

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Chief Minister:

Staffing – Department of the Chief Minister

1. **How many staff were employed in the following categories as at 30 June 2019:**
 - a) **Full time equivalent**
 - b) **Permanent part time contract**
 - c) **Contract**

Staffing numbers are provided by headcount

Department of the Chief Minister:

	as at Pay 26 (June 2019)
Full time equivalent	172
Permanent part time	14
Contract	72

2. **During the Estimates Committee process, the Chief Executive of the Department of the Chief Minister advised that the agency had undergone a restructure throughout 2018-19; and that in 2019-20, more paring back will be necessary and this will be managed through the staffing structure.**

Please advise the progress made on plans to reduce staffing numbers to date.

The Department of the Chief Minister undertook a restructure during the latter part of 2018-19 to review programs and functions to identify efficiencies to assist Government in meeting its fiscal objectives. The streamlining of agency functions included the merging of business units, change in reporting lines and renaming of some business units.

This provided an opportunity for a more efficient and effective way of working together, increased coordination across the agency, enhance regional services delivery and strategic policy capacity and cross-utilise resources on different projects. The restructure took into account managing the number of agency staff through natural attrition and time limited project teams dependent on Government reforms and priorities.

The new structure is now in place and as staff leave their positions, their role is assessed and it is determined whether or not the role needs to be filled or filled at a different level.