

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Date: 18/06/2009 Output: Agency specific
Sub Output: Whole of Government

Subject: Generic questions

From: Mr Peter Chandler to Hon Alison Anderson
Department of Natural Resources Environment the Arts and Sport

Question: **8-1**
Carbon Emissions: How much are they producing now (in kilowatt hours or tonne CO2) and agency's individual strategies to reduce emissions and the time frame these reductions are by?

Utilities Increases: The effect on the bottom line of individual agencies for the forward year for water, sewerage and electricity?

Staffing: The number of graduates or apprentices started with department 2007, 2008, 2009? How many of those graduates or apprentices are still with their original department? How many are still with NTG?

Discipline: The number of reports of improper use of computers? How many reports resulted in disciplinary action? How many credit cards have been issued to departmental staff? How many transactions for personal items or services are outstanding? What disciplinary action has been taken for each outstanding incident?

Public Events: List the public events, conferences, public forums that were sponsored by this department for the 2008-09 financial year and what are projected for the 2009-10 financial year.

Advertising: How do you define 'advertising'? What is the department's budget for advertising? What is your advertising budget for the 2008-09 reporting year? Please breakdown by each area of advertising (eg. newspaper (specify colour or B&W), radio, TV, community newsletters, consultants, printing? How much is year to date expenditure? Please breakdown as above? What advertising campaigns have been undertaken by the department in 2008-09? (specify if there are any regional specific campaigns). How many of these campaigns have been translated into a local dialect? For each campaign, who was contracted to write the material for print, visual, and audio platforms? For each campaign, who was contracted to do the art work for print, visual, audio platforms? Who has the printing contract? What plans are in place for TV advertising? Is the advertising material approved by the minister, the minister's office or the Chief Executive? (or if none of the above – who is authorised to release advertising or promotional material).

Answer:

Answered On: 18/06/2009

Answer: Minister's staff claim answers were tabled contemporaneously. Transcript reflects that.

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS
AND SPORT**

1. Carbon Emissions

How much carbon emissions are being produced?

As at June 2008 - 39 195 tonnes carbon equivalent per year
(Eco-efficiency Audit)

What are the agency's individual strategies to reduce emissions and
timeframes for these reductions?

See corporate brief 4.12

TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emmissions

OUTPUT: Whole of Agency – NRETAS

ISSUE: Agency Carbon Footprint

NRETAS current emissions are 39 195 tonnes carbon equivalent per year

- As the NT Governments main Environment Agency NRETAS is working hard to implement policies and systems and model behaviours that will reduce its Carbon footprint.
- As the NTG main custodian of cultural and historical collections that require 24 hour a day climate control for preservation there are some inherit challenges.
- However NRETA conducted a green audit in June 2008 and its outcomes have informed action over the last financial year as follows:

IMPROVED MEASUREMENT AND DIAGNOSTICS

NRETAS is currently piloting a greenhouse gas emissions and energy use tracking tool. This is being undertaken with six of NRETAS high energy consumer sites. This is a management tool to assist the sites with regular accurate tracking of energy use and provide imperial data against which to accurately assess reduction strategies.

REDUCING ENERGY USE – COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

- Commencing installation of timers across both hot water systems and chilled water bubblers for MAGNT assets;
- Introducing lighting sensors for office areas; work areas; toilets and staff amenities across the MAGNT.
- Installation of 2 solar panels to the roof to supply hot water to the main building of MAGNT and the Cornucopia Museum Cafe; the hot water supply is supported by gas for back up, not mains electricity.
- Goyder Building has placed prompts across the buildings switches to raise awareness and as a reminder to staff to turn off lights.

- Commenced the replacement of 2 chillers at the main building at MAGNT; the chillers will be more efficient reducing energy demands and carbon footprint.
- Insulated the ceiling space of gallery 3 and Collection Store in the Araluen Arts Centre.
- Installed solar lighting and heating at some Ranger Stations and some Parks visitor facilities.
- Trialling a dry season air-conditioning free work site at the George Brown Darwin Botanical Gardens. The site has 5 workers who have all agreed to this trial. Airconditioning was turned off at the end of April and we await information from our Power bill to assess the impact on our energy use.

BEHAVIOURAL AND SYSTEMS CHANGE FOR GREENER OFFICES

NRETAS has initiated a Green Office Corp with representatives from across the Department from all regions. The Green Office Corp has been divided into Strategic and Action groups. The Strategic Group will work on implementing a whole of agency sustainability action plan. The action group have begun piloting actions that can easily be undertaken at a work unit level.

The Action group has identified and begun to implement the following improvements:

- Agency computers are in the process of being defaulted to double sided black and white printing;
- Recycling bins have been introduced to more NRETAS offices and buildings including MAGNT, Botanic Gardens, and Territory Wildlife Park
- Switch to 100% recycled paper where available for purchase with approximately 85% of the Agency already using 100% recycled paper;
- activating the Energy Star mode on computer systems
- paper recycling bins installed wherever practicable across the agencies work sites and staff encouraged to use them;

- additional recycling bins in kitchens for plastics and other recyclable items;
- toner and ink cartridge recycling bins from photocopier companies throughout the Agency
- Installation of occupancy sensors in suitable areas and introducing timers on lights through infrastructure upgrades
- a reduction in printing and copying, utilising intra/internet to publish large documents
- Education campaign across all Corporate buildings to encourage staff to switching off unused electrical equipment rather than leaving them on standby;
- Showcasing sustainable living technologies and habits through a “display” eco house and community gardens at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

POLICY AND OPERATION CHANGE FOR A GREENER FLEET

In 2008 the Department implemented the ‘NRETAS Fleet Greenhouse Policy’ which sets out an NRETAS Fleet minimum greenhouse emission standard of 5.5 for passenger vehicles and 3.5 for light commercial vehicles. The greenhouse emission standard set out in the ‘NRETAS Fleet Greenhouse Policy’ is aligned to the emission targets specified in the Northern Territory Government Green Fleet Strategy which will be phased in from 1 July 2009.

Executive Directors have committed to leading the way in reducing carbon emissions through reducing the engine size of their vehicles. All vehicles have been changed to 4 cylinders or hybrid when they required renewal, current Executive Director vehicles are:

POSITION	CURRENT VEHICLE
CE	Hybrid
ED Finance & Governance	4 Cylinder 5 seat
ED Parks and Wildlife	4 Cylinder 4x4
ED Collections, Biodiversity and Biological Parks	4 Cylinder AWD Station Wagon
ED Natural Resources	4 Cylinder 5 seat
ED Environment Heritage and The Arts	Hybrid
ED Museums, Galleries of the NT	4 Cylinder Sedan
ED Sport and Recreation	4 Cylinder AWD Station Wagon
Director Legal & HR	Hybrid

- During the 2008/09 year the Agency has:
 - Increased the amount of Hybrid vehicles by 4
 - Six cylinder and above vehicles the same as 2007/08
 - Increased its total vehicle holdings by 22

Explanation:

 - *NT Library and Sport and Recreation joined the Agency with 17 vehicles.*
 - *Bushfires Council - Government approved new resources for Bushfires NT to support volunteer firefighters. The Decision provided for new vehicles for training (1), volunteer support (1) and firefighting (2). Ongoing funding has been provided to operate these units.*
 - Reduced four wheel drive vehicles by 1

Explanation:

 - *Changed 6 4WD vehicles to 4 Cylinder Vehicles*
 - *Sport and Recreation joined the Agency with 8 four wheel drives.*
 - *Bushfires Council - new resources for Bushfires NT to support volunteer firefighters 3 new four wheel drives*

2009 AND BEYOND

Maintaining momentum in reducing our footprint is important to NRETAS. Throughout the next 12 months we will:

- Conducting a complete review of Agency vehicles.
- Piloting upgraded lighting in the Cyclone Tracy Gallery to more efficient exhibition lighting which will save power through less energy use and reduced radiant heat, thereby using less air-conditioning;
- Repairing and installing insulation initiatives such as door seals and window seals and insulation at MAGNT and the Araluen Precinct ;
- Continuing to improve lighting systems across the whole agency, including timers on after hours lighting and Installation of 7-day

timer switches on appropriate electrical appliances, where practical.

- Implementing a solar air-conditioning system for the Alice Springs Araluen Arts Centre; as part of “Solar Cities” program that has been developed for Alice Springs.
- Piloting the conversion of metering methodology in remote parks to better reflect energy use (currently calculating fuel use and applying a formula. Proposing to install electricity metering).
- Investigating the costs and options for installing smart meters on each level of the Goyder building
- Continuing support for our Green Corp to influence behaviour change for reduced emissions.
- Showcasing sustainable living and including reduced food miles and practical low cost lifestyle adaptations at the Eco-house in the George Brown Darwin Botanical Gardens.

2. Utilities increases

What is the effect on the bottom line for the increase in utilities (water/sewerage and electricity) in 2009-10?

Estimated to be about \$487 000

3. Staffing

Number of graduates/apprentices started with Department in 2007, 2008, 2009

2007	13
2008	26
2009	22

How many of the graduates/apprentices are still with the Department?

2007	8
2008	13
2009	39

How many are still with the NTG?

We are unable to confirm if those graduates/apprentices who have left the Department are working with other Departments.

4. Discipline

Number of reports of improper use of computers?

3

How many reports resulted in disciplinary action?

2

(1 x financial sanction - \$300 fine)
1 x letter of warning)

1 was a member of the public accessing inappropriate website via a public access terminal in a library. Filters are in place and updated monthly.

How many credit cards issued to departmental staff?

399

How many transactions for personal items/services are outstanding?

None.

(Our policy is that credit cards are not to be used for personal items or services.)

5. Public Events

List the public events/conferences/public forums that were sponsored by the Agency for 2008-09

List the public events/conferences/public forums that are proposed to be sponsored by the Agency for 2009-10

Refer attached

**PUBLIC EVENTS/CONFERENCES* SPONSORED IN
2008/09**

- International Sea Turtle Symposium (Brisbane, February 2009)
- National 'Coast to Coast' Conference (Darwin, August 2008)
- Croc Industry workshops x 3
- Waterfowl Hunting x2
- "Australia's NORTHERN SECRET Tourism in the Northern Territory, 1920s to 1980s" Baiba Berzins
- Art Exhibition Daphne Cazalet
- Paul Grabowsky & Crossing Roper Bar
- Exhibition - Off the Beaten Track
- Performance - The Librarian of Basra
- Talk - Kua Etnika & Tanah Merege
- Talk Deborah Conway & performers from Broad
- Talk & Book launch - 'The Build Up' Phillip Gwynne
- Talk & Book launch - 'The Dog That Dumped on my Doona' Barry Jonsberg
- Talk - Shelly Morris, Lou Bennett & Liberty Songs performers
- An evening of music & conversation - Rob Hirst, Phillip Gwynne
- Australian Poetry Slam
- Talk - 'The Fuller family of the Katherine region' Pearl Ogden
- Exhibition 'ArtStories: A Celebration of Research and Practice'
- Adult Learners Week - NTL History Workshop - "Newspapers for family history: digital, paper and film"
- Northern Territory Literary Awards & The Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award
- Exhibition: 'Tiwi Footy - Yiloga'
- Book Launch - 'Very Cranky Bear' Nick Bland
- Early Years Literacy Strategy Launch - 'The Walk to School'
- Talk - 'Ten Little Fingers & Ten Little Toes' Mem Fox
- Exhibition 'Free Falling' CDU
- NTL History Workshop - 'Local History Unveiled'
- Eric Johnston Lecture - Tom Calma
- Book Launch - 'Quoll' Sandra Kendell
- Book Launch - 'Tom Tom' Rosemary Sullivan
- Adult Learners Workshop - 'Territory Stories' tutorial

- In Conversation - 'Cassie' & 'Somebody's Crying' - Maureen McCarthy & Barry Jonsberg
- Talk - 'One Fabulous Night Only: Entertaining the Territory' Diana Giese
- Exhibition 'Rebuilding Afghanistan'
- Exhibition Launch - In partnership with Canadian High Commission, Ausaid, Aust Dept Defence, DFAT
- Book launch - 'Due Inheritance' Ted Egan
- NTL Exhibition - 'Cyclone Tracy'
- Talk - CDU Researchers 'Creative Tropical Cities'
- Talk - 'Steering for Statehood' Carolynne James Executive Officer Statehood Steering Committee
- NTL History Workshop - 'Latest Development in Resources'
- NTL Bombing of Darwin Exhibition 'Darwin Harbour Under Fire'
- Talk & Book Launch 'An Awkward Truth' Peter Grose
- WWII Veterans Lunchtime Event - In conjunction D.C.C.
- Talk - Jeannette Rowe - In conjunction Big Book Club
- NT Writers Centre Workshops - Sophie Cunningham
- Talk - 'Every Secret Thing' Marie Munkara
- Ronald Wright's Lecture 'A Short History of Progress'
- Talk - 'An Intruder's Guide to East Arnhem Land' Andrew Macmillan
- Talk - In Conversation with Mick Dodson
- Goyder Photos launch
- Exhibition 'Marranbala Country' Simon Normand
- Talk & Book Launch 'Marranbala Country' Simon Normand
- Talk & Book Launch - 'Black Politics' Dr Sarah Maddison
- National Trust 'Heritage Festival' Event - 'Living in Old Darwin - a heritage seminar'
- Art at the Heart Regional Arts Australia Conference, hosted by the Northern Territory Government (Arts NT) in Alice Springs
- Public Art Workshops partnered with the respective municipal councils
- Public Art Workshop, Darwin City Council x 2
- Public Art Workshop, Alice Springs Town Council
- Public Art Workshop, Katherine Town Council
- Towards a Producer Hub Forum
- Are we Arts Wise – Arts Ministers Forums Alice Springs and Darwin

- Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee's draft Strategic Framework – 3 public forums.
- Northern Territory Screen Industry Visioning Project Phase Two Forum – 2 forums held.
- Launch of the Best Practice Management Manual for Athel pine in Alice Springs.
- Arid Zone Administrators Conference

Planned for 2009/2010

- ESCAVI Meeting November 09 Interstate reps will attend ACRIS Steering Committee Meeting
- Launch of the Best Practice Management Manual for Mimosa pigra
- Heritage Act – consultation on the exposure bill
- Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee – consultation
- Arts Exchange / forums
- Other events, conferences and meetings as required to progress agency priorities and programs.

* Definition of meetings to be included varied across divisions. A more comprehensive listing would require further information.

6. Advertising

How do you define 'advertising'?

The promotion of Northern Territory Government and departmental initiatives, through broadcast media (TV and radio), print media, outdoor signage and online advertising.

This definition excludes tender and recruitment advertising.

What is the year to date expenditure for 2008-09?

- Budget equals expenditure.

\$298 887 at 30 April 2009

- o Print \$178 043
- o Radio \$14 416
- o Television \$93 170
- o Other \$9 088
- o Statutory Notices \$4 170

(Other advertising includes internet, signage, and those vendors that provide cross advertising (i.e. print and internet))

What advertising campaigns have been undertaken by the department in 2008-09 (by region)?

A campaign is defined as having a start and end date for a product or service and must have two or more elements of print, radio, television, outdoor signage or online advertising.

Campaign	Specific Region	Suppliers
Arts Projects Grants - call for applications		Nationwide News CAAMA Radio Territory FM 104.1
Letters End at Araluen Art Centre	Central Australia	Imparja TV Country Arts WA

25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award		Nationwide News The Mercury The Age The Courier Mail Koori Mail The Advertiser Land Rights News The National Indigenous Times Torres News The West Australian The Canberra Times Sydney Morning Herald The Weekend Australian Assorted National Art Magazines NT Government Printing Office Simon Says TV Channel 9 Colour Bond and That Works Sign Tech Quickprint
Australian Ballet Sleeping Beauty at Araluen Art Centre	Central Australia	Centralian Advocate Imparja TV Recycled Printing
Desert Mob Exhibition at Araluen Art Centre	Central Australia	Imparja TV National Art Magazines
Deep Blue at Araluen Art Centre	Central Australia	Centralian Advocate Alice Springs News
Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management	Darwin	Batchelor Resort Nationwide News NT Government Printing Office Hot 100 Mix 104.9
Draft Water Allocation Plan Tindall Limestone Aquifer - call for public comment	Katherine	Fusion Katherine Times Nationwide News NT Government Printing Office Katherine Town Council The Exhibitionist
Sites of Conservation Significance Consultation		Nationwide News Corporate Express NT Government Printing Office
Cabomba Weed Awareness	Top End	Nationwide News Norforce Channel 9 Exposure Productions Southern Cross TV
Annual Peaks Sport and Recreation Grants Program		Nationwide News Northern Territory Broadcasters Territory FM 8HA / Sun FM Katherine Times

Facilities Development Grants Program	Nationwide News Northern Territory Broadcasters 8HA / Sun FM Katherine Times Territory Regional Weekly
Grass Roots Grants - Round Two	Nationwide News Northern Territory Broadcasters Territory FM 8HA / Sun FM Katherine Times Territory Regional Weekly Arafura Times

How many of these campaigns have been translated into a local dialect?

None.

For each campaign who was contracted to write the material for print/visual/audio platforms?

All material is written in-house.

Materials for visual and audio platforms are then edited by production companies and sent for approval back to the department.

Production companies include Simon Says TV, Imparja Television, Southern Cross, Exposure Productions, Channel 9 and various radio stations across the Territory.

For each campaign who was contracted to do the art work for print/visual/audio platforms?

All material is written in-house.

On rare occasions some artwork requirement are outsourced and those suppliers include Quickprint and Sign Tech.

Who has the printing contract?

NT Government Printing Office has the contract.

On very rare occasions an external printing house may be sought.

What plans are in place for TV advertising?

Performances and exhibitions at public venues like the Araluen Art Centre will require television advertising.

There are development plans for a television campaign centred on crocodile awareness, which are not yet finalised.

Who approves the advertising material?

Advertising material is approved by the CEO, or his delegate.

Advertising material is also forwarded to the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) to ensure compliance with whole of government policy.