

**Question No: 19**

**Question: Public Service Employment Numbers**

**Date: 30/04/91**

**Member: Mr COLLINS**

**To: MINISTER for EMPLOYMENT and TRAINING**

1. Has the Public Service increased in numbers by 4000 since Paul Everingham left office.

2. Will the minister undertake to provide -

(a) meaningful statistics on public service employment numbers, including the teaching service for each year 1984 to 1990, on an average for the year basis of actual numbers employed, and comparatively with an average staff ceiling for each year;

(b) give estimated Territory population figures for each year 1984 to 1990, for comparison; and

(c) give reasons for significant increases (if any) in any branch of the Public Service or the teaching service.

**ANSWER**

1. No.

2. Please see bar chart (attachment A) and the table (attachment B) following showing growth in government employment from 1980 to 1990 compared with total employment growth in the Northern Territory and Northern Territory population growth for the same period.

It should be noted that growth in government employment has been confined to a level well below that of overall employment and population growth.

The increase of 2800 does not represent a significant growth in light of overall employment and population statistics.

**ATTACHMENT A**

For details of this table please refer to page 145 of the Parliamentary Record.

**ATTACHMENT B**

NT % NT % NT %  
YEAR Govt. Increase Employed Increase Pop In. Increase  
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1980 13.9 53.0 118.2

1981 14.3 2.9% 57.2 7.9% 122.6 3.7%

1982 14.1 -1.4% 59.2 3.5% 130.3 6.3%

1983 14.7 4.3% 59.7 0.8% 135.9 4.3%

1984 15.4 4.8% 56.9 -4.7% 142.2 4.6%

1985 15.9 3.2% 65.9 15.8% 148.5 4.4%

1986 16.2 1.9% 71.8 9.0% 154.4 4.0%

1987 15.8 -2.5% 71.9 0.1% 156.7 1.5%

1988 15.5 -1.9% 68.2 -5.1% 155.9 -0.5%

1989 16.1 3.9% 76.0 11.4% 156.3 0.3%

1990 16.7 3.7% 73.7 -3.0% 157.3 0.6%

Increase

1980-90 2.8 20.1% 20.7 39.1% 39.1 33.1%