



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 9

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries:

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Administration

STAFFING

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

Category	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	193.21	200	198	2*
2. Ongoing Part Time	17.21	23	23	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	83.55	88	88	0
4. Fixed Term Part Time	0.80	1	1	0
5. Casual Contract	4.25	6	6	0
6. Executive Contract	6.00	6	6	0
Total	305.02	324	322	2*

*One of these interstate workers finished with the Department on 17 February 2025, with the other interstate worker to transition during 2025.

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

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	AO3	3.00	3	3	0
	AO4	7.10	8	8	0
	AO5	13.00	13	13	0
	AO6	20.25	21	21	0
	AO7	14.90	15	15	0
	EO2	1.00	1	1	0
	P1	2.80	4	4	0
	P2	8.00	8	8	0
	P3	19.50	20	19	1
	PH2	1.00	1	1	0
	PH7	1.00	1	1	0
	SAO1	10.79	11	11	0
	SAO2	6.14	7	6	1
	SP1	12.00	12	12	0
	SP2	9.00	9	9	0
	T1	3.90	4	4	0
	T2	6.00	6	6	0
	T2R	2.00	2	2	0
	T3	24.83	26	26	0
	T4	20.00	21	21	0
	T5	6.00	6	6	0
	T6	1.00	1	1	0
	Total	193.21	200	198	2

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
2. Ongoing Part Time	AO3	0.95	1	1	0
	AO4	1.70	2	2	0
	AO5	0.80	1	1	0
	AO6	1.77	2	2	0
	AO7	2.97	4	4	0
	P2	2.29	4	4	0
	P3	3.88	5	5	0
	SAO2	0.41	1	1	0
	SP1	0.76	1	1	0
	SP2	0.93	1	1	0
	T4	0.75	1	1	0
	Total	17.21	23	23	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
3. Fixed Term Full Time	AO2	1.00	1	1	0
	AO3	0.90	1	1	0
	AO4	4.00	4	4	0
	AO5	2.55	3	3	0
	AO6	3.00	3	3	0
	AQF3C	1.00	1	1	0
	AQF4A	1.00	1	1	0
	P1	11.50	12	12	0
	P2	7.00	7	7	0
	P3	8.50	9	9	0
	SP1	2.00	2	2	0
	T2	21.90	23	23	0
	T3	14.70	16	16	0
	T4	3.50	4	4	0
	T5	1.00	1	1	0
Total		83.55	88	88	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
4. Fixed Term Part Time	SBA	0.80	1	1	0
Total		0.80	1	1	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
5. Casual	SI	1.00	1	1	0
	T2	1.79	3	3	0
	T3	1.46	2	2	0
Total		4.25	6	6	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
6. Executive Contract	EO1C	1.00	1	1	0
	EO2C	3.00	3	3	0
	EO3C	1.00	1	1	0
	EO6C	1.00	1	1	0
Total		6.00	6	6	0

(c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for the use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) = the proportion of an employee's salary payment to that of an equivalent full-time employee in any given fortnight.

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

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

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

Category	Number
Resigned	13
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	0
Unattached	25
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	98 *

* A significant number of supernumerary employees are on time limited contracts that relate to time – limited externally funded research agreements and bio-security responses (including 19 which are flagged as unattached)

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

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

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

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	164.03	54%

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

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

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

Number Engaged	Labour Hire / Employment Agency / Consultancy	Purpose	Duration	Cost
One	Labour Hire	Biosecurity surveillance officer to assist with the National Browsing Ant Eradication Program in Jabiru.	12 months	\$4,320 excluding GST

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

Not applicable.

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

7(a)	24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024
Positions advertised	26

- (b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?

7(b)	24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024
Positions advertised with Special Measures applied	26

(c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

7(c)	
Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
Administrative Officer 4	2
Administrative Officer 5	4
Administrative Officer 6	1
Administrative Officer 7	1
Physical 7	1
Professional 1	1
Professional 2	1
Professional 3	1
Senior Administrative Officer 1	1
Senior Administrative Officer 2	1
Senior Professional Officer 1	1
Technical 2	3
Technical 3	7
Technical 4	1
Total	26

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

Most NT Government agencies have implemented special measures arrangements across the whole agency or for some roles. The process for positions that are advertised with special measures is to consider special measures applicants first; if no special measures applicants apply, or no special measures applicants are considered suitable, recruitment panels may assess all other applicants' suitability for the role.

OUTSOURCING

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

There was no outsourcing

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

Not applicable

LEGAL EXPENSES

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

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries spent \$49,404 on legal advice/services from 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024:

Legal Provider	Details	Amount (\$)	Status
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice regarding a potential prosecution under the <i>Pastoral Land Act 1992</i>	12,938	finalised
	Preparation of a draft deed of agreement	8,591	finalised
Caroline Heske	Preparation of drafting instructions for the Livestock Act	12,875	finalised
Jonathan Martin Bortoli	Legal advice regarding prospects for a prosecution	5,250	ongoing
	Legal services regarding prosecution for offences under the <i>Animal Welfare Act 2018</i>	9,750	ongoing
	Total	49,404	

PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

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

Expenditure on reports/consultancies (excluding annual reports) obtained outside the NTPS between 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024 for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries consisted of:

(a) Purpose	(b) Cost (\$)	(c) Person/Entity engaged	(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)	(d) Principal place of business if not NT	(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)
Delivery of report on Lumpy Skin Disease prevention pre-incursion strategies	1,000	Emma White Pty Ltd T/A as Opaline Consulting	N	WA	N
Preparation of scoping paper on offshore fisheries	3,400	Ian Curnow	Y		N
Specialist advice on fisheries and marine management	300	Ian Curnow	Y		N
Beehive pest surveillance	7,117	NT Project Management & Consultancy	Y		N
Total	16,045				

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

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
3	2

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

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria
24-0550	FIELDS, BARRY ARTHUR	Gordon, ACT	Past Performance 10 Price 10 Local Content 30 Timeliness 25 Scope Specific 25
Q24-0240	Three60 Consulting Pty Ltd	Hawthorne, QLD	Past Performance 30 Price 15 Local Content 30 Capacity 15 Scope Specific 10

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

Nil to report

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

Tier	No. of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	2

15. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for those with a Certificate of Exemption:

- What is the description of the goods and services contracted?
- What is the value of the goods and services contracted?
- What was the reason for not using the public tender process or for requiring a Certificate of Exemption?
- Who recommended the course of action in c) above?
- Who approved the course of action in c) above?

For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including those with a Certificate of Exemption.

Description of Goods and Services (a)	Awarded value (b) \$	Reason for Exemption (c)	Recommended by (d)	Approved by (e)
Darwin - Provision of Environmental Surveillance Officers for the NT Browsing Ant Eradication Program for a Period of 12 Months	81,605	Confirmed a limited of sole supply market exists	N/A	A/Senior Executive Director Biosecurity & Animal Welfare
All of NT - Development, Coordination and Implementation of Exercise Raintree - Lumpy Skin Disease Mock Exercise	63,360	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Senior Executive Director Biosecurity & Animal Welfare

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

At 31 January 2025 there were 128 credit card holders in Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Position Title	Actual Classification Code
Client & Licensing Services Officer	AO3
Administration Officer	AO3
Finance Officer	AO3
Research Info Project Officer	AO4
Executive Assistant	AO4
Supernumerary	AO4
Executive Assistant	AO4
Facilities Officer	AO4
Project Officer	AO4
Executive Assistant	AO4
Animal Welfare Inspector	AO5
Supernumerary	AO5
Marine Ranger Partnerships Officer	AO5
Supernumerary	AO5
Supernumerary	AO5
Senior Plan Biosecurity Officer	AO6
Executive Officer Boards and Committees	AO6
Executive Officer, Primary Industries	AO6
Senior Communications Officer	AO6
Senior Animal Welfare Inspector	AO6
Aquatic Resource Manager	AO6
Executive Officer, Pastoral Industry Board	AO6
Supernumerary	AO6
Supernumerary	AO6
Executive Officer	AO6
Supernumerary	AO6
Senior Executive Assistant	AO6
Laboratory Coordinator	AO7
Indigenous Development Officer	AO7
Manager Animal Welfare	AO7
Aquatic Biosecurity Manger	AO7
Senior Recreational Fishing Officer	AO7
Supernumerary	AO7
Indigenous Development Officer	AO7
Manager Aquatic Resource Management	AO7
Chief Veterinary Officer	E01C
Chief Plant Health Officer	E02
Senior Executive Director Fisheries	E02C
Supernumerary	E02C

Position Title	Actual Classification Code
Deputy Chief Executive Officer Agriculture Fisheries Biosecurity	EO3C
Livestock Biosecurity Officer	P1
Livestock Industries Management Officer	P1
Supernumerary	P1
Supernumerary	P1
Extension Officer	P1
Supernumerary	P1
Rangeland Research Officer	P1
Extension Officer, Plant Industries	P1
Pastoral Production Officer	P2
Pastoral Extension Officer	P2
Research Scientist, Fisheries	P2
Supernumerary	P2
Farming Systems Research Officer	P2
Aquaculture Research Scientist	P2
Forestry Group Leader	P3
Senior Agronomist	P3
Senior Rangeland Scientist	P3
Senior Entomologist	P3
Senior Plant Pathologist	P3
Cropping Group Leader	P3
Senior Molecular Scientist	P3
Senior Research Scientist	P3
Senior Livestock Officer	P3
Senior Research Scientist	P3
Manager Agribusiness Invest	SAO1
Program Director	SAO1
Executive Officer	SAO1
Director Strategy & Innovation	SAO2
Director Strategic Intel & Reviews	SAO2
Operations Manager	SP1
Rangeland Program Manager	SP1
Senior Manager Water Laboratories	SP1
Principal Entomologist	SP1
Chief Scientist Fisheries	SP1
Principle Molecular Scientist	SP1
Director Research Support	SP2
Regional Director	SP2
Senior Director Plant Industries	SP2
Director Livestock Industries	SP2
Senior Director Plant Industries	SP2
Director bvl	SP2
Technical Officer	T2
Technical Officer	T2
Aquaculture Technician	T2
Fisheries Research Technician	T3

Position Title	Actual Classification Code
Fisheries Research Technician	T3
Senior Technical Officer Pathology	T3
Livestock Biosecurity Officer	T3
Livestock Biosecurity Officer	T3
Senior Aquaculture Technician	T3
Supernumerary	T3
Supernumerary	T3
Supernumerary	T3
Assistant Farm Manager	T3
Rangeland Monitoring Officer – Darwin	T3
Assistant Farm Manager	T3
Livestock Biosecurity Officer	T3
Technical Officer	T3
Plant Biosecurity Officer Katherine	T3
Assistant Manager Coastal Plain rf	T3
Assistant Farm Manager	T3
Rangeland Monitoring Officer – Alice Springs	T3
Supernumerary	T3
Senior Rangelands Monitoring Officer	T4
Supernumerary	T4
Senior Rangelands Monitoring Officer	T4
Supernumerary	T4
Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer	T4
Supernumerary	T4
Supernumerary	T4
Meat Industry Manager	T4
Manager ddrf	T4
Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer	T4
Senior Rangeland Monitoring Officer	T4
Bio Emergency Response Trainer	T4
Senior Rangelands Monitoring Officer	T4
Supernumerary	T4
Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer	T4
Facility Manager-Victoria River Research Station	T4
Senior Technical Officer	T5
Regional Farm Manager - Darwin	T5
Regional Farm Manger - Katherine	T5
Principal Technical Officer	T5
Principal Technical Officer	T5
Technical Manager	T6
Pastoral Technical Officer	T3
Darwin Aquaculture Centre Manger	T5
Supernumerary	T4

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024:

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

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

For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:

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

The administrative burden to provide a detailed answer to this question has been determined to be excessive. As such, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has provided a high-level response to total advertising, marketing and communications spend for the Department beginning 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024 of \$58,605.

Expenditure relates to a mixture of printed material for conferences and events, promotional material at Shows and field days, and print and multimedia for biosecurity issues and job vacancies.

TRAVEL

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

- a) International Travel**
- b) Interstate Travel**

Intrastate Travel

For the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024, the total travel expenses for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries was \$517,754.

Description	Intra-territory \$	Interstate \$	International \$	Total \$
Official Duty Fares	41,214	103,091	6,748	151,053
Accommodation	76,565	56,068	5,241	137,874
Travel Allowance	170,467	43,825	4,125	218,417
Others	4,278	4,096	2,036	10,410
Grand Total	292,524	207,080	18,150	517,754

Note: A significant portion of interstate and international travel expenses were externally funded under research agreements with 3rd party research institutions.

22. In the case of international travel identified in response to the question above, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip.

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Travel from date	Travel to date	Traveller	Destinations	Reason For Travel	Total Expense (\$)
14/07/2024	27/07/2024	Veterinary Officer	Timor-Leste	To support the Surveillance Project: Timor-Leste through field surveillance activities and ongoing laboratory training.	5,510
27/08/2024	3/09/2024	Director Livestock Industries	USA	To speak at the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association convention in Puerto Rico.	696*
2/09/2024	7/09/2024	Market Development Officer	Hong Kong	To lead a horticulture delegation to Asia Fruit Logistica in Hong Kong in partnership with Horticulture Innovation Australia.	4,093
2/09/2024	7/09/2024	Market Development Officer	Hong Kong	To lead a horticulture delegation to Asia Fruit Logistica in Hong Kong in partnership with Horticulture Innovation Australia.	5,049
13/10/2024	20/10/2024	Entomologist	Indonesia	To participate in the Indonesian Ambrosia Workshop to study Ambrosia beetles.	802*
20/10/2024	26/10/2024	Director Plant Industries	Kuala Lumpur	To present at the 2024 International Symposium on Tropical Fruits and attend the 16th Session of the International Tropical Fruits Network Board of Trustees meeting.	436*
8/11/2024	17/11/2024	Director Plant Industries	New Zealand	To undertake activities relating to a project with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.	1,564
Total					18,150

* Note: fares and accommodation paid by third party

The expenses for these trips were predominantly externally funded under research agreements with 3rd party research institutions.

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

A whole of government response to Question 23 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

24. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024.

In relation to each occasion where official hospitality was provided:

- a) What was the purpose of the hospitality?
- b) How many guests attended?
- c) How many Ministers attended?
- d) How many Ministerial staff attended?
- e) How many MLAs attended?
- f) How many Public Sector employees attended?
- g) What was the total cost incurred?

Full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July to 30 November 2024 are outlined in the Table below:

Event Details	Amount (\$)	No. of Ministers	No. of Ministerial Staff	No. of MLAs	No. of General NTPS	No. of External (NON-NTG)	Total number of attendees
Chamber of Commerce – 2024 Chief Minister's Export Awards	245				2		2
Energy Club Dinner - Carbon Capture Storage	107				1		1
National Varroa Mite T2M Public Engagement - Broome	163					4	4
National Varroa Mite T2M Public Engagement - Derby	173					4	4
NTCA - NT Cattleman's Beef Dinner Experience	257				2		2
NTCA - NT Cattleman's Beef Dinner Experience by INPEX	227				2		2
OBM - Katherine Business Dinner with Pip Courtney	254				3		3
Total	1,535						

GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

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

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

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

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

Answers 25 and 28.

The table below details grant expenditure by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries from 1 July 2023 to 30 November 2024. The total expenditure for the period was \$1.8 million.

It is too administratively onerous to detail the recipient of each payment and identify recipients that are non-government organisations.

Output	Program Name	YTD Grant Expenditure(\$)	Full Year Budget(\$)
Agriculture			
	QDAF Supply Chain II Project	126,274	126,000
	Farm Forestry	20,000	59,000
	CRCNA Crops for Cattle	186,906	237,000
		333,180	422,000
Biosecurity and Animal Welfare			
	Australian Research Council Industrial Transformation Training Centre Contribution	30,000	30,000
	Bio-Security Project Co-contribution	79,091	-
	NT Veterinary Student Placement Subsidy Program	15,000	45,000
		124,091	75,000
Fisheries			
	Community Ranger Grant	180,000	420,000

Output	Program Name	YTD Grant Expenditure(\$)	Full Year Budget(\$)
	Recreational Fishing and sea ranger operational Grant	812,110	1,354,000
	Marine Rangers Grant	166,846	171,000
	Recreational Fishing Futures Program	165,994	912,000
		1,324,949	2,857,000
Industry Development and Economic Analysis			
	Value Add Industry Program	5,000	50,000
		5,000	50,000

27. All awards and sponsorships are centrally managed, with input from regional teams across the Territory.

26 and 28.

The table below details expenditure for awards and sponsorships made by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries from 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024. The total expenditure for the period was \$19,200.

Output	Sponsorship	Amount (\$)
Agriculture		
	Sponsorship of Nuffield Farming Scholarships	16,000
	Sponsorship of Centralian Beef Breeders Association Alice Springs Show	2,200
	Sponsorship of Timber Creek Campdraft	1,000
		19,200

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

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

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

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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

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

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

A whole-of-government response to Questions 30 to 32 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

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

Total power expense for 1 July to 30 November 2024 is as detailed below:

Building/Location	Power Bill Total (\$)
Arid Zone Research Institute	35,363
Barkly House, Tennant Creek	2,497
Beatrice Hill Research Station	12,333
Berrimah Farm Science Precinct	332,937
Coastal Plains Research Station	11,344
Darwin Aquaculture Centre	99,601
Depot (Tennant Creek)	127
Fisheries - 33 Vaughan Street, Berrimah	15,767
Katherine Research Farm	41,356
Katherine Trucking Yards	168
Old Owen Springs Homestead and Yards	180
Total	551,673

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

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

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

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

FEES AND CHARGES

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

The tables below detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by the department during the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024.

Agency Fees and Charges*	Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST
Biosecurity fees and diagnostic testing	204,622
Agency Fees and Charges Total	204,622

**Excludes fees and charges collected from Territory Government entities*

Fees and Charges receipted to Accountable Officer's Trust Accounts (AOTA)	Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST
Fisheries licence fees and levies	316,515
Northern Territory Seafood Council levy	54,076
Fees and Charges receipted to AOTA Total	370,591

Income administered for the Central Holding Authority (CHA)	Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST
Royalties and Rent (Non Aboriginal Land)	
Land rent	5,689,236
Income administered for the CHA Total	5,689,236

INTERNAL AUDITS

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

No internal audits or financial investigations were conducted in the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, given Machinery of Government changes underway.

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

No internal audits or financial investigations were conducted in the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, given Machinery of Government changes underway.

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

No internal audits or financial investigations were conducted in the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024, given Machinery of Government changes underway.

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

Agencies would not be privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

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

Agencies would not be privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

42. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2024/25, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election.
- b) The current members and when they were appointed

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

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES
Alice Springs Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
Barkly Research Advisory Committee
Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee
NT Fishing Industry Research and Development Fund Advisory Committee
Pastoral Land Board
Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee
Veterinary Board of the NT

Alice Springs Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Andy Hayes	20 April 2023
Mr Ross Nowland (Ex-Officio)	N/A
Mr Jamie Kunze	31 July 2024
Ms Nicole Hayes	20 April 2023
Mr Ross Stanes	20 April 2023
Ms Sarah Cook	31 July 2024
Ms Tanya Brooks	20 April 2023
Mr Terry Martin	20 April 2023
Mr Steve Broad	20 April 2023

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

Once.

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Dr Stephen Cutter	6 April 2023
Mr Charles Drury	12 January 2024
Kathleen Gregor	N/A
Charles Giliam	12 January 2024
Dr Michelle Jeffery	2 May 2024
Dr Alexander Hesford	23 March 2022
Mr Reece Ravlich	31 October 2024
Mr Will Evans	2 May 2024
Dr Brooke Rankmore	12 January 2024
Kristen Hay	2 May 2024

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

Twice.

Barkly Research Advisory Committee

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Jack Ford	8 May 2024
Mr Ross Nowland	N/A
Mr Luke James	8 May 2024
Ms Mary-Colleen Vaughan	8 May 2024
Mr Matthew Barrett (Chair)	8 May 2024
Ms Natalie Gibson	8 May 2024
Mr Rick Morrison (Deputy Chair)	8 May 2024
Mr Tom Hall	8 May 2024
Ms Mary Williams	N/A

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

Once.

Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Allan Andrews	6 April 2023
Ms Doris Baylis	31 July 2024
Ms Helen Armstrong	6 April 2023
Mr Jay Mohr-Bell	6 April 2023
Ms Kate Watts	31 July 2024
Mr Keith Holzwart	6 April 2023
Mr Kieren McCosker	15 November 2023

Name	Appointed
Ms Lisa Dyer	6 April 2023
Ms Margo Gugger	31 July 2024
Ms Peta Stockwell	31 July 2024
Mr Steve Petty	6 April 2023
Mr Tim Schatz	15 November 2023
Ms Trudi Oxley (Deputy Chair)	31 July 2024

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

Once.

NT Fishing Industry Research and Development Fund Advisory Committee

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

- b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Matthew Osborne (Ex-Officio)	N/A

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

Nil

Pastoral Land Board

- 42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

- b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Alastair Shields	15 June 2022
Mr Allan Andrew (Deputy Chairperson)	(Deputy Chairperson) 21 March 2024 (Member – Pastoralist) 28 August 2023
Mr Daniel Hayes	28 August 2023
Ms Gemma Lake	28 August 2023

Name	Appointed
Dr Leigh Hut	11 October 2021
Dr Michael Wellington	28 August 2023
Mr Paul Burke	(Chairperson) 22 November 2023 (Member) 28 August 2023
Mr Roy Chisholm	28 August 2023
Dr Susanne Fitzpatrick	28 August 2023

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

Once.

Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee

- 42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:**

Not applicable.

- b) The current members and when they were appointed:**

Name	Appointed
Alex Julius	19 May 2016
Blane Simmonds – (NTGFIA representative)	N/A
Branden Menzies	11 July 2022
Chris O'Brien	8 February 2024
Greg Ireland	8 June 2021
Jason Elsegood	8 February 2024
Julia Christensen	11 July 2022
Kristen Noble	19 May 2016
Leigh Eldridge	8 February 2024
Roxsean Edwards	19 May 2016
Samantha Gill	8 June 2021
Warren De With – (AFANT Representative)	N/A

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

Once.

Veterinary Board of the NT

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Dr Rob Williams	17 October 2024
Ms Kathleen Gregor	28 April 2023
Ms Marion Davey	28 July 2022
Dr Michelle Jeffery	07 December 2022
Ms Elizabeth Stedman	27 September 2024
Ms Lauren Walter	27 September 2024

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

Once.

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

44. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced since 24 August 2024, also providing the following information:

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

Nil

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

- Nil notifiable incidents reported to NT WorkSafe under section 35 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*
- 22 total incidents reported that led to or could have led to a physical or psychological injury, illness or disease, or where property and/or equipment was damaged.

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

There were no stress related workers compensation claims received.

REGIONAL OFFICES

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

Location	Paid Staff
Barkly	3
Big Rivers	39
Central Australia	24
East Arnhem	0
Greater Darwin	256
Top End	0
Not in the NT	2
Total	324