HWY TO OENPELLI INCL CAHILL CROSSING/MAGELA CK CROSSING & NOMINATED	59 762.50
CFD1025	TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY LTD	TECHNICAL SUPPORT GEMP'S CLIENTS-AS & WHEN REQUIRED	5233.00

MZD0003003	WILLING & PARTNERS (N.T.) PTY LTD	PLANNING ENGINEER SECONDMENT	9310.00
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ATTACHMENT C

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2002-03
SD5222/98	TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF NT'S TRAFFIC & WEIGH-IN-MOTION DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS	50 309.12
POD0087	SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	EAST ARM PORT – STAGE 2A - BULK LIQUIDS/SOLID WHARF AND ACCESS JETTY AND DREDGING OF WALKER SHOAL AND SWING BASIN	134 625.43
POD0168	GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT – STAGE 2A – INTERMODAL CONTAINER TERMINAL AND RAILWAY ACCESS EMBANKMENT	28 827.89
TW6-0001	SITZLER/GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	29 200.00
THA1000	APRIALA PTY LIMITED	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL - PROJECT MANAGER	25 531.17
TW6-0001	SITZLER/CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	25 000.00
TW6-0001	SITZLER/COLLESS & O'NEILL PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27 005.00
SRD02530-A	KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	DARWIN – MARRARA - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND DOCUMENT THE NEW BASKETBALL STADIUM	61 095.95
DFK00030	LINTIN GEOTECHNICAL PTY. LTD.	PROVISION OF SITE LABORATORY AND TECHNICAL STAFF FOR CONFORMANCE TESTING AT TIMBER CREEK	26 401.27

ATTACHMENT D

CONTRACT NUMBER	CONSULTANT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE 2002-03
SA5000/00	A R M DESIGN CONCEPTS	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRAPHICS	25 178.91
INF2000180	HALLIBURTON KBR	PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT GLYDE POINT AND MIDDLE ARM PENINSULAS	115 723.14
CFD11200	INNOVATIVE STRATEGIC	CUSTOMISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GAMS	20 909.79

	MANAGEMENT PTY. LTD.		
CFD11620	TG & D COLLINS	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGES 1,6,7,9	105 648.99
CFD11630	DAVIS CONSULTANTS PTY. LTD.	BAMS DATA COLLECTION PACKAGES 3,4,10	61 300.00
CFD11310	PHONEWARE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS PTY LTD	ENERGY AUDITING SERVICES FOR NT GOVT OCCUPIED BUILDINGS	14 910.00
CFD11640	AR MCLEAN	BAMS DATE COLLECTION PACKAGES 6 AND 8	45 111.81
CFD1060	SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	6645.00
SA5080/02	CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS-ALIGNMENT INVESTIGATION-HYDRAULIC DESIGN & PREP'N DRAWINGS-REPLACEMENT HIGH LEVEL PALMER RIVER BRIDGE	13 763.00

TABLE OF CONSULTANCIES

Trade: Architectural

Consultant	Description	Date Award	Value As Varied	Previous Years Expenditure	Expenditure 01-02	Expenditure 02-03
SPOWERS	KATHERINE SCH OF AIR-BUILD CERTIFICATE	30/07/01	800.00		800.00	
THE WERIBONE FAMILY TRUST	REDESIGN LOCKS	15/08/01	1600.00		1600.00	
BURTON, MR LANCE KINGSLEY	TENNANT CK BATTERY HILL MUSEUM D&D	20/08/01	2953.18		2953.18	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	ENERGY HOUSE 5 – BLDG CERT & BCA ASSESS	22/08/01	400.00		400.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	ENERGY HOUSE 2 – BUILDING CERTIFICATION	23/08/01	300.00		300.00	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	PRODUCTION OF TENDER ESTIMATE	29/08/01	450.00		450.00	
ALFORD, MR ROBERT	CHARLES DARWIN NAT PARK HERITAGE CONSULT	31/08/01	1363.64		1363.64	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	PALM COURT 2 – BUILDING CERTIFICATION	17/09/01	150.00		150.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	ENERGY HOUSE FIRE ENGINEERING CERTIFICAT	18/09/01	1500.00		1500.00	

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CRIDLANDS PTY LTD	CONTRACT CONDITIONS – WASTE DISPOSAL FAC	26/09/01	5066.64		5066.64	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	CAS PLAZA 1 ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING CERT	09/10/01	200.00		200.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	BUILDING CERTIFICATION	09/10/01	200.00		200.00	
QS SERVICES	ROLYAT ST ORDER OF COST ESTIMATE	10/10/01	150.00		150.00	
RIDER HUNT NT PTY LTD	RDH REDEVELOPMENT- PROVIDE COST ESTIMATS	31/10/01	200.00		200.00	
CRIDLANDS PTY LTD	CONTRACT CONDITIONS – WASTE DISPOSAL FAC	31/10/01	2379.30		2,379.30	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	BUDGET COSTING FOR OPTION 3	21/11/01	990.00		990.00	
PEDDLE THORP PTY LTD	PROGRESS CLAIM 1	04/12/01	4880.00		4880.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	CERTIFICATION FEES	04/12/01	120.00		120.00	
ALFORD, MR ROBERT	RESEARCH CHARLES DWN NATIONAL PARK	11/12/01	1818.18		1818.18	
WHEELER, MRS NICOLE LEAGH	TOURISM HOUSE 1ST FLOOR INTERIOR DESIGN	11/12/01	560.00		560.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	H/VIEW PLAZA 4TH FLR BLDG CERTIFICATION	11/12/01	300.00		300.00	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	PROVIDING BUDGET COSTING FOR 3 OPTIONS	11/12/01	450.00		450.00	
CADD CONCEPTS PTY LTD	DESIGN OF FIRE TRUCK ACCESS/DRAWINGS	18/12/01	650.00		650.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	BLDG CERT PERMIT TO OCCUPY PAWA LEVEL 2	11/01/02	200.00		200.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	BLDG APPROV/SITE INSPEC/PERMIT TO OCCUP 4TH FLOOR ALTERATION	11/01/02	175.00		175.00	
THE RAWLINSONS GROUP PTY LTD	MANINGRIDA HEALTH CLINIC-CONCRET MEASURE	17/01/02	300.00		300.00	
THE	MANINGRIDA HEALTH	17/01/02	170.00		170.00	

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RAWLINSONS GROUP PTY LTD	CLINIC-TILING MEASURE					
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	ENTERPRISE HOUSE 1 – BLDG CERTIFICATION	30/01/02	150.00		150.00	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	ATTENDING MEETING WITH DBA ON 10/12/01	11/02/02	180.00		180.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	ENERGY HOUSE FIRE ALARM TEST 7/12/01	30/01/02	114.00		114.00	
SIGNTECH (NT) PTY LTD	HEALTH PRECINCT – PROVISION OF SIGNS	30/01/02	5200.00		5200.00	
ALFORD, MR ROBERT	WORKS DONE AT CHARLES DARWIN NAT PARK	06/02/02	1488.18		1488.18	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	TENDER ESTIMATE FOR FISH LAB, BERRIMAH	13/02/02	540.00		540.00	
FORREST, MR PETER & MS SHEILA	GOVT HOUSE – RESOURCE MATERIALS SEARCH	13/02/02	2000.00		2000.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	DENTAL TRUCK SLAB LARAPINTA PRIMARY	12/04/02	50.00		50.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	SHADE ROOF @ A/S RAILWAY STN	12/04/02	275.00		275.00	
MATTHEWS KAPETAS EHRlich	ADVICE RE LAUNDRY/CARPORTS, TAMBLING TCE	24/04/02	1705.00		1705.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	SAFETY HOUSE GRND FLR – BLDG CERTIFICATE	01/05/02	150.00		150.00	
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	PRODUCE ESTIMATE – KARAMA ELECT OFFICE	07/05/02	720.00		720.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	SAFETY HSE 1 – BLDG CERT – PARTITIONING	28/05/02	150.00		150.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	HARBOURVIEW – BUILDING CERT 3RD FLOOR	11/06/02	150.00		150.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	NT ARCHIVES - CAVENAGH ST BUILDING CERT	11/06/02	120.00		120.00	
ARAFURA AUDIOLOGY	POLICE – SELECTION OF HEARING PROTECTOR	24/06/02	3040.00		3040.00	
GRANT O'CALLAGHAN & ASSOCIATES	BLD CERTF FEES 3RD FLR ENERGY HOUSE	16/07/02	150.00			150.00
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES	BAGOT COMMUNITY HALL OPTIONS	16/07/02	630.00			630.00

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PTY						
NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY+	STOKES HILL WHARF-ST 12 – PAINT ANALYSIS	15/07/02	75.00			75.00
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY	KARAMA ELECTORATE OFFICE	16/07/02	615.00			615.00
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	ASSESSMENT/APPROVAL	25/07/02	150.00			150.00
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	ASSESSMENT/APPROVAL	25/07/02	150.00			150.00
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	ASSESSMENT/APPROVAL	25/07/02	150.00			150.00
PLATT CONSULTANTS	FINALISE DESIGN & LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT, INCL.	16/07/02	10 500.00			10 500.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	A HESTER ATTEND MEETINGS - REV DRAW'S	24/07/02	356.00			356.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	WATARRKA ABLUTION – DRAWINGS	24/07/02	76.00			76.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	29/07/02	2070.00			2070.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	MINERALS HOUSE ALTERATIONS-SKETCH PLANS	29/07/02	228.00			228.00
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	BERGER CT – BUILDING PERMIT&FINAL INSP.	01/08/02	320.00			320.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASDP - STRUCTURAL DRAFTING	01/08/02	525.00			525.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASHS SECURITY – DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	16/08/02	2225.00			2225.00
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	AZRI SHED BUILDING APPROVAL LOT 0800	21/08/02	275.00			275.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	RESIDENCY – POLE STORE – FIRE REPORT	21/08/02	760.00			760.00
HAYWIRE	HEALTH CLINIC BARUNGA CONSULTATION	26/07/01	150.00		150.00	
THE GROWTH COMPANY PTY LTD	KATHERINE TERRACE UPGRADE – STAGE 3A	21/08/01	2600.00		2600.00	
MARCUS HOLMES ARCHITECTS	BERNHARD ST FLATS – SKETCH DRAWINGS	28/08/01	450.00		450.00	
MARCUS	NGUKURR HOUSE –	28/08/01	609.09		609.09	

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HOLMES ARCHITECTS	SLAB DRAWING					
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	FEES – BUILDING APPROVAL, SITE INSPECT	22/08/01	165.00		165.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	REPORT ON PROPOSED SUBDIVISION	28/09/01	247.50		247.50	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	STRUCTURAL DESIGN CARPORT & VERANDA	02/10/01	660.00		660.00	
L&R BUILDERS PTY LTD	SUPPLY CERTIFIED DRAWINGS REFUGE	23/10/01	2409.09		2409.09	
L&R BUILDERS PTY LTD	PREPARATION OF DRAWINGS ETC FOR REFUGE	13/03/02	2681.82		2681.82	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASCC – DOG SQUAD FACILITY	24/09/01	1316.00		1316.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	INSPECTION OF CONCRETE TRENCH	26/09/01	90.00		90.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	A/S POLICE DOG KENNAL INV 5720	04/10/01	306.00		306.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	A/S HOSPITAL PUMP RM WALL INV 5791	04/10/01	300.00		300.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	GREATOREX BLDG STAIRWELL INV 5776	04/10/01	165.00		165.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	26 HABLETT CRES, CRACKED SLAB INV 5123	04/10/01	108.00		108.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	26 HABLETT CRES, CRACKED SLAB INV 5724	04/10/01	108.00		108.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	SADADEEN TOILET – DRAFTING	06/10/01	479.00		479.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	10/10/01	81.82		81.82	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	LARAPINTA PRIMARY, DENTAL UNIT SLAB	12/10/01	144.00		144.00	
PIRRIE, MS CATHERINE MARY	DOCUMENTATION DRAWINGS FOR RDWAY STOPS	15/10/01	1300.00		1300.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASCC – DOG SQUAD FACILITY	16/10/01	1058.50		1058.50	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	ASCC – DOG SQUAD FACILITY	23/10/01	288.00		288.00	

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ZONE A PTY LTD	ASCC – DOG SQUAD FACILITY 100% COMPLETE	31/10/01	400.00		400.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	PERMIT TO OCCUPY, LOT 4579 A/S HOSP	06/11/01	330.00		330.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	PIT TOILET, A/S DESERT PARK	06/11/01	216.00		216.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	HERITAGE DEVELOP SCOPE OF WORKS	06/11/01	475.00		475.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	9 BAKER COURT, INVESTIGATION	13/11/01	600.00		600.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	JUVINILE DIVERSION FIT OUT	13/11/01	165.00		165.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE BAMS WORK	13/11/01	475.00		475.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	CHC FLYNN DR, RAMP UPGRADE	13/11/01	412.50		412.50	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	CHC FLYNN DR, DISABLED ACCESS	13/11/01	82.50		82.50	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ARALUEN BAMS WORK 1160	13/11/01	1900.00		1900.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ARALUEN HERITAGE REPORT 1159	13/11/01	522.50		522.50	
ZONE A PTY LTD	PAWA	13/11/01	150.00		150.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	CHIEF MIN ALTERATIONS	13/11/01	80.00		80.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	BUILDING APPROVAL – LOT 133 YULARA TRAINING FACILITY	14/11/01	412.50		412.50	
MICHAEL RICE CONSULTING ENGIN+	CLINIC DOORS PROTOTYPE MANUFACTURE	20/11/01	1690.00		1690.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	SITE INSPECTION & REPORT IN RELATION TO ROOF DAMAGE AT AN	20/11/01	300.00		300.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	PREPARATION OF SCOPE OF WORK	21/11/01	442.50		442.50	
ZONE A PTY LTD	CLIENT BRIEF, PREPARATION OF SCOPE OF WK	21/11/01	600.00		600.00	
CADRAFTING	CADDRAFTING TENDER DOCUMENT DRAWINGS	14/12/01	247.50		247.50	
PROJECT	YULARA POLICE STN -	19/12/01	290.00		290.00	

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BUILDING CERTIFIERS	STRUCTURAL DESIGN					
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	DESERT PK PED BRIDGES DECKS	19/12/01	432.00		432.00	
WYATT, MR P	INSPECT & REPORT YWCA (STUART LODGE)	19/12/01	204.55		204.55	
ZONE A PTY LTD	GUN STORE DRAFTING & ALTERATIONS	19/12/01	467.00		467.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	AZRI - BAMS CONTRACT DOCUMANTATION	20/12/01	1000.00		1000.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	ESTIMATE FOR DESERT PK & SIMPSONS GAP	21/12/01	360.00		360.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	ESTIMATE FOR ANZAC HILL H/S ROOF REPAIRS	21/12/01	180.00		180.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	ESTIMATE FOR ASH, BAMS WORK	21/12/01	135.00		135.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	INSPECTION FOR REPAIR AIRLOCK DOORS JAIL	21/12/01	135.00		135.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	ESTIMATE FOR BAMS ARALUEN	21/12/01	90.00		90.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	ESTIMATE FOR OLD JAIL SUP'S HSE UPGRADE	21/12/01	90.00		90.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	ESTIMATE FOR AZRI SOCIAL CLUB WALL	21/12/01	45.00		45.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	REPORT & EST. TRIP POINTS AZRI	21/12/01	45.00		45.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	AZRI STRUCTURAL WORK	07/01/02	200.00		200.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	LOT 5162 GREGORY TCE – REPORT	07/01/02	742.50		742.50	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	9 TURNER CRT, SITE INSPECTION	07/01/02	90.00		90.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ARALUEN, OPINION OF PROBABLE COST	11/01/02	190.00		190.00	
JE MORONEY & ASSOCIATES	OHS CONSULTING ON SITE ALICE SPRINGS HOS	11/01/02	2400.00		2400.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	GUN STORE	30/01/02	162.50		162.50	

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	ALTERATION TO DRAWINGS					
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	STRUCTURAL DESIGN & DETAIL GUN STORE	30/01/02	306.00		306.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	PROBABLE COST & SCOPE OF WORK PPA01780/4	30/01/02	500.00		500.00	
MCMANUS, MS PIP	ARALUEN - DESIGN OF PATHWAY TILES	04/02/02	1165.91		1165.91	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	SITE INSP, PRELIMINARY STRUCTURAL ADVISE	05/02/02	110.00		110.00	
FAST CARPENTRY SERVICES	AZRI MICROBIOLOGICAL LABORATORY	07/02/02	1160.00		1160.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF REGION A FENCE	13/02/02	200.00		200.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	GUN STORE REVISED LAYOUT FOR GREATOREX	21/02/02	357.50		357.50	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	ASDP – STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF VERANDAH	26/02/02	450.00		450.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	STRUCTURAL DETAILS FOR FOOTING SYSTEM	27/02/02	250.00		250.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	01159 CONSERVATION PROJECT DOCUMENTATION	01/03/02	2602.00		2602.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	HERMANNSBURG DUPLEXES STRUCTURAL DESIGN	07/03/02	675.00		675.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ARALUEN – WITCHETTY ROOF – STRUCTURAL EN	07/03/02	450.00		450.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ARALUEN – WITCHETTY'S- ARCH DESIGN VARY	14/03/02	120.00		120.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	BELVEDERE HOUSE DOORWAY CERTIFICATION	22/03/02	374.25		374.25	
JE MORONEY & ASSOCIATES	REPORT FOR OHS SERVICES – ASH REDEVELOPM	27/03/02	1725.00		1725.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	BUILDING APPROVAL – HERMANNSBURG LOTS 201 – 203 DUPLEX	28/03/02	600.00		600.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	ASSESSMENT OF WORKS – POLICE GUN STORE	05/04/02	145.00		145.00	

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PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	STRUCT. DESIGN SHADE STRUC. STREHLOW CEN	11/04/02	210.00		210.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	WATARRKA NP – AMENDMENTS TO ABLUTION	17/04/02	80.00		80.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASCP – STREHLOW – TENDER DRAWINGS	17/04/02	772.00		772.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	EURILPA HOUSE – PART PAYMENT TWA187-0102	19/04/02	1275.00		1275.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	PART PAYMENT TWA187-0102 EURILPA HSE	01/05/02	1925.00		1925.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	INV NO. 00006293 STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT	07/05/02	210.00		210.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	INV NO. 00006190 REMOTE HEALTH LOCKING	07/05/02	150.00		150.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	A/S HIGH SCHOOL - SECURITY FENCE	25/05/02	1575.00		1575.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	01159 - REVISED DRAWINGS CONNELLAN HANGA	27/05/02	242.00		242.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	EURILPA HOUSE, SITE INSPECTION, PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS.	31/05/02	70.00		70.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	EURILPA HSE, BUILDING APPROVAL	19/06/02	250.00		250.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	SITE INSP RETAINING WALL	19/06/02	240.00		240.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	CHIEF MINISTER OFFICE, HEENAN HOUSE	24/06/02	240.00		240.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	AZRI SHED, STRUCTURAL DESIGNCHECK	24/06/02	125.00		125.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS	BLDNG APP/PERMIT TO OCCUPY STREHLOW	26/06/02	355.00		355.00	
JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION – ALICE SPRINGS CULTURAL PRECINCT DEVELOP AND DOCN OF A THIRD GALLERY	10/09/99	167 059.43	165 659.43	1400.00	
ZONE A PTY. LTD.	'AS & WHEN' CONSULTANT COMMISSION - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION FOR NT GOVERNMENT ASSETS	18/08/00	16 075.67	12 050.67	4025.00	
PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS PTY LTD	ALICE SPRINGS REGION CONSULTANT COMMISSION "AS & WHEN" REQUIRED BUILDING CERTIFICATION OF NT GOVT. ASSETS	24/10/00	5266.25	1762.50	3503.75	

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PROJECT BUILDING CERTIFIERS PTY LTD	ALICE SPRINGS REGION, CONSULTANT COMMISSION "AS & WHEN" REQUIRED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	14/08/00	11 817.05	11 283.05	534.00	
APRIALA PTY LIMITED	AS AND WHEN CONSULTANCY FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES -	26/02/01	72 406.89	12 188.63	60 218.21	
GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - A/SP PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES -	28/02/01	66 478.91	34 773.91	31 705.00	
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - PROVIDE QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES ON AN AS AND WHEN BASIS	02/04/01	20 000.00	9294.91	3362.50	
IR TRAPNELL AND SL PEARCE	PARKS AND WILDLIFE - REVAMPING OF MANAGEMENT SIGN MANUAL -	15/04/99	50 540.18	20 030.30	21 220.32	
WILLS DRAFTING SERVICES PTY. LIMITED	MECHANICAL DRAFTING -	01/08/97	32 136.50	26 936.50	5200.00	
PR MORRIS	MARY RIVER NATIONAL PARK SIGNS -	12/12/97	17 573.30	14 267.75	3305.55	
ZONE A PTY. LTD.	NTHN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES - OFFICE FIT OUT IN GREATOREX BUILDING	25/06/01	11 680.00	-	11 214.00	
MATTHEWS KAPETAS EHRlich ARCHITECTS	DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE - DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE LOW SECURITY FACILITY - STAGE 1	26/10/00	368 850.00	323 784.00	45 066.00	
RAWLINSONS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	LEANYER – SENIORS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - QUANTITY SURVEY COST PLANNING SERVICES	15/08/00	14 986.84	3690.00	11 296.84	
N.B.C. CONSULTANTS	MANINGRIDA-CONVERT 3X3 BEDROOM HOUSES TO 3X3 BEDROOM DUPLEXES – DESIGN, DOCUMENT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION	12/10/00	45 369.09	15 836.36	22 991.90	
NORTHERN ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ASSOC.LIM	YIRRKALA - CONSTRUCTION OF TRIPLEX - DOCUMENTATION & SURVEYING	04/02/02	10 440.00	-	2440.00	6,000.00
FUSION (NT) PTY LTD	PARLIAMENT HOUSE – PROVIDE INVESTIGATION/PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR 99/00 PROGRAM	14/09/99	92 405.50	65 235.50	27 170.00	
JACKMAN GOODEN	CONSULTANT COMMISSION-ALICE SPRINGS CULTURAL	24/05/00	15 740.00	8417.50	-	

ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	PRECINCT ARALUEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION					
JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	DESIGN AND DOCUMENT NEW FORENSIC BUILDING AT THE PETER MCAULAY CENTRE	23/03/00	452 936.30	422 363.42	22,322.10	
ZONE A PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK - DESIGN AND DOCN OF GUIDE PRESENTATION AREA AND UPGRADE TO ENTRY STATION	22/04/02	27 074.50	-	21 265.50	2493.50
CLIVE TOWELL & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	DARWIN – MARRARA - NEW BASKETBALL STADIUM DEVELOPMENT - COST PLANNING SERVICES	27/02/02	37 045.00	-	7800.00	19 000.00

ZONE A PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS REGION - DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE FROM GAP ROAD (LOT 431) TO PETER SITZLER	27/05/02	9975.00	-	2755.50	
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING PTY. LTD.	GIRRAWEE PRE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL - COST PLANNING SERVICES -	12/09/00	51 403.75	21 647.50	29 756.25	
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - AS AN WHEN INDEPENDENT COST ADVICE	16/02/00	14 708.94	7782.25	6926.69	
APRIALA PTY LIMITED	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL – PROJECT MANAGER -	04/01/00	432 071.47	206 080.78	148 944.63	25 531.17
JACKMAN GOODEN ARCHITECTS (N.T.) PTY. LTD.	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL - UPGRADE SERVICE LIFTS - D & D -	29/09/98	79 997.25	29 140.75	20 030.00	6900.00
GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	MILIKAPITI COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC - DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION	03/02/99	43 800.00	8000.00	-	
GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	DESIGN NEW ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL	01/03/00	1 583 743.09	1 582 884.00	859.09	
SITZLER BARCLAY	PALMERSTON HEALTH PRECINCT - DESIGN	14/04/00	170 899.70	-	31 962.00	

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MOWLEM JOINT VENTURE	AND DOCUMENTATION -					
PEDDLE THORP WKM PTY. LTD.	DESIGN & DOCUMENT PALMERSTON HEALTH PRECINCT DENTAL CLINIC -	17/10/01	51 466.05	-	49 196.05	
WOODHEAD INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	DARWIN-CASUARINA DENTAL CLINIC FITOUT-CONCEPT DESIGN -	19/04/02	92 927.27	-	23 889.20	32 950.23

MARCUS HOLMES ARCHITECTS PTY. LTD.	BARUNGA – PROVIDE SPECIFICATION & DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HEALTH CENTRE.	27/02/01	39 930.45	39,105.45	825.00	
MKEA PTY LTD	TENNANT CREEK - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN DEVELOP AND DOCUMENT THE NEW CHILD CARE FACILITY	25/02/02	92 845.45	-	53 305.91	27 965.42
JOHN HOLLAND /SPOWERS	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT	03/07/98	5 212 947.28	4 571 208.94	565 115.00	
SITZLER/RIDER HUNT NT PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	97 000.00	92 440.00	4560.00	
SITZLER/RAWLINSON (NT) PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	68 339.55	-	68 339.55	
SITZLER/GRANT O'CALLAGHAN PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	31 500.00	19 868.00	11 632.00	
SITZLER/GODFREY SPOWERS (NT) PTY. LIMITED	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	1 257 740.00	1 086 405.30	142 134.70	29 200.00
ZONE A PTY LTD	ASCP WITCHETTYS ROOF REPLACEMENT & BAR UPGRADE DESIGN AND D	06/03/02	4175.00		4175.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	PAWA - UPGRADE WATER SERVICES	11/03/02	2512.00		2512.00	

	BUILDING AS PER QUOTE					
ZONE A PTY LTD	WITCHETTY'S CEILING REPLACEMENT - BUILDING CERTIFICATI	18/04/02	420.00		420.00	
ZONE A PTY LTD	EURILPA HOUSE PROPOSED FITOUT WORKS AT THE WOMENS HEALTH SE	07/05/02	300.00		300.00	
Architectural Total		10 989 582.81		1 569 423.39	169 295.32	

Information :

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Trade: Civil

NBC CONSULTANTS	SURVEY OF LOT 618 MANINGRIDA	17/07/01	578.00		578.00	
QUEENSLAND DEPT OF MAIN ROADS	MATERIALS TESTING	18/07/01	2236.00		2236.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	HENNING ROAD DESIGN	20/07/01	8611.00		8611.00	
EARL JAMES & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY-STUART HWY-ROSS SMITH TO BAGOT FL	24/07/01	2250.00		2250.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT SAMPLING/TESTING	26/07/01	571.59		571.59	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT SAMPLING/TESTING	26/07/01	1409.09		1409.09	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT SAMPLING/TESTING	26/07/01	1945.45		1945.45	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	SETUP TESTING FOR ASPHALT	26/07/01	1541.00		1541.00	
EARL JAMES & ASSOCIATES	DETAIL SURVEY & PROVISION OF PLAN	26/07/01	1520.00		1520.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	FOG BAY ROAD-D&D EXTENDED TO CH32755	09/08/01	9843.00		9843.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	AMEND DRAWINGS TO DTW TITLE BLOCK	13/08/01	456.00		456.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT TESTING	17/08/01	1170.91		1170.91	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	MINMARAMA PARK REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1	17/08/01	1340.68		1340.68	

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CIVCADD PTY LTD	CHARLES DARWIN PARK CIVIL DESIGN DRAWING	22/08/01	915.00		915.00	
DOUGLAS PARTNERS PTY LTD	GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION & REPORTING	29/08/01	10 398.36		10 398.36	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	CHARLES DARWIN NAT PK BUNKER 12 D&D	25/09/01	229.00		229.00	
TOP END LINE MARKERS PTY LTD	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR MAJOR EVENTS	25/09/01	192.00		192.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	DINAH BEACH RAMP-UPGRADE INVESTIGATION	26/09/01	1506.82		1506.82	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	FOG BAY RD-AMEND DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION	28/09/01	895.00		895.00	
URS	GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION ACCESS RDS	03/10/01	7410.00		7410.00	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LTD	DEVISE A REVISED GRADING,WHEEL TRACKING	09/10/01	4545.45		4545.45	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LTD	TESTING OF MATERIALS SUPPLIED	09/10/01	2250.00		2250.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	FORENSIC LABORATORY - COMPACTION TESTING	09/10/01	465.45		465.45	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	FORENSIC LABORATORY - ASPHALT TESTING	09/10/01	750.91		750.91	
BROWN & ROOT SERVICES ASIA PA+	HVP - COMPACTUS CHECK	09/10/01	450.00		450.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	FOG BAY RD-TECHNICAL INPUT DURING CONST	10/10/01	458.00		458.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	SKID RESISTANCE VALUE	10/10/01	1058.18		1058.18	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	T.B.D. OUTBOUND- FOAM BITUMEN STABILISED	10/10/01	963.64		963.64	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	GEOTECHNICAL TESTING	23/10/01	3069.69		3069.69	
BLUE RIBBON ENTERPRISES	TESTING OF CHLORINE LEVELS	31/10/01	440.00		440.00	
ALLIED IRRIGATION	DESIGN FEE GIRRAWEEEN SCH EFFLUENT IRRIG	14/11/01	750.00		750.00	
SPOONBILL GEOGRAPHICS	SOIL SAMPLING/ASSESSMENT- ROYSTONIA AVE	11/12/01	1200.00		1200.00	

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CIVCADD PTY LTD	BAGOT RD/ SKELTON ST DRAWINGS/EST/ SUMMARY	11/12/01	1224.00		1224.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	TOURISM HOUSE 1 - MECH/ELEC DESIGN	11/12/01	1385.00		1385.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	KAKADU HIGHWAY BRIDGE ABUTMENT INSPECTIO	11/01/02	2220.00		2220.00	
GAGUDJU ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	KAKADU HIGHWAY - GRAVEL SEARCH 90KM	18/01/02	910.00		910.00	
ULLMAN & NOLAN PTY LTD	FRANCES BAY DRILLING	30/01/02	750.00		750.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	EAP - WHARF ACCESS PLATFORMS - FEES	18/03/02	250.00		250.00	
DELINEAR PTY LTD	STUART HWY - TENDER DOCUMENT DIAGRAMS	21/03/02	935.00		935.00	
DELINEAR PTY LTD	KINTORE RD - TENDER DOC DIAGRAM	21/03/02	55.00		55.00	
BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS	SURVEY & PLAN FOR WHOA BOY	21/03/02	1430.00		1430.00	
HIGHWAY QUALITY ASSURANCE	GEOTECH INVESTIGATION OF NETBALL COURTS	27/03/02	274.64		274.64	
BETAPAVE PTY LTD	DRAINAGE AT KNUCKEY LAGOONS	3/4/02	2422.00		2422.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	DRAWINGS	05/04/02	407.00		407.00	
CARDNO WILLING NT PTY LTD	SEWER INSPECTIONS	08/04/02	990.00		990.00	
FISHER STEWART (NT) PTY LTD	IWUPATARKA POWER LINE SURVEY	12/04/02	13 510.00		13 510.00	
TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SE+	SETUP & RETRIEVE TRAFFIC DATA LOGGERS	18/04/02	1848.00		1848.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	CHUNG WAH/LAMBRICK AVE DETAIL SURVEY	13/06/02	3240.00		3240.00	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	WICKHAM POINT SURVEY LEVELS	13/06/02	2882.00		2882.00	
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	TROWER RD LAKESIDE DRIVE	13/06/02	1820.00		1820.00	
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	T.B.D./WOOLNER RD	13/06/02	2015.00		2015.00	

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JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	SURVEY-SECTION 3054 HUNDRED OF GLYDE	21/06/02	2750.00		2750.00	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LTD	TROWER RD 2 SETS WHEEL TRACKING TESTS	23/07/02	3185.00			3185.00
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	WICKHAM POINT WATER MAIN PART A	15/07/02	9380.00			9380.00
NETWORK SURVEYS PTY LTD	VANDERLIN DRIVE LANDS REF.L12002/6/11	23/07/02	820.36			820.36
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	AMY JOHNSON AVE VIEWING AREA	01/08/02	600.00			600.00
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	WICKHAM POINT WATER MAIN PART B	01/08/02	23 100.00			23 100.00
NETWORK SURVEYS PTY LTD	BITUMEN MCMILLANS RD REF L12002/6/12	02/08/02	909.09			909.09
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	02/08/02	2722.80			2722.80
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	WICKHAM POINT WATER MAIN PART B	14/08/02	9900.00			9900.00
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	A/S HOSPITAL - SECURITY FENCE UPGRADE	24/07/02	210.00			210.00
CADRAFTING	CYCLE/FOOTPATH SWEEPING LOCATIONS	01/08/02	500.00			500.00
GHD SURVEYS PTY LTD	MULGGAN SURVEY	20/07/01	1550.00		1550.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	SURVEY HICKEY'S LAKE	20/07/01	1660.00		1660.00	
ECOSYSTEMS	KATH TERRACE PEDESTRIAN UPGRADE	26/07/01	459.09		459.09	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY	30/07/01	1465.00		1465.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	MULGGAN OUTSTATION DETAIL SURVEY	31/10/01	1122.00		1122.00	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY LOTS 476, 477 & 478 KATHERINE	31/10/01	1455.00		1455.00	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	ADDITIONAL SURVEY FLORINA RD/ZIMMIN DVE	31/10/01	2201.25		2201.25	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS &	HICKEYS LAKE DRAINAGE	31/10/01	1703.00		1703.00	

DAVEY PT+	SURVEY20/7					
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	HICKEYS LAKE DRAINAGE SURVEY 28/8	31/10/01	1473.75		1473.75	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	FLORINA ROAD - POWER LINES	11/12/01	375.00		375.00	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SUPPLY LICENSED SURVEYORS	11/12/01	430.00		430.00	
SOIL TESTING SERVICES	FEE OFFER 18233 DESIGN INVESTIGATION (GEOTECH)	05/02/02	8247.26		8247.26	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	PROPOSED RD OPENING -EX LOT 7925	12/07/01	2073.50		2073.50	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	TERRITORY HOUSING - SURVEY OF LOTS 59,6061,62 AND 63 HERMANN	11/07/01	4000.00		4000.00	
BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS	LIEBIG CARPARK CONTOUR & DETAIL SURVEY	24/07/01	1240.00		1240.00	
BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS	PWCNT - SURVEY OF SITE OF PROPOSED NEW	01/08/01	525.00		525.00	
BUTCHER, MS ELSPETH MARGARET	OLD GHAN R/WAY HERI.TRAIL RD SIGN DESIGN	10/08/01	1 800.00		1 800.00	

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NBC CONSULTANTS	SURVEY OF LOT 618 MANINGRIDA	17/07/01	578.00		578.00	
QUEENSLAND DEPT OF MAIN ROADS	MATERIALS TESTING	18/07/01	2236.00		2236.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	HENNING ROAD DESIGN	20/07/01	8611.00		8611.00	
EARL JAMES & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY-STUART HWY- ROSS SMITH TO BAGOT FL	24/07/01	2250.00		2250.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT SAMPLING/TESTING	26/07/01	571.59		571.59	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT SAMPLING/TESTING	26/07/01	1409.09		1409.09	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT SAMPLING/TESTING	26/07/01	1945.45		1945.45	

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RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	SETUP TESTING FOR ASPHALT	26/07/01	1541.00		1541.00	
EARL JAMES & ASSOCIATES	DETAIL SURVEY & PROVISION OF PLAN	26/07/01	1520.00		1520.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	FOG BAY ROAD-D&D EXTENDED TO CH32755	09/08/01	9843.00		9843.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	AMEND DRAWINGS TO DTW TITLE BLOCK	13/08/01	456.00		456.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	ASPHALT TESTING	17/08/01	1170.91		1170.91	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	MINMARAMA PARK REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1	17/08/01	1340.68		1340.68	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	CHARLES DARWIN PARK CIVIL DESIGN DRAWING	22/08/01	915.00		915.00	
DOUGLAS PARTNERS PTY LTD	GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION & REPORTING	29/08/01	10 398.36		10 398.36	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	CHARLES DARWIN NAT PK BUNKER 12 D&D	25/09/01	229.00		229.00	
TOP END LINE MARKERS PTY LTD	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR MAJOR EVENTS	25/09/01	192.00		192.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	DINAH BEACH RAMP- UPGRADE INVESTIGATION	26/09/01	1506.82		1506.82	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	FOG BAY RD-AMEND DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION	28/09/01	895.00		895.00	
URS	GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION ACCESS RDS	03/10/01	7410.00		7410.00	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LTD	DEVISE A REVISED GRADING,WHEEL TRACKING	09/10/01	4545.45		4545.45	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LTD	TESTING OF MATERIALS SUPPLIED	09/10/01	2250.00		2250.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	FORENSIC LABORATORY - COMPACTION TESTING	09/10/01	465.45		465.45	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	FORENSIC LABORATORY - ASPHALT TESTING	09/10/01	750.91		750.91	
BROWN & ROOT SERVICES ASIA PA+	HVP - COMPACTUS CHECK	09/10/01	450.00		450.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	FOG BAY RD-TECHNICAL INPUT DURING CONST	10/10/01	458.00		458.00	
RMG	SKID RESISTANCE VALUE	10/10/01	1058.18		1058.18	

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GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS						
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	T.B.D. OUTBOUND- FOAM BITUMEN STABILISED	10/10/01	963.64		963.64	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	GEOTECHNICAL TESTING	23/10/01	3069.69		3069.69	
BLUE RIBBON ENTERPRISES	TESTING OF CHLORINE LEVELS	31/10/01	440.00		440.00	
ALLIED IRRIGATION	DESIGN FEE GIRRAWEEEN SCH EFFLUENT IRRIG	14/11/01	750.00		750.00	
SPOONBILL GEOGRAPHICS	SOIL SAMPLING/ASSESSMENT- ROYSTONIA AVE	11/12/01	1200.00		1200.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	BAGOT RD/ SKELTON ST DRAWINGS/EST/ SUMMARY	11/12/01	1224.00		1224.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	TOURISM HOUSE 1 - MECH/ELEC DESIGN	11/12/01	1385.00		1385.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	KAKADU HIGHWAY BRIDGE ABUTMENT INSPECTIO	11/01/02	2220.00		2220.00	
GAGUDJU ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	KAKADU HIGHWAY - GRAVEL SEARCH 90KM	18/01/02	910.00		910.00	
ULLMAN & NOLAN PTY LTD	FRANCES BAY DRILLING	30/01/02	750.00		750.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	EAP - WHARF ACCESS PLATFORMS - FEES	18/03/02	250.00		250.00	
DELINEAR PTY LTD	STUART HWY - TENDER DOCUMENT DIAGRAMS	21/03/02	935.00		935.00	
DELINEAR PTY LTD	KINTORE RD - TENDER DOC DIAGRAM	21/03/02	55.00		55.00	
BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS	SURVEY & PLAN FOR WHOA BOY	21/03/02	1430.00		1430.00	
HIGHWAY QUALITY ASSURANCE	GEOTECH INVESTIGATION OF NETBALL COURTS	27/03/02	274.64		274.64	
BETAPAVE PTY LTD	DRAINAGE AT KNUCKEY LAGOONS	3/4/02	2422.00		2422.00	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	DRAWINGS	05/04/02	407.00		407.00	
CARDNO WILLING NT PTY LTD	SEWER INSPECTIONS	08/04/02	990.00		990.00	
FISHER STEWART (NT) PTY LTD	IWUPATARKA POWER LINE SURVEY	12/04/02	13 510.00		13 510.00	

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TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SE+	SETUP & RETRIEVE TRAFFIC DATA LOGGERS	18/04/02	1848.00		1848.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	CHUNG WAH/LAMBRICK AVE DETAIL SURVEY	13/06/02	3240.00		3240.00	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	WICKHAM POINT SURVEY LEVELS	13/06/02	2882.00		2882.00	
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	TROWER RD LAKESIDE DRIVE	13/06/02	1820.00		1820.00	
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	T.B.D./WOOLNER RD	13/06/02	2015.00		2015.00	
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	SURVEY-SECTION 3054 HUNDRED OF GLYDE	21/06/02	2750.00		2750.00	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LTD	TROWER RD 2 SETS WHEEL TRACKING TESTS	23/07/02	3185.00			3185.00
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY L+	WICKHAM POINT WATER MAIN PART A	15/07/02	9380.00			9380.00
NETWORK SURVEYS PTY LTD	VANDERLIN DRIVE LANDS REF.L12002/6/11	23/07/02	820.36			820.36
JOHN LIEW CONSULTING SURVEYO+	AMY JOHNSON AVE VIEWING AREA	01/08/02	600.00			600.00
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	WICKHAM POINT WATER MAIN PART B	01/08/02	23 100.00			23 100.00
NETWORK SURVEYS PTY LTD	BITUMEN MCMILLANS RD REF L12002/6/12	02/08/02	909.09			909.09
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	02/08/02	2722.80			2722.80
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	WICKHAM POINT WATER MAIN PART B	14/08/02	9900.00			9900.00
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	A/S HOSPITAL - SECURITY FENCE UPGRADE	24/07/02	210.00			210.00
CADRAFTING	CYCLE/FOOTPATH SWEEPING LOCATIONS	01/08/02	500.00			500.00
GHD SURVEYS PTY LTD	MULGGAN SURVEY	20/07/01	1550.00		1550.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	SURVEY HICKEY'S LAKE	20/07/01	1660.00		1660.00	

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ECOSYSTEMS	KATH TERRACE PEDESTRIAN UPGRADE	26/07/01	459.09		459.09	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY	30/07/01	1465.00		1465.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	MULGGAN OUTSTATION DETAIL SURVEY	31/10/01	1122.00		1122.00	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SURVEY LOTS 476, 477 & 478 KATHERINE	31/10/01	1455.00		1455.00	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	ADDITIONAL SURVEY FLORINA RD/ZIMMIN DVE	31/10/01	2201.25		2201.25	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	HICKEYS LAKE DRAINAGE SURVEY20/7	31/10/01	1703.00		1703.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	HICKEYS LAKE DRAINAGE SURVEY 28/8	31/10/01	1473.75		1473.75	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	FLORINA ROAD - POWER LINES	11/12/01	375.00		375.00	
MP FORSYTH & ASSOCIATES	SUPPLY LICENSED SURVEYORS	11/12/01	430.00		430.00	
SOIL TESTING SERVICES	FEE OFFER 18233 DESIGN INVESTIGATION (GEOTECH)	05/02/02	8247.26		8247.26	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	PROPOSED RD OPENING -EX LOT 7925	12/07/01	2073.50		2073.50	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	TERRITORY HOUSING - SURVEY OF LOTS 59,6061,62 AND 63 HERMANN	11/07/01	4000.00		4000.00	
BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS	LIEBIG CARPARK CONTOUR & DETAIL SURVEY	24/07/01	1240.00		1240.00	
BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS	PWCNT - SURVEY OF SITE OF PROPOSED NEW	01/08/01	525.00		525.00	
BUTCHER, MS ELSPETH MARGARET	OLD GHAN R/WAY HERI.TRAIL RD SIGN DESIGN	10/08/01	1 800.00		1 800.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PT+	LYNDAVALE DRIVE MEDIAN WIDENING	15/08/01	73.00		73.00	
SOIL TESTING SERVICES	KINGS CANYON CARPARK - NEW TOILET BLOCK SOIL TESTING	20/08/01	2482.97		2482.97	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	ASCC - LEVELS SURVEY - DUFFYS DAM	17/09/01	515.00		515.00	

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ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	CONSULTANCY FEES	02/10/01	135.00		135.00	
HIREX SERVICES	SURVEY AND INVESTIGATIONS	03/10/01	177.00		177.00	
RURAL HELICOPTERS (NT) PTY LTD	SURVEY GILLBINIE BLOCK PINE HILL	03/10/01	2400.00		2400.00	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	INVESTIGATE & COST 3 PIPE DRAINAGE OPTS	04/10/01	6759.50		6759.50	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	PREPARATION OF WORKS DRAWINGS	08/10/01	1820.00		1820.00	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION TO 30/03/2001	07/11/01	1269.00		1269.00	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	DESIGN & SUPPLY OF EXTENSIONS, TITJAKALA	07/11/01	1031.50		1031.50	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION TO 30/04/2001	07/11/01	137.62		137.62	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	RDSIDE MAINT.PROG.PREPARATION DRAWINGS	07/11/01	3241.00		3241.00	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO OUD GOSSE ST	09/01/02	400.00		400.00	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	MODIFICATIONS TO VESDA	30/01/02	4683.50		4683.50	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	USING WATER FROM ILPARPA SWAMP	27/02/02	7046.76		7046.76	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	PERCY COURT OPTIONS - ILPARPA SWAMP	26/03/02	896.50		896.50	
ACER FORESTER PTY LTD	SITE INSP. HOSPITAL SUSP. SYS. XRAY TUBE	27/03/02	780.00		780.00	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS PTY+	BARRETT DVE - ADDITIONAL SIGNS	23/06/02	600.00		600.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - ALICE SPRINGS CENTRAL AREA MASTER PLAN	20/06/01	76 481.83	-	62 753.22	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - AMOONGUNA SERVICE 14 LOTS-	31/10/00	16 693.18	13 642.73	2247.25	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS	DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION	½/01	24 740.00	11 072.81	12 348.42	

PTY. LTD.	IRRERLIRRE LAND SERVICING PROJECT -					
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - NYIRRIPI SERVICE EXTENSIONS -	02/03/01	15 891.82	9103.91	5781.36	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - MT LIEBIG DRAINAGE STUDY & SERVICE EXTENSIONS	28/03/01	33 814.00	-	29 352.44	2285.00
DOUGLAS PARTNERS PTY LTD	BELYUEN COMMUNITY GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROPOSED ROAD AND SEWER MAIN FOR NEW HOUSING LOTS	11/10/01	5779.77	-	5779.77	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	KATHERINE - NGUKURR COMMUNITY - SURVEY, DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF 15 NEW HOUSING LOTS	25/05/01	31 708.48	-	31 708.48	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS: INVESTIGATION OF ROAD AND RAIL INTEGRATED PASSENGER TRANSPORT TERMINAL	03/01/01	18 160.71	-	10 078.26	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY - CEREMONIAL DRIVE AND LAKE -	08/09/00	35 959.50	-	3622.00	
ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	GLYDE POINT CH.0- 25KM HOWARD RIVER BRIDGE PHASE 1 - GEOTECH SITE RECONNAISSANCE	01/03/01	2523.61	-	2523.61	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	GLYDE POINT RD CH. 0-25KM HOWARD SPRINGS BYPASS - PART CENTR ELINE LOCATION MARKING	24/05/01	9021.50	-	9021.50	
J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	GLYDE POINT ROAD CH. 0-25KM - SURVEY 5KM NORTH OF PINE FOREST AND HOWARD SPRINGS RESERVE	08/06/01	8994.00	-	8994.00	
RMG GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	GLYDE POINT ROAD TERRAIN & SUBGRADE INVESTIGATION, CH 25-35K M	28/06/01	3213.00	-	3213.00	

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J MATTHEWS & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	GLYDE PT CH. 0-25KM - SURVEY HOWARD RIVER 3.5 TO 4KM LONG -	01/08/01	44 486.00	-	44 486.00	
ULLMAN & NOLAN PTY. LTD.	GLYDE PT. ROAD CH. 3.7KM TO 8.7KM, HOWARD SPRINGS BYPASS, SU BGRADE & TERRAIN EVALUATION, GEOTECHNICAL	18/10/01	14 043.59	-	14 043.59	
ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	GLYDE PT ACCESS ROAD, HOWARD RV BRIDGE, CH. 8.7KM TO 9.6KM GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION	18/10/01	22 310.96	-	22 310.96	
DOUGLAS PARTNERS PTY LTD	GLYDE PT. ROAD CH. 9.6-15KM HOWARD SPRINGS BYPASS, SUBGRADE & TERRAIN EVALUATION	18/10/01	16 599.00	-	11 055.92	
URS AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.	GLYDE PT. CH. 15-23KM HOWARD SPRINGS BYPASS, SUBGRADE & TERRAIN EVALUATION	18/10/01	12 683.73	-	12 683.73	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	ADELAIDE RIVER BRIDGE- ARNHAM HIGHWAY. CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR THE STEEL PILES.	½/99	113 877.53	72 611.23	41 266.30	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	'AS & WHEN' CONSULTANCY - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING -	28/09/99	19 209.00	16 533.00	2676.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ENERGY HOUSE - ENGINEERING SERVICES 'AS AND WHEN REQUIRED' FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD	08/06/99	63 600.00	52 927.50	-	
L MARSHALL	DARWIN - PLUMBING SUPERVISION 'AS AND WHEN REQUIRED' FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	07/06/99	199 655.80	128 960.06	34 047.68	
DIGITAL HORIZONS PTY LTD	IT SOFTWARE & HARDWARE (PC) CONSULTANCY WORK AS & WHEN REQUIRED.	07/06/01	7547.96	-	7547.96	
PG & VM-L HARRISON	PARLIAMENT HOUSE TERRACE LAWNS - TURF MANAGEMENT - RECOMMENDATION & OBSERVATION	19/09/01	4500.00	-	3216.82	409.10
KJ KIRKMAN & A	HOLMES JUNGLE	24/04/01	5 857.42	-	5 857.42	

GRANT	NATURE RESERVE - LANDSCAPE UPGRADE - DESIGN AND DOCN					
ENIGMA PTY. LTD.	KINGS CANYON - EXTEND WATER MAIN FROM RANGERS STATION - SURVEY	26/07/01	13 411.00	-	13 411.00	
LINTIN GEOTECHNICAL PTY. LTD.	PROVISION OF SITE LABORATORY AND TECHNICAL STAFF FOR CONFORMANCE TESTING AT TIMBER CREEK	15/10/01	187 790.24	-	136 195.66	26 401.27
ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	STUART HIGHWAY DUPLICATION - ARNHEM HIGHWAY TURNOFF TO COX PENINSULA RD TURNOFF	08/10/98	250 242.84	205 739.14	44 503.70	
MATCHPLAY ENGINEERING SERVICES PTY. LTD.	DARWIN REGION - CONSULTANCY - STUART HIGHWAY CH34.25 TO CH46.26KM - ROAD CONDITION DATA COLLECTION & PRESENTATION	19/06/02	13 800.00	-	-	
CIVCADD PTY LTD	LEANYER SENIOR VILLAGE - DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF CIVIL WORKS	03/07/00	8452.00	7980.00	472.00	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION OF A DUAL USE PATH ADJACENT BARRETT DRIVE IN ALICE SPRINGS UNDER THE ALICE IN 10 PROGRAM	13/10/00	23 195.22	19 689.37	3505.85	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - TI TREE - PROVISION OF SERVICES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH.	30/03/01	12 175.00	-	8980.82	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	DESIGNING EXTENSION TO SEWERAGE A/SP GAOL-	22/01/01	16 692.40	12,077.23	4072.00	
DAMES & MOORE PTY LTD	CITY BEACH LAGOON - CONTAMINATED SITE ASSESSMENT-	16/02/01	2613.00	-	2613.00	
DAMES & MOORE PTY LTD	CITY BEACH LAGOON: GEOTECH - MUD SAMPLING & TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS	09/03/01	2963.40	-	2228.40	735.00
CONNELL	PALMERSTON -	28/06/00	53 997.35	52 942.35	1055.00	

WAGNER PTY. LTD.	FARRAR TO BAKEWELL LINK ROAD VIA ROYSTONEA AVE. -					
ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	WICKHAM POINT ACCESS RD - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION OF MANGROVE AREAS	06/04/01	36 860.87	-	36 860.87	
DAMES & MOORE PTY LTD	WICKHAM POINT DESIGN OF EMBANKMENT OPTIONS - STONE COLUMNS REMOVE AND REPLACE	03/05/01	18 159.00	-	18 159.00	
DAMES & MOORE PTY LTD	WICKHAM PT - ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FLOATING EMBANKMENTS -	14/06/01	23 189.00	-	23 189.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - AREA K - REVIEW OF SETTLEMENT MONITORING -	19/06/00	24 067.90	-	4677.50	
URS AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.	DARWIN WICKHAM POINT ROAD CH 5000 TO 7000 M EMBANKMENT STABILITY ANALYSIS	20/06/02	14 845.25	-	-	9099.25
ACER FORESTER (DARWIN) PTY LTD	WICKHAM POINT MIDDLE ARM - PROPOSED WATER MAIN - CH0.0 TO CH3.0KM ROYSTONIA AVENUE - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION	14/06/02	8852.06	-	-	8852.06

ULLMAN & NOLAN PTY. LTD.	WICKHAM POINT MIDDLE ARM - PROPOSED WATER MAIN - CH0.0KM TO CH4.6KM CHANNEL ISLAND ROAD - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION	14/06/02	14 068.18	-	-	6455.00
DOUGLAS PARTNERS PTY LTD	WICKHAM POINT MIDDLE ARM - PROPOSED WATER MAIN - CH4.6KM TO CH9.0KM CHANNEL ISLAND ROAD - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION	14/06/02	6458.54	-	-	2881.23
URS AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.	WICKHAM POINT MIDDLE ARM - PROPOSED WATER	14/06/02	10 850.00	-	-	8628.86

	MAIN - CH9.0KM TO CH13.8KM CHANNEL ISLAND ROAD - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION					
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - SERVICES, HARDSTAND AND BUILDING - CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES	18/12/97	138 434.50	-	12 455.23	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	EAST ARM PORT - STAGE 2A - BULK LIQUIDS/SOLID WHARF AND ACCESS JETTY AND DREDGING OF WALKER SHOAL AND SWING BASIN	03/06/99	1 729 925.91	1 269 829.36	223 899.11	134 625.43
BAGGERMAN ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	EAST ARM PORT DEVELOPMENT - STAGE 2A - DREDGING, ADVICE AND SUPERVISION	09/12/99	80 636.12	11 873.89	61 838.60	
ROBERT REID & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	DISMANTLING AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING FORT HILL WHARF CONTAINER CRANE	29/02/00	41 672.17	-	8300.00	
ROBERT REID & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	DARWIN-DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION OF MODIFICATIONS & RELOCATION EXISTING FORT HILL WHARF CONTAINER CRANE TO EAST ARM WHARF	20/05/02	339 207.55	-	17 054.50	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - 110M EXTENSION OF EXISTING WHARF - DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	15/06/00	552 420.00	406 597.58	145 822.42	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT - STAGE 2A - INTERMODAL CONTAINER TERMINAL AND RAILWAY ACCESS EMBANKMENT	05/10/00	1 489 939.12	751 099.03	632 280.11	28 827.89
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	DARWIN AQUACULTURE CENTRE - NEW BARRAMUNDI NURSERY - DESIGN AND DOCN	18/08/99	51 798.50	31 269.32	11 104.25	4945.51
CIVCADD PTY LTD	DARWIN - BERRIMAH AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FARM -	3/4/02	1708.00	-	1708.00	

	NEW FISH LABORATORY - DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF CIVIL WORKS					
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - INTERSECTION OF STUART HIGHWAY & PALM CIRCUIT	22/03/01	8790.00	6691.00	2099.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	RELOCATION OF TOURIST INFORMATION BAYS -	09/04/01	16 749.20	6846.16	767.50	7177.21
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION OF LARAPINTA DRIVE CH:291-321KM. -	08/11/00	70 986.00	54 658.57	3432.21	
EGIS CONSULTING AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	SOUTH ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE INVESTIGATION OF SCOUR & PROTECTION OPTIONS FOR WEST BANK	23/04/01	134 453.18	21 175.00	113 278.18	
HUGHES TRUEMAN REINHOLD PTY LTD	UPGRADE MELVILLE BAY ROAD - DESIGN CONSULTANCY SERVICES -	09/05/00	34 209.36	30 672.90	-	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TIGER BRENNAN DRIVE - C.B.D. ENTRY TO CAVENAGH ST (BARNESON ST)	16/02/99	632 880.38	521 402.43	111 477.95	
BRIAN CLOUSTON & PARTNERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	MCMILLANS ROAD LANDSCAPING - SECONDMENT OF CATHERINE FRANKS	02/04/02	12 220.00	-	12 220.00	
ARRB TRANSPORT RESEARCH LIMITED	CONSULTANCY - REVIEW OF NORTHERN TERRITORY SKID RESISTANCE RESEARCH PROJECT	3/4/02	6000.00	-	-	6000.00
CIVCADD PTY LTD	TEMPLE TERRACE / MALUKA ST SIGNALIZATION -	21/02/01	9107.00	5600.00	3507.00	
LUPATEC (TAS) PTY LTD	BARRIER LINE AUDIT OF STUART, ARNHAM & KAKADU HIGHWAYS -	28/04/00	151 320.00	97 000.00	54 320.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	OXFORD ROAD/ COX PENINSULA ROAD INTERSECTION -	30/06/00	8630.00	-	339.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	MCMILLANS RD/ STEVENS ROAD INTERSECTION-	06/04/01	14 645.00	-	14 645.00	

CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TEMPLE TERRACE DUPLICATION - STUART HIGHWAY TO BYPASS AND PART ROYSTONEA AVENUE	10/02/00	192 785.00	137 210.25	40 536.65	
GHD SURVEYS PTY. LTD.	COX PENINSULA ROAD - SURVEY CH47-67KM-	01/05/01	20 500.00	-	13 550.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	DARWIN - SAFETY AUDIT AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF DORAT ROAD CH0.00KM TO CH65.89KM	19/06/01	27 032.75	-	27 032.75	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	BATCHELOR / RUM JUNGLE ROAD STUDY -	01/05/01	8349.00	-	8349.00	
BIRCHWELL HOLDINGS PTY. LTD.	DARWIN AND KATHERINE - STUART HIGHWAY - LINEMARKING INVENTORY	03/10/01	1849.34	-	1849.34	
WILLING & PARTNERS PTY. LTD.	DESIGN REVIEW - STUART HWY/DEVINEY ROAD INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS	10/01/02	1000.00	-	1000.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	TIMBER CREEK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDY -	31/10/00	14 728.36	-	160.00	
J. READY SPECIALIST WEED CONTROL PTY. LTD.	FIRE,WEEDS AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN - KATHERINE REGION -	05/03/01	52 870.00	-	52 870.00	
HUGHES TRUEMAN REINHOLD PTY LTD	GOLF COURSE ROAD - BICYCLE TRACK - CONSULTING SERVICES -	09/05/00	10 435.00	9009.50	-	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	DARWIN-FOOTBALL PARK MARRARA-DESIGN CONSULTANCY TO CONFIRM DRAINAGE DETAILS	02/02/02	85 000.00	-	49 812.00	16 325.76
TERRITORY ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF NT'S TRAFFIC & WEIGH-IN-MOTION DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS	21/12/98	3 218 381.00	1 481 442.00	796 996.00	50 309.12
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	LUDMILLA WASTE WATER T/MENT PLANT ODOUR	12/05/97	44 390.00	43 967.47	-	

	CONTROL FACILITIES					
QANTEC PTY LTD	ALICE SPRINGS REGION - DESIGN AND DOCN OF HOCKEY FIELD NEW SURFACE.	07/05/02	13 272.73	-	-	8727.27
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS- REPLACE SECTIONS OF SEWER RISING MAIN-CAMEL FARM PUMP STATION	22/12/00	18 715.00	-	17 143.13	809.00
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	DARWIN-DARWIN RIVER DAM-DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION- PUMPING STATION UPGRADE-BUND WALL-ACCESS ROAD- ANCILLIARY WORKS	25/07/02	31 140.00	-	-	-
CADD CONCEPTS PTY LTD	GIRRAWEEEN SCHOOL - CIVIL SITE WORKS - DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION -	15/08/00	23 595.33	21 703.65	-	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL - COGENERATION INVESTIGATION -	04/12/00	57 727.27	29 924.52	11 135.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	EAST ARM PORT- MAINTENANCE MANUAL -	10/12/98	24 270.00	-	4884.42	
SITZLER/ECOSYSTEMS	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	28 640.00	26 540.00	2100.00	
SITZLER/CONNELL WAGNER PTY. LTD.	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	392 880.00	307 440.00	35 440.00	25 000.00
SITZLER/COLLESS & O'NEILL PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL NEW ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY BLDG & ASSOCIATED WORKS	27/07/00	301 270.00	263 909.70	10 355.30	27 005.00
TARDIS SURVEYING	BARKLY HIGHWAY REHAB CHAINAGE 318.3 TO 320.35 - SURVEY	18/04/02	2727.27		2727.27	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	STUART PARK - UPGRADE FRANCES BAY SEWAGE PUMPING STATION - DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF	29/03/00	32 619.00	-	3504.00	

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	EXISTING PUMPS					
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	DARWIN - DINAH BEACH SEWERAGE PUMP STATION & RISING MAIN - RE- DESIGN OF 675 RISING MAIN & WATER HAMMER ANALYSIS	12/12/00	43 280.00	-	43 280.00	
FISHER STEWART (NT) PTY LIMITED	P.A.W.A. - ALICE SPRINGS. 22KV OHL -	11/04/00	22 777.00	13 036.30	9740.70	
ULLMAN & NOLAN PTY. LTD.	GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION- RISING MAIN FROM FRANCES BAY PUMPING STATION TO PARAP THRUST BORING - TBD	04/05/01	8801.00	-	8801.00	
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LIMITED	DARWIN RIVER DAM - WIDENING OF SPILLWAY-	08/06/01	34 017.00	-	34 017.00	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - ILPARPA CONSTRUCT PUMP STATION SURVEY, DESIGN AND DOCN	18/04/00	67 851.00	49 539.50	16 273.00	
ACER FORESTER ALICE SPRINGS PTY. LTD.	BREWER PIPELINE - ROE CREEK PIPE DUPLICATION -	05/12/00	5562.00	-	2279.00	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	CONSULTANT COMMISSION - SCHWARZ CRES AND BARRETT DRIVE WATER MAINS	27/01/00	19 005.00	16 716.86	-	
GUTTERIDGE HASKINS & DAVEY PTY. LTD.	NON POTABLE WATER - CONNECTION TO SADADEEN SCHOOL AND CATHOLIC HIGH	12/01/01	10 472.73	952.01	-	
Civil Total		12 122 003.72		3 489 889.17	426 826.21	

Trade: Financial Advice

AUSTRALIAN VALUATION OFFICE	KITCHENER BAY FORESHORE VALUATION	26/09/01	1900.00		1900.00	
ORJAN FRANZEN	FEE OFFER SYSTEM - FURTHER DEVELOPMENT/DESIGN & PROGRAMMING INCLUDING TRAINING AND ADVICE	12/05/00	92 161.79	39 843.75	32 317.25	11 388.75
Financial Advice Total		94 061.79		34 217.25	11 388.75	

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Trade: Management

FL & S MITCHELL	PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOPS -	22/08/01	15 735.54	-	15 735.54	
Management Total			15 735.54		15 735.54	-

Trade: Mechanical/Electrical/Structural

CONNELL WAGNER PTY LTD	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 54.50HRS X \$52	12/07/01	2834.00		2834.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENTERPRISE HSE 1-CHECK COMPACTUS WEIGHT	12/07/01	900.00		900.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY LTD	PROFESS SERVICES 19/05 - 22/06 53 HRS	24/07/01	2756.00		2756.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	ASSET DATA COLLECTION	01/08/01	7300.00		7300.00	
NT AIRCONDITIONING CENTRE	BAMS DATA COLLECTION - MANINGRIDA HEALTH	23/08/01	509.40		509.40	
NT AIRCONDITIONING CENTRE	BAMS DATA COLLECTION - MANINGRIDA SCHOOL	23/08/01	509.39		509.39	
NT AIRCONDITIONING CENTRE	BAMS DATA COLLECTION - MANINGRIDA POLICE	23/08/01	509.39		509.39	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION ON GROUP 8	24/08/01	931.82		931.82	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENERGY HOUSE 5 - ELEC/MECH DESIGN/DOC	12/09/01	6000.00		6000.00	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION - VARIOUS DPIF SITES	31/08/01	420.00		420.00	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION - VARIOUS EDUC SITES	31/08/01	420.00		420.00	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION - VARIOUS CORRECTN SITES	31/08/01	210.00		210.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	MECH ALTERATIONS TO LEVEL 4 W/PAC BLDG	12/09/01	1000.00		1000.00	
NORTH AUSTRALIAN MECHANICAL E+	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS SCHOOLS	12/09/01	1750.00		1750.00	
GEN AIR PTY LTD	MUSEUM CORNUCOPIA HOOD/EXHAUST ASSESSMEN	13/09/01	600.00		600.00	
CONNELL	PALM COURT 2 - ELEC	13/09/01	2000.00		2000.00	

WAGNER PTY LTD	MECH DESIGN/DOC					
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS EDUCATION	13/09/01	886.03		886.03	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS HEALTH	13/09/01	369.18		369.18	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS T & W	13/09/01	73.84		73.84	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS POLICE	13/09/01	73.84		73.84	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS OFFICE COURTS	13/09/01	73.84		73.84	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ASSESSMENT RDH KITCHEN EXHAUST	17/09/01	440.00		440.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	HEALTH HOUSE FINAL INSPECTION	18/09/01	400.00		400.00	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY LTD	ENERGY HOUSE 2 ELEC/MECH D&D	18/09/01	6650.00		6650.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION TO POLICE COMPLEX/FLATS	20/09/01	1100.00		1100.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION TERRITORY W/LIFE PARK	20/09/01	650.00		650.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION WINDOWS ON THE WETLANDS	20/09/01	650.00		650.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION - DALY RIVER POLICE	25/09/01	1600.00		1600.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION - VARIOUS AREAS	25/09/01	1600.00		1600.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION - VARIOUS PARKS&W/LIFE	25/09/01	1600.00		1600.00	
GP REFRIGERATION & AIRCONDITI+	DATA COLLECTION - VARIOUS SCHOOLS	25/09/01	1600.00		1600.00	
ACOUSTIC CONSULTING AUSTRALIA+	ACOUSTIC CONSULTING - ANALYSIS/REPORT	25/09/01	6310.22		6310.22	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	HEALTH HOUSE - ISSUE OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT	09/10/01	250.00		250.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENERGY 5 - ADDITIONAL ELEC WORKS DESIGN	26/09/01	625.00		625.00	
TOWNES	OBTAIN ENERGY 5	26/09/01	150.00		150.00	

CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	DWGS - CONNELL WAGNER					
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENTERPRISE HSE - CHECK COMPACTUS WEIGHT	26/09/01	420.00		420.00	
NORTH AUSTRALIAN MECHANICAL E+	DATA COLLECTION - PRIME&STANDBY GENSETS	01/10/01	1825.00		1825.00	
ANYWAIR ELECTRICS	MINMARAMA PARK POWER DISTRIBUTION	01/10/01	1750.00		1750.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENERGY HOUSE 5 - ADD. ELEC DOCUMENTATION	09/10/01	887.50		887.50	
AIRDUCTER	BAMS REPORT FOR RDH 2001/2002	15/10/01	3000.00		3000.00	
G & A ELECTRICAL PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION ARMIDALE STREET	15/10/01	112.50		112.50	
G & A ELECTRICAL PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION FANNIE BAY GAOL	15/10/01	112.50		112.50	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ASSESSMENT OF KITCHEN EXHAUST	19/10/01	605.00		605.00	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - TAMARIND HOUSE	23/10/01	370.73		370.73	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - MARRARA SPT COMP	23/10/01	370.73		370.73	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - BERRIMAH FARM	23/10/01	370.71		370.71	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - CASUARINA COLLEG	23/10/01	370.71		370.71	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - DRIPSTONE HIGH	23/10/01	370.71		370.71	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - NIGHTCLIFF HIGH	23/10/01	370.71		370.71	
JET ELECTRICS	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - NT OPEN COLLEGE	23/10/01	370.71		370.71	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - NIGHTCLIFF PRIM	23/10/01	288.77		288.77	
SANDERSON	ELECT DATA	23/10/01	288.77		288.77	

ELECTRICAL SERVICES	COLLECTION - MOIL PRIMARY					
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - STUART PARK PRIM	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - JINGILI PRIMARY	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - JINGILI PRESCHL	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - KARAMA PRIMARY	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - MUNUNDA PRIMARY	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - LUDMILLA PRIMARY	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - SANDERSON HIGH	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - HENBURY AVE SCH	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - WANGURI PRIMARY	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
SANDERSON ELECTRICAL SERVICES	ELECT DATA COLLECTION - WAGAMAN PRIMARY	23/10/01	288.75		288.75	
CONNELL WAGNER PTY LTD	ENERGY HOUSE 2 - MECH/ELEC DESIGN/DOC	23/10/01	1250.00		1250.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	TENANCY FITOUT DESIGN FOR AANT HOUSE	31/10/01	5810.00		5810.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	TENANCY FIT OUT FOR DWN P/STN AANT BLDG	19/11/01	2490.00		2490.00	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS CORRECT SVS	20/11/01	1031.67		1031.67	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS EDUCATION	20/11/01	1031.66		1031.66	
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION VARIOUS PRIMARY INDUST	20/11/01	1031.66		1031.66	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	ENGINEERING SERVICES L4 HARBOURVIEW	26/11/01	1000.00		1000.00	

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ACOUSTIC CONSULTING AUSTRALIA+	SOUND MEASURING	28/11/01	2228.00		2228.00	
YOUNG CONSULTING ENGINEERS PT+	INVESTIGATION OF ATHLETICS TRACK	04/12/01	4500.00		4500.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	REVIEW LIGHTING LAYOUT	06/02/02	190.00		190.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ASSESSMENT OF KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM	21/02/02	330.00		330.00	
ACOUSTIC CONSULTING AUSTRALIA+	MILLNER SCHOOL - PLANT NOISE REPORT	01/05/02	1687.50		1687.50	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	INSPECTION OF DOUGLAS DALY SCHOOL	10/05/02	1191.60		1191.60	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENTERPRISE HOUSE MECH/ELEC DESIGN/DOC	04/06/02	4800.00		4800.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ST JOHNS PALMERSTON STRUCTURAL ARCH DWGS	04/06/02	420.00		420.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENERGY HSE 5 - MECHANICAL CERTIFICATION	11/06/02	300.00		300.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON P+	DARWIN PLAZA MECH/ELECT DESIGN DOC	11/06/02	1200.00		1200.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	HARBOURVIEW - MECH/ELECT DESIGN & DOC	11/06/02	1200.00		1200.00	
AQUA-TREAT PTY LTD	WATER DISPOSAL AND ESTIMATES	24/06/02	2700.00		2700.00	
AQUA-TREAT PTY LTD	DEPT OF HEALTH MEETINGS	24/06/02	360.00		360.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ENTERPRISE HOUSE - COMPACTUS FLR LOADING	29/07/02	600.00			600.00
CASTLE CONTRACTING PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION FOR BAMS	19/08/02	896.00			896.00
INTEGRATED QUALITY & INSPECTI+	INSPECTION OF LIFTING FRAMES	22/08/02	100.00			100.00
TOWNES	DESIGN & DOCS &	29/08/02	2000.00			2000.00

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CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	BUILDING CERT KARAMA					
G & T ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES	ELECTRICAL DATA COLLECT VARIOUS GOVT AST	04/09/02	1680.00			1680.00
BOOG AIR PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION -	07/09/02	1681.50			1681.50
CYPDON PTY LTD	DATA COLLECTION	07/09/02	2175.60			2175.60
KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	PWCNT - ORMISTON GORGE GHOST GUM WALK PRELIMINARY DESIGN A	10/10/01	3465.00		3465.00	
KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	ARALUEN GALLERY 3 - ADVICE BMS CONTROL	01/12/01	9000.00		9000.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	A/S HIGH SCHOOL - CONTRACTOR QUERIES	07/01/02	330.00		330.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	CENTRALIAN COLLEGE - SITE INSPECTION ETC	22/03/02	1236.50		1236.50	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	ARALUEN - FAX REPORT, FARES ETC	22/03/02	1016.50		1016.50	
MICHAEL RICE CONSULTING ENGINEERS	'AS & WHEN' CONSULTANCY - ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SPECIALIST BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYS	01/06/00	14 756.88	7739.93	7016.95	
KOMAE PTY LTD	RDH - 3D DRAWINGS MAIN WARD BLOCK AIR-CONDITIONING DUCTWORK AS BUILT RECORD	17/05/01	162 212.00	26 500.00	135 712.00	
PR WYATT	ALICE SPRINGS REGION 'AS & WHEN' CONSULTANCY FIRE SAFETY SERVICE	11/10/00	2116.64	954.55	1159.09	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	HIGHWAY HOUSE - ENGINEERING SERVICES 'AS AND WHEN REQUIRED' -	22/10/99	69 276.76	38 234.17	6830.00	12 812.59
ENGSCRIBE PTY. LTD.	MINOR WORKS MECHANICAL DESIGN/DRAFTING AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD	04/04/01	27 290.87	12 404.74	14 886.13	
MPL GROUP PTY	TIWI PRIMARY	21/08/02	8500.00	-	-	-

LTD	SCHOOL - DEMOLITION - AIR QUALITY MONITORING -					
IMC GROUP PTY LTD	ENGINEERING DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF SHADE STRUCTURES AT LAKE LEANYER SKATE PARK	02/04/02	4863.64	-	4863.64	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY LTD	MINOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD -	30/09/98	50 000.00	23 304.00	12 498.00	5520.00
KOMAE PTY LTD	EAST ARM PORT PROJECT - IMPLEMENTATION OF A ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	05/05/98	92 548.00	91 548.00	-	
COMPUTER SUPPORT & MAINTENAN+	INITIAL DOCUMENTATION - CABLING	20/02/02	2000.00		2000.00	
CSM LIMITED	DCIS RELOCATION TO DARWIN PLAZA COMPLETION OF INITIA	30/05/02	2500.00		2500.00	
CSM LIMITED	COMPLETION OF FINAL CABLING DARWIN PLAZA	06/06/02	2000.00		2000.00	
CSM LIMITED	FINAL SIGNOFF - DCIS RELOCATION D/PLAZA	05/06/02	400.00		400.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	GOVERNMENT HOUSE - SLOPE STABILIZATION - DESIGN/DOCUMENT -	14/08/01	35 492.72	-	32 667.50	
KOMAE PTY LTD	CONSULTANT COMMISSION. ALICE SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE ELECTRICAL CABLE INVESTIGATIONS	21/03/00	68 815.25	55 131.51	13 683.74	
KOMAE PTY LTD	MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY OF THE N.T. - UPGRADE EXISTING SECURITY SYSTEM	19/11/99	49 400.00	48 650.00	750.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	STOKES HILL WHARF - STAGE 9 UPGRADE - DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION	05/05/00	115 458.64	59 435.83	44 877.50	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	STOKES HILL WHARF - UPGRADE STAGE 11 - DESIGN, DOCUMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION	06/09/01	77 431.82	-	71 197.90	

	ADVICE					
COMPUTER SUPPORT & MAINTENAN+	TOURISM HOUSE - 1ST FLOOR - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS - PROJE	10/04/02	1300.00		1300.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	BRIDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM -	31/08/00	27 861.82	24 671.82	3190.00	
PACIFIC MARINE GROUP PTY. LTD.	DARWIN & KATHERINE- INVESTIGATE CORROSION ON PILES ON 4 SELECTED BRIDGES	01/09/02	34 545.45	-	-	-
KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	DARWIN - MARRARA - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND DOCUMENT THE NEW BASKETBALL STADIUM	28/03/02	254 137.48	-	122 568.80	61 095.95
KOMAE SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL - ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY - ELECTRICAL	05/02/99	13 000.00	4200.00	-	3500.00
KOMAE PTY LTD	ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	21/02/01	55 000.00	8758.18	9166.00	
TOWNES CHAPPELL MUDGWAY PTY L+	RDH KITCHEN EXHAUST: ADDITIONAL ASSESSMT	26/06/02	260.00		260.00	
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF MANDORAH JETTY REPAIRS -	19/02/01	82 035.41	28 974.36	47 498.05	5563.00
SCOTT WILSON IRWIN JOHNSTON PTY. LIMITED	DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION OF CULLEN BAY PONTOON REPAIRS -	12/06/01	24 842.50	-	20 976.22	
Mechanical/Electrical/Structural Total			1 405 503.57		676 326.11	97 624.64

Trade: Presentation Specialist

CROW MEDIA PTY LTD	MARY RIVER WETLAND REHABILITATION PROJECT - DOCUMENTARY -	09/08/99	40 160.00	20 160.00	20 000.00	
Presentation		40		20 000.00	-	

Specialist Total		160.00				
Grand Total			24 667 047.43		5 805 591.46	705 134.92

Question 886 (Mr Reed): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

In most instances these amounts are not known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded and accounted for in the same manner as other transactions. The Construction Division operates commercially as a GBD and its major source of revenue is the delivery of the government's Capital Works and Repairs and Maintenance Programs through the provision of Project Management Services to other agencies. The Revenue section of Budget Paper No 3 provides full details of Construction Division Revenue, with \$33.7n identified on Page 292 under Sale of Goods and Services. Most of this revenue will come from other government agencies. The budget also provides for approximately \$3.5m in payments to other Agencies such as NT Fleet, DCIS and DIPE for the delivery of services under Specific Service Level agreements. Expenditure in these areas varies dependent on the level of service provided. In addition, based on payments made in 2001-02, Construction Division will make Payroll Tax payments in 2002-03 of approximately \$1.068m.

Question 888 (Mr Reed): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

The answers to these questions are readily determined from the information provided in Budget Paper No 3 (pages 254-256). However, it should be noted that the budget estimates, net of these amounts, have no real meaning. GBDs pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons, and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the same basis as any other provider. These items need to be included to assess the full cost of providing services. To answer the question however, the following amounts can be largely determined from the Statement of Financial Performance on page 254 of Budget Paper No 3:

2001-02 2002-03
\$000 \$000

Total Operating Expenses 31 962 32 017

Less:

- Payroll Tax 1068 1068
- Income Tax (TER) - 551
- Depreciation 29 11

Total 30 865 30 387

Question 890 (Mr Reed): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 891 (Mr Reed): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02?

Answer:

Payments made by the Construction Division for 2001-02 are as follows:

Payroll tax \$1.068m

Tax Equivalent Regime payments \$1 014m

Similar amounts have been provided in 2002-03 for payroll tax. No tax equivalent cash payments will be made in 2002-03. The amount provided in the Statement of Financial Performance on page 256 of Budget Paper No 3 will actually be paid in 2003-04.

Question 892 (Mr Reed): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office; (b) by the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

While it is not explicitly stated it is presumed that the question relates to 2001-02. The information would not be available for 2002-03. The money spent in my electoral and ministerial offices on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information etc will be answered by the Chief Minister. This agency did not spend any money on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister.

Question 893 (Mr Reed): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures?

Answer:

In most instances these amounts are not known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year. These transactions are recorded and accounted for in the same manner as other transactions. The Construction Division operates commercially as a GBD and its major source of revenue is the delivery of the government's Capital Works and Repairs and Maintenance Programs through the provision of Project Management Services to other Agencies. The Revenue section of Budget Paper No 3 provides full details of Construction Division Revenue, with \$33.7m identified on Page 292 under Sale of Goods and Services. Most of this revenue will come from other government agencies. The budget also provides for approximately \$3.5m in payments to other agencies such as NT Fleet, DCIS and DIPE for the delivery of services under Specific Service Level agreements. Expenditure in these areas varies dependent on the level of service provided. In addition, based on payments made in 2001-02, Construction Division will make Payroll Tax payments in 2002-03 of approximately \$1.068m.

Question 897 (Mr Reed): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

The Construction Division as a GBD does not have a separate R&M program as it pays rent to the

Properties Division of the Department of Corporate Information and Services. A total of \$0.67m was spent in 2001-02 by DIPE on repairs and maintenance to buildings occupied by the Construction Division. It should be noted that these buildings are in some cases also occupied by other Agencies such as PowerWater and the Department of Justice in the Greatorex Building, Alice Springs.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

· A breakdown by building is:

- Highway House \$27 374
- Tennant Ck Complex \$183 308
- Greatorex Building \$440 049 (Approx \$300 000 was spent on air-conditioning)
- Gove Area Office \$9864
- Government Centre Katherine \$4999
- Gove Office \$3190

Construction Division

Question 1032 (Mr Reed): Provide a table detailing the number and levels of employees in the construction division to account for the \$18.168m as allocated in the budget.

Answer:

At the time of the budget the staffing levels for the Construction Division were estimated as follows.

Level No of Employees

AO1 01
AO2 15
AO3 17
AO4 10
AO5 09
AO6 05
AO8 02
ECO1 03
ECO2 01
P1 01
P2 20
P3 17
P4 01
PH5 01
T2 10
T3 46
T4 71
T5 20
T6 04
Total 257*

These figures include six positions that were subsequently assigned to Finance as part of the DIPE reorganisation.

Question 1034 (Mr Reed): Purchases of goods and services in the construction division are budgetted to cost \$13.675m in 2002-03 and \$14.124m in 2001-02. Provide a table detailing how these costs are calculated.

Answer:

Details of Construction Division audited expenditure for 2001-02 will be available in the Treasurer's

Annual Financial Report, and a more detailed disclosure will be published in the DIPE Annual Report. Major expense items provided for in the 2002-03 budget, however, would be:

\$000

- Property Management 1800
 - Agency Service arrangements 1700
 - Consultants fees 4500
 - Information Technology 2000
 - Motor Vehicle Expenses 1500
 - Other Operational 2175
- 13 675

Question 1080 (Mr Reed): Refer Budget Paper No 3, pages 254-5. This Business Unit, which has only NT government agencies as its clients, is budgeted in 2002-03 to achieve an Operating Surplus of \$1.836m, from which it will pay \$551 000 'income tax' and \$643 000 'dividends'. Does the operation of the division at a surplus indicate that agencies are being charged too much for the construction and maintenance of their built assets? Could the minister tell us the rationale for the tax and dividend payments and where they will end up?

Answer:

Construction Division is a Government Business Division charged with providing project management services to government Agencies on a commercial basis. As such, its fee structure is set to recover a commercial rate of return, and as noted, a significant portion of any profit is returned to the Territory government as dividends and income tax. Details of Taxation revenue can be found in the revenue section of Budget Paper No 3. Taxation Revenue on page 278 includes revenue from the Tax equivalent Regime. Page 295 of Budget Paper No 3 identifies Royalties, Rents, and Dividend receipts of the government, including any dividends paid by Construction Division to Treasury, as the owner of that agency. The TER payment and dividends will be provided for in the accrual accounts for 2002-03, but will not actually be paid until 2003-04. The operation of GBDs on this basis serves to meet competitive neutrality requirements and permits the benchmarking of a GBDs performance against others operating in industry, thus facilitating efficiency improvements. The Tax and Dividend policies currently in force were introduced by the former government as a part of ongoing GBD reform processes, and budget papers from prior years provide greater detail of the basis of Dividend policies.

DARWIN BUS SERVICE Involves More Than One Output Group

Question 868 (Mr Reed): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02?

Answer:

Payments made by the Darwin Bus Service for 2001-02 are as follows:

Payroll tax \$141 000
Bus Registration Fees \$53 255
Tax Equivalent Regime payments \$163 000

Similar amounts are expected to be paid in 2002-03.

Question 870 (Mr Reed): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media,

television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office (b) by the minister's department or agency and (c) the minister's electorate office

Answer:

While it is not explicitly stated it is presumed that the question relates to 2001-02. The information would not be available for 2002-03. The money spent in my electoral and ministerial offices on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information etc will be answered by the Chief Minister. This agency did not spend any money on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister.

Question 871 (Mr Reed): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of *Working for Outcomes* for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The Darwin Bus Service is a GBD which has been operating in an accrual accounting environment for a number of years. There is no additional cost in relation to the implementation of *Working for Outcomes*.

Question 872 (Mr Reed): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 874 (Mr Reed): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average four per cent' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

Budget improvement measures were allocated at the whole of agency level. Agencies and ministers were responsible for determining how these measures would be achieved with an emphasis on efficiency improvements in back office functions. The Darwin Bus Service is a single agency, and the budgets for GBDs are not presented on an output basis, as they are already providing services on a 'fee for service' basis. As detailed in the mini budget, the budget improvement target for the Darwin Bus Service in 2001-02 was \$97 000. The target was met without any reduction in services. For 2002-03 the Budget Improvement Target is \$194 000 and this is also expected to be met without a reduction in service level.

Question 876 (Mr Reed): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

The main source of revenue for the Darwin Bus Service (DBS) is the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment (DIPE). DBS contracts with the Public Transport Branch of DIPE to provide buses on route services in the greater Darwin area. Only very minor amounts of its revenue are sourced elsewhere, as can be seen from the Statement of Financial Performance on page 249 of Budget Paper No 3. In most instances these amounts are not known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year, or in the cases of TER and Dividends, the trading results for 2001-02. An estimate of major inter-Agency transfers for 2002-03 is as follows:

Revenue: \$000

DIPE – Charges 5912

Expenditure: \$000

Agency Service Agreements (DIPE, DCIS) 154
Central Holding Authority:
Payroll Tax 141
Bus Registrations 53
TER payments 164
Dividends 192

Question 878 (Mr Reed): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

In most instances these amounts are not known for 2002-03 as they are based on specific services provided during the year, or in the cases of TER and Dividends, the trading results for 2001-02. These transactions are recorded and accounted for in the same manner as other revenue and expenditure transactions. An estimate of major inter-Agency transfers for 2002-03 is as follows:

Revenue: \$000

DIPE – Charges 5912

Expenditure: \$000

Agency Service Agreements (DIPE, DCIS) 154
Central Holding Authority:
Payroll Tax 141
Bus Registrations 53
TER payments 164
Dividends 192

Question 880 (Mr Reed): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

The Darwin Bus Service (DBS), as a GBD, does not have a Repairs & Maintenance budget. DBS pays rent to the Properties Division of the Department of Corporate and Information Services to comply with competitive neutrality objectives. The Infrastructure Division of DIPE owns the assets and during 2001-02 expended \$52 000 on Repairs and Maintenance at Armidale Street which also houses NT Fleet.

Question 882 (Mr Reed): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on August 29 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

GBDs are organised along 'lines of business', not outputs. However, the Darwin Bus Service employment numbers are as follows:

Staffing	Aug 2001	Nov 2001	Aug 2002
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-timePart-timeFull-timePart-time
Permanent (a)	52		5255
Temporary (b)	4		43
Casual			
	56	0	560580
Total Staff	56	56	58

Notes:

(a) Figure includes paid and unpaid inoperative staff (ie staff on extended paid leave or leave without pay).

(b) Figure includes staff on temporary contracts. The break down of staff on contracts (ie not permanently appointed) is categorised below.

Staffing	Aug 2001	Nov 2001	Aug 2002
Non-Permanent			
Executive Contract Officer			
Graduates			
Other	4	4	3
Total	4	4	3

Note: Full-time includes all full-time permanent staff.
Part-time includes all part-time permanent staff.
Casual includes all full- and part-time casual staff.
Contract includes all full- and part-time contract staff.

Question 883 (Mr Reed): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in

2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

Actual expenditure in respect of 2001-02 will be provided at a whole of Agency level in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and at more detailed levels in the Agency Annual report. Information for 2002-03 for GBDs is already provided in Budget Paper No 3 in a form that is consistent with the mini-budget as GBD budgets have been presented on an accrual accounting basis for some time.

Question 885 (Mr Reed): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The terminology 'Agency Revenue' is not used in connection with Government Business Divisions (GBDs) in Budget Paper No 3. For GBDs, the Budget Papers refer to Operating Revenues in the Operating Statement, or Operating Receipts in the Statement of Cash Flows. The Revenue section of Budget Paper No 3 provides a detailed breakdown of Variations to revenue estimates between 2001-02 to 2002-03. Darwin Bus Service Operating Revenue is estimated to decline by some \$251 000 in 2002-03. Major reasons for the decline are:

- reduced receipts of \$140 000 from the Diesel and Alternative Fuel Grants (page 297 Budget Paper No 3);
- a reduction of \$47 000 in Miscellaneous Revenue (page 297 Budget Paper No 3); and
- a reduction of \$57 000 in regard to reduced Profit on the disposal of vehicles (page 298, Budget Paper No 3).

Question 887 (Mr Reed): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason). How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason).

Answer:

The Darwin Bus Service did not engage any consultants in 2001-02 or in 2002-03 to date. At this stage it is not anticipated that any consultants will be engaged in 2002-03.

Question 889 (Mr Reed): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

The answers to these questions are readily determined from the information provided in Budget Paper No 3 (pages 249-251). However, it should be noted that the budget estimates, net of these amounts, have no real meaning. GBDs pay taxes and fees for competitive neutrality reasons, and incur other cash and non-cash expenses on the basis as any other provider. These items need to be included to assess the full cost of providing services. To answer the question, however, the following amounts can be largely determined from the

Statement of Financial Performance on page 249 of Budget Paper No. 3:

2001-02 2002-03
\$000 \$000

Total Operating Expenses: 5789 5973
Payroll Tax 141 141
Income Tax Expense (TER) 164 34
Bus Registration Fees 53 53
Depreciation and Amortisation 685 715

Total 4746 5030

Question 924 (Mr Reed): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the budget papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference, is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The data published by my agency in the budget papers does not differ materially from the best estimates provided by my agency when the budget papers were compiled. The second and third parts of the question are not applicable to this agency.

Darwin Bus Service

Question 288 (Mr Kiely): Can the minister detail funds made available this financial year to convert buses from diesel to alternative fuels?

Answer:

The Darwin Bus Service (DBS) is currently working on a diesel/LPG dual fuel trial and plans to convert another six buses (five rigid and one articulated) this financial year at an approximate cost of \$42 000, plus project officer salary. Further testing is being conducted to enable a submission to be lodged with the Australian Greenhouse Office to obtain a Commonwealth subsidy for 50% of expenditure to date and whatever the cost of completing the conversion of other appropriate buses in the DBS fleet will be. This subsidy is funded under the Alternative Fuels Conversion Program. Since this project was started in September 2000, four buses have been converted at a cost of \$38 100 and are being tested in service and through controlled test sessions.

Question 1006 (Mr Reed): What has been the expenditure on legal expenses for 2002-03 for the Darwin Bus Service? Provide details on the matters, advise which ones are finalised and which ones are on-going, the amount paid by matter and the amount paid to each legal firm engaged.

Answer:

There has been no legal expenditure to date for 2002-03 for the Darwin Bus Service.

Question 1044 (Mr Reed): How many people are employed as drivers for the Darwin Bus Service? Break down to full-time, part-time and casual.

Answer:

Forty-two drivers are employed by the DBS. All are full-time employees.

DARWIN PORT CORPORATION
Involves More Than One Output Group

Question 862 (Mr Reed): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that 'a budget improvement target of an average four per cent' with the exception of 'the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and if so how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The budget improvement target for 2001-02 was \$253 000. This improvement target was managed over the total allocation of the DPC's budget. The DPC did not exceed the revised allocation for 2001-02. The budget improvement target for 2002-03 is approximately \$454 000. The Corporation will again manage this improvement target across the entire organisation and thus the total allocation of the DPC. The Darwin Port Corporation is an accrual accounting entity and as such produces a Statement of Cash Flows for budget purposes. Any cash movements for any purposes are reflected in the Statement of Cash Flows for the period 2002-03.

Question 905 (Mr Reed): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of *Working for Outcomes* for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

Darwin Port Corporation has been operating in an accrual environment for a number of years and as such did not require major changes for implementation of working for outcomes philosophies for our agency. Accordingly, any direct cost to implement was negligible (ie less than \$5000). The Corporation's staff numbers have not risen due to any accrual accounting or *Working for Outcomes* costs.

Question 1004 (Mr Reed): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

Refer to report below for detailed listings of inter-agency transactions. Inter-agency transfers will continue as per previous years under accrual accounting procedures for Darwin Port Corporation:

DARWIN PORT CORPORATION	
PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FROM OTHER NT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	
SDCNAME	PAYMENTSRECEIPTS
A04PAWA Consolidated	925.000.00
A11Department of the Chief Minister	25 472.000.00

A13	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment	4536.400.00
A14	Auditor-Generals Office	15 074.650.00
A16	Northern Territory Police, Fire & Emergency Services	11 385.002295.21
A20	Northern Territory Tourist Commission	0.00210 100.00
A21	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	2 790 491.96471 021.49
A23	Trade Development Zone Authority	0.0043 999.92
A25	Northern Territory Treasury	1 018 274.980.00
A36	AustralAsia Railway Corporation	25 444.740.00
A45	Department of Mines and Energy	0.008377.67
A46	Power And Water Authority	992 363.201214.00
A60	Department of Transport and Works	255 725.554 677 194.19
A61	Construction Agency	1 945 185.6410 730.27
A62	NT Fleet	237 088.050.00
A63	Government Printing Office	24 899.000.00
A66	Information Technology Management	4248.660.00
A68	Department of Corporate and Information Services	94 565.9345 764.86
A70	Territory Health Services	0.001433.00
A79	Northern Territory Correctional	55.000.00
A88	Territory Housing	8632.000.00
A92	Department of Primary Industry & Fisheries	0.001207.99
A97	Department of Industries and Business	0.00445.50
A99	Territory Insurance Office	3153.500.00
REPORT TOTAL		7 455 671.265 473 784.10

Question 1009 (Mr Reed): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

The total repair and maintenance expenditure by Darwin Port Corporation in 2001-02 was \$2.899m. The Construction Division of Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment expended \$1.330m of the above figure on behalf of the Corporation. The projects managed by the Construction Division were:-

- Stokes Hill Wharf – Stage 10 Repairs
- Stokes Hill Wharf – Stage 11 Repairs
- Stokes Hill Wharf – Stage 12 Repairs
- Stokes Hill Wharf – Repairs to Fuel Lines
- Fort Hill Wharf – Repairs to Fuel Lines
- Fisherman's Wharf – Sheet Piling Repairs
- Hornibrook's Wharf – Hardstand Upgrade
- Urgent Minor Repairs

Question 1014 (Mr Reed): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on August 29 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by agency on a full-time, part-time, casual or contract basis for the last pay

period in August?

Answer:

The number of staff employed in the Darwin Port Corporation, as at 29 August 2001 and 29 August 2002 is detailed in the table below, disaggregated by type of employment. The Darwin Port Corporation staff numbers were not affected by the restructure in November 2001. Information is not provided by 'Activity', as this term has no particular meaning under the new financial framework. Neither is information provided by output, as Darwin Port Corporation's lines of business do not align with its organisational structure.

Staffing	29/08/01	29/08/02
Permanent		
Temporary		
Casual		
Board Members		
	Full-Time	Part-timeFull-timePart-time
	45	-461
	3	-3-
	-	1-1
	3	-2-
	51	1512
Total Staff	52	53

Question 1017 (Mr Reed): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget? In terms comparable with the mini-budget detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods?

Answer:

The Darwin Port Corporation has provided the answer to this question by the nature of revenue and expenditure. Due to changes to the Corporation's reporting structure (ie the move to reporting under lines of business), it is not possible to source the 2001-02 by the lines of business used for the 2002-03 budget. It should also be noted that the Corporation has been under accrual accounting methods for many years now, and as such all the information provided has a comparable base.

	Mini-budget 2001-02 \$000	Actual 2001-02 \$000	Estimated 2002-03 \$000
<i>Revenue</i>	13 739	11 581	14 067
Charges/Sales	25	-	-
Other Income	450	401	500
Interest Received	7580	4743	7015
CSO			
	21 794	16 725	21 582
<i>Expenditure</i>	4686	4210	4407
Personnel Costs	9060	6919	8381

Operational Costs	1272	887	1206
Depreciation Expense	2616	2616	2610
Interest	-	34 663	-
Loss on Revaluation of Assets			
	17 634	49 295	16 604

Question 1020 (Mr Reed): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The increase of \$984k in total agency revenue estimates is primarily attributed to an increase in CSO funding for repairs and maintenance and additional capital works that have been rolled over into 2002-03.

Question 1022 (Mr Reed): How much was spent on consulting services in 2001-02? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason). How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in 2002-03 and how much has been expended so far this financial year? Detail the individual contracts (ie who they were awarded to, at what cost and for what reason).

Answer:

2001-02
 IT Review & System Support \$ 73 226
 Tax Consulting \$ 9502
 GOC Consulting \$ 5000
 Port Pricing \$ 46 028
 Risk Assessment \$ 15 624
 Other \$ 5939
 Total Spent 2001-02 \$155 319

Estimated Spend 2002-03

Within the budget approved by the DPC Board on 28 June 2002, it is estimated the Corporation will expend \$335 000 on consultancies. This increase from last year is solely due to the ongoing development of the Corporation's Information Technology Software & Systems.

Year to Date 2002-03

Investigate Stand Off Fenders for Cruise & Defence vessels \$8350

Question 1024 (Mr Reed): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

Appropriation	2001-02 Estimate	2002-03 Budget
Total Operating Expenses	16 350 000	16 604 000
Less state taxes	270 106	281 136
Less repairs and maintenance	4 108 000	4 724 000

Less depreciation	898 000	1 206 000
TOTAL	11 073 894	10 392 864

Total is represented by:

Employee expenses	4 128 911	4 126 419
Purchases of goods and services	4 243 983	3 639 445
Other Administration Expenses	85 000	17 000
Interest	2 616 000	2 610 000
	11 073 894	10 392 864

Question 1029 (Mr Reed): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the budget papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer will answer this question on behalf of all agencies.

Question 1030 (Mr Reed): Detail how much your agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03 and how much was paid in 2001-02.

Answer:

2002-2003
Licences, Fees and Permits <\$ 500
Payroll Tax \$280 581
Stamp Duty \$ 55
(only payable to 18/7/02 on wet hire arrangement)
NTER – PAYG – Income Tax Instalment –
Forecast a loss for 02-03 thus nil payable \$ nil
TOTAL \$281 136

2001-02 ACTUAL
Licences, Fees and Permits \$ 321
Payroll Tax \$ 219 089
Stamp Duty \$ 4880
NTER – PAYG – Income Tax Instalment \$ 45 816
TOTAL \$ 270 106

Question 1031 (Mr Reed): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure including direct mail (a) by the minister's office; (b) by the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office

Answer:

(a) Nil; (b) Nil; and (c) Nil.

Question 1033 (Mr Reed): Does the data published for your agency in the budget papers (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's

Office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The budget papers published for the Darwin Port Corporation do not differ materially from that understood by the Corporation. Members are aware that it is envisaged that the Corporation will progress to Government Owned Corporation status by 1 January 2003. The Board of the Corporation is preparing a separate budget process with different timing requirements for consideration by the Shareholding Minister to reflect the progression to Government Owned Corporation status.

Question 1039 (Mr Reed): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

The inter-agency revenue is \$5 473 784 and inter-agency purchases amount to \$7 455 671. Refer to table below for detailed listings of inter-agency transactions:

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A99Territory Insurance Office 3153.500.00

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Darwin Port Corporation

Question 1055 (Ms Carter): Will the provision of \$375 000 in the budget for the installation of cathodic protection, and \$106 000 to upgrade fendering on Stokes Hill Wharf allow for an increase in the size of shipping currently allowed to berth at the Wharf?

Answer:

The completion of these works will not allow for larger vessels than those that currently use Stokes Hill Wharf. Cathodic protection will reduce steel wastage of the piles below the water line and stop sulphate reducing bacteria, that has been identified on some piles. It will not replace the steel wastage that has already taken place. The further upgrading of the fendering system will replace part of the present system, which is in a poor state of repair. It will not allow an increase in the size of vessels to berth at this facility.

Question 1093 (Ms Carter): Will Fort Hill Wharf remain accessible for all forms of shipping, including cruise ships, or is there a plan to make Fort Hill Wharf a purely Defence Force facility after the container crane is moved to East Arm Port?

Answer:

Due to the increased demands of security by international shipping and OH&S reasons, Fort Hill Wharf will be utilised in the future by cruise shipping, due to the increase in the size of cruise vessels. Fort Hill Wharf will also be utilised by fishing vessels, due to the increase in traffic, Defence vessels and a spill over berth for East Arm Wharf traffic. The Darwin Port Corporation recognises that cruise shipping must have priority berthing due to the industry's scheduling. The Fort Hill Wharf berth will also be utilised for vessels engaged in the construction of the LNG facility.

**POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY
Involves More Than One Output Group**

Question 901 (Mr Dunham): Detail how much was spent on advertising, promotion, dissemination of policy issues and provision of information that included the minister's photograph and/or a message from the minister with an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio or brochure, including direct mail, (a) by the minister's office; (b) by the minister's department or agency; and (c) the minister's electorate office.

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 933 (Mr Dunham): Does the data published for your agency in the Budget Papers: (i) differ materially from that understood by your agency to properly reflect the best estimates available to the agency at the time the Budget Papers were compiled? (ii) Where there is any material difference, is there any supporting advice issued by the Treasury or the Treasurer's office with regard to these differences and the nature of that advice? And (iii) where there is a difference, did the agency undertake to advise their minister prior to the budget being

delivered that these differences existed?

Answer:

The PowerWater Corporation is no longer a budget sector agency in terms of the Appropriation Bill. The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee.

Question 937 (Mr Dunham): As part of the government's deficit reduction strategy, it was announced in the mini-budget that '*a budget improvement target of an average 4%*' with the exception of '*the functions of hospitals, health and community services, schools, police and emergency services and custodial services which were expected to deliver a cut of 25% of the average level*' was to be imposed for the mini-budget and future budgets. What budget improvement target did the agency have in 2001-02, how much did that amount to and was it achieved – in total and by output and activity? What is the budget improvement target for the agency in 2002-03? What is the total amount and what is it by activity and output? Is the cash relating to the budget improvement cut included in the agency's budget and, if so, how is it treated in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 figures?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 941 (Mr Dunham): How much of the agency's revenue can be attributed to inter-agency transfers and how much of the agency's purchase of goods and services can be attributed to inter-agency transfers?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 944 (Mr Dunham): Detail the inter-agency transfers for the agency and how they are now dealt with in the agency's expenditure and figures.

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not

relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 945 (Mr Dunham): What was the repairs and maintenance budget for the agency for 2001-02 expended on their behalf by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment or its predecessor?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 947 (Mr Dunham): How many people are employed by the agency by output and activity? How many are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on 29 August 2001 on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis when the public service was restructured in November last year? How many were employed by the agency on a full-time, part-time, casual and contract basis for the last pay period in August?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 949 (Mr Dunham): Provide a table listing how much the agency actually expended in 2001-02 by activity and output in terms comparable with the figures used in the mini-budget. In terms comparable with the mini-budget, detail the actual estimated expenditure of the agency for 2002-03. Provide a table listing how the figures for expenditure by each department or agency in terms comparable with those used in the mini-budget translate to figures using accrual accounting methods.

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 954 (Mr Dunham): Explain the difference in estimates of 'agency revenue' between 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the sources of that revenue?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 961 (Mr Dunham): Excluding provisions for state taxes and fees, repairs and maintenance, and depreciation and amortisation, what has the agency actually got to spend on each output for 2002-03? What is the total amount for all of the agency's outputs after excluding these items for 2002-03? What are the equivalent figures for 2001-02?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 963 (Mr Dunham): What is the change to the agency's payroll tax liability caused by the changes to the payroll tax regime introduced this year by the government and where does this cost or liability appear in the Budget Papers relating to the agency?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 966 (Mr Dunham): What has been the cost of the change to accrual accounting and the implementation of Working for Outcomes for your agency? Is there a continuing cost or a need for more staff?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 1122 (Mr Dunham): Detail how much the agency will pay in state taxes and fees in 2002-03. How much was paid in 2001-02?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Power and Water Corporation

Question 913 (Mr Dunham): The Minister for Central Australia set a benchmark of zero water releases from PowerWater facilities into Ilparpa Swamp. Does PowerWater agree that this benchmark is feasible?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 926 (Mr Dunham): The Chief Minister has said that the program to underground power has been stated on the basis of the highest priority going to areas with the highest power outages. How many outages, and for what duration, did each of the 13 suburbs of Darwin currently with overhead power lines have for the year 2001-02? List in order of priority the suburbs to have their power placed underground. By what date will each suburb have underground power? What does the term, used by the Chief Minister, 'preferred households' mean when responding to a comment from the Leader of the Opposition (Question Time, 13/08/02)?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 928 (Mr Dunham): Operating on its new commercial basis, PowerWater have increased water and sewerage charges by 7.5% over 12 months. Given this commercial imperative, how can you guarantee that Power Water won't increase electricity charges on the same basis?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not

relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 931 (Mr Dunham): \$2.5m is allocated for the initial works for undergrounding power: \$1.5m from DIPE and \$1m from PowerWater. How has this ratio been decided?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 938 (Mr Dunham): What is the real cost to PowerWater to generate electricity throughout the Northern Territory? How much has this risen in 2001-02, and what were the biggest contributors to the increase?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 971 (Mr Dunham): The minister, in *Hansard* on 15 August 2002, said with regard to processing late payments and agreements to pay 'this costs over \$1 million every day to administer'. Could the minister verify this figure?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 974 (Mr Dunham): Why doesn't PowerWater use its ABN on its letterhead? Given that the Statement of Corporate Intent makes no reference to PowerWater as a trading name, can the minister give an assurance that all of the legal requirements attending on the name PowerWater have been satisfied?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not

relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 977 (Mr Dunham): The Treasurer has said that the recently tabled PowerWater Statement of Corporate Intent provides 'a comprehensive consideration of...the key risks faced by the corporation'. Given that the Statement of Corporate Intent does no such thing, could the minister detail the risk exposure to PowerWater by category?

Answer:

The Treasurer answered questions asked about the interaction between the Budget and the PowerWater Corporation. In addition, in question 203, Mr Reed, the member for Katherine, acknowledged the relationship between PowerWater Corporation and the Appropriation Bill and the Budget Papers. In this context, I advise the Committee that this question is not relevant to the 2002-03 Appropriation Bill and related Budget Papers that are the subject of the Estimates Committee. It can be addressed to the Minister for Essential Services through other channels available to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question 979 (Mr Dunham): Detail funding in the 2002-03 budget towards improving the reliability of generators in Yulara, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin.

Answer:

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Question 980 (Mr Dunham): The increase of 2.5% in water and sewerage charges was, to quote the Chief Minister, 'necessary to ensure that the business remains viable'. Is this true? Given that the measure of increasing charges will raise approximately \$800 000 to \$900 000 per annum, and that the profit yield for this year is \$6m above the norm: (a) isn't the question of viability an exaggeration?; and (b) couldn't the increase in charges have been absorbed by reducing the record profit to levels approximate to the average?

Answer:

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The Committee adjourned.