



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
REPORT

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The Estimates Committee examined the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill, the Treasury Legislation Amendment Bill 2026, and the Statements of Corporate Intent 2026-2027 for the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy and Territory Generation. Questions were raised by some Members on the following issues:

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Chief Minister (Independent Officers)	<p><i>NT Electoral Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redistribution Committee, including appointment of members, re-drawing of electoral boundaries, and associated consultation periods• Cost of August 2025 Local Government election, including costs associated with the City of Darwin election• By-election costs, including City of Darwin, Nightcliff Electorate, and cost recovery mechanisms for by-elections held shortly after Legislative Assembly or Local Government general elections• Civic education strategies and programmes to increase voter turnout and participation, including selection of location and measuring impact and effectiveness• Cost of two-week early-voting period for local government election <p><i>Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment of matters referred to the OIEC that cover multiple Offices, including allocation of lead function, handling of confidentiality and conflicts-of-interests across Offices• Amalgamation of Offices within the OIEC, including sharing of staff across offices and the cost of Offices prior to and following amalgamation• Vacancy rate of established positions in the OIEC• Handling procedures for conflicts-of-interest, including notification to the Inspector, conduct of proceedings after notification, public reporting on conflicts-of-interest and notification to Inspector,

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	<p>potential conflicts-of-interest between the CEO and NT Police, and resourcing prioritisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of CEO, Inspector, and Commissioner, including cost of recruitment, salaries, and the number of candidates considered for the Inspector <p><i>Independent Commissioner Against Corruption</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resourcing for the NT ICAC • Timeline targets for the completion of investigations • Increase in number of allegations, including targets and trends • Public outreach, education and promotion of NT ICAC • Operation Banksia <p><i>Ombudsman</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NTPF and Corrections response to watchhouse investigation recommendations • Updates made to the Ombudsman on treatment of persons held in watch houses, including processes for complaints to be made to the OIEC, length of time held in watch houses, and number of people held in watch houses • Use of police watch houses under the previous government • Delays responding to complaints and types of complaint • Resourcing of the Ombudsman’s Office, including staffing levels and capacity to deliver key functions • Systematic concerns identified in police conduct complaints • Progress on the Memorandum of Understanding between NTICAC, Ombudsman, and NTPF • Number of approaches regarding NTPF conduct • Recommendations made to NTPF as a result of complaints, including Ombudsman powers in relation to recommendation implementation, and reporting on recommendation uptake • Resourcing for the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture • Darwin Transitional Correction Centre and correctional services provided by G4S
<p>Chief Minister Territory Coordinator Defence NT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of response to extreme weather events, including opportunity for public participation into the review • Emergency preparation and response to extreme weather events, including the evacuations of Nauiyu and Palumpa • Chairing arrangements of the Territory Emergency Management Committee • Communications plans for severe weather events • Climate change impact on planning for extreme weather events • Flood recovery fund initiatives, including for the Nauiyu community • Number of houses built in Nauiyu by current and former governments

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thresholds and processes for Australian Defence Force assistance during extreme weather events • Distribution of disaster relief payments to residents of communities affected by extreme weather events • Local and interstate procurement in Chief Minister and Cabinet • Responsibility for the Gove and Nhulunbuy transition, including the role of the Assistant Minister for Nhulunbuy, funding and taskforce for Gove Futures, and Federal engagement • Safety risk assessments prior to Nauiyu repatriation, including reconstruction, health and safety assessments, and asbestos • Evacuation of Nauiyu community • De-densification of social and affordable housing • Evidence and analysis informing justice-sector legislative amendments • Chief Minister and Cabinet Review of the death of Kumanjayi Little Baby • Lobbyist Register and Code of Conduct, including Ministerial compliance with requirements of the lobbyist Code of Conduct, funding for the Register, and reporting of breaches • Defence NT, including alignment of investment with the National Defence Strategy, the Army's littoral pivot, access to supply chains, support for NT industry capability development, incentivisation of postings, and 4th of July celebrations • Costs and performance of the Territory Coordinator, including Territory Coordinator stakeholder engagements, use of the Aboriginal Interpreter Service, and applicability of the Lobbyist Register • Exercise of the Territory Coordinator's powers regarding the Northern Marine Complex and Arafura Nolan's Rare Earths Project • Publication of performance data for the Territory Coordinator • Economic benefits of Arafura Nolan's Rare Earths Project, including local workforce benefits, Territory Benefit Plan and Statement of Commitment • Interstate employment in Ministerial offices, including associated travel and accommodation costs • Independent research support in Parliament • Funding for the Administrator
Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation of Nauiyu, including cost of helicopters and Australian Defence Force assistance • Extent of warning preceding the evacuation of Jilkminggan • Evacuation centres for Numbulwar community • Evacuation of aged care residents in Katherine • Review into the death of Kumanjayi White

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes and changes resulting from coronial inquests into the deaths of Kumanjayi White and Kumanjayi Walker • NTPF training related to people with cognitive disabilities • Actions taken to address racism in the NTPF, including anti-racism training in the NTPF and funding for the Cultural Reform Unit in the NTPF • NTPF work with peacekeepers • Pay-deal for NTPF • Police Public Safety Officers, including funding, transition from Public Housing and Transit Safety Officers streams, intake and graduation of Police Public Safety Officers, anticipated timeline to achieve critical mass of Police Public Safety Officers, and urban and rural posting of Police Public Safety Officers • NTPF capability development in Palmerston • Justice Blow’s Report into integrity and hiring practices in NTPF leadership, including NTPF response and versions of the Report • Acting positions in senior leadership • Australian Federal Police investigation into NTPF • Vacant roles in NTPF, long term personal leave, sick leave and workers’ compensation
<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-of-living pressures for individuals and businesses, including modelling, additional support measures in the budget, and fuel excise subsidy • Electricity, sewerage and water costs, including for households and small business, increases to tariffs in the last year, and anticipated tariff increases • Consumer price index increases outpacing wage growth • Forecast rent increases in Darwin, including the impact of passed on electricity, water and sewerage cost increases from landlords • Local procurement of contracts and services • Fuel, transport and grocery costs for households • Treasurer’s responsibility for the regulation of power prices • Long-term fiscal position, strategy and modelling, including inter-generational analysis and sustainability • Breakdown of crime spending, including on preventative measures, early-intervention, rehabilitation, and modelling of costs of early intervention compared to down-stream corrections expenditure • Domestic gas supply, including from Eni and INPEX, the rationale for new gas developments, government support of gas industry, modelling of costs to develop new supply, and cost of gas from Beetaloo

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GST, including allocation of revenue to Aboriginal communities, tracking of GST revenue allocation, and public reporting of tied GST revenue • Impact of the budget's operating surplus on everyday Territorians • Fiscal projection improvements compared to last budget • Measures to support the construction and building industry • Impact of federal spending on consumer price index in the NT • Own-source revenue, including revenue collected under the capped wagering arrangement for betting exchange and sports bookmaker licence holders • Debt management strategies, including the ratio of debt to own-source revenue • Increase in spending on front-line FTE staff • Program Evaluation Unit, including number of evaluations conducted • Structured audit programs in the Department, including number of internal audits, publication of audits, and response to audit recommendations • Budget measures to support economic recovery • Motor Accidence Compensation scheme • Home Grown Territory and Fresh Start grants, including uptake, analysis of uptake, measures to improve uptake in regions, removal of established homes from the scheme, impact on house prices, evaluation of grants, and completion of homes that received grants • Threats to budget projections • Audit-powers of the Auditor-General and risks associated with constraints on independent oversight and capacity • Impact of payroll tax reform • Credit score, including credit rating and rating agencies
<p>Logistics and Infrastructure</p> <p>Housing Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing strategy, including consultation on the strategy • Housing developments, including analysis on additional housing supply needed • Housing construction, including the Housing Australia Future Fund and community housing providers, builds under the Housing Accord and funding from the Commonwealth, urban build rate and trends, and builds under the Social Housing Accelerator • Remote housing program, including funding available for the program, contractor panels for delivery, contractors appointed to panels, work packages and housing projects allocated to panels, houses delivered, and builds at Kilgariff • Variations in infrastructure and capital works expenditure across financial years • Bagot road safety upgrades

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit reviews, including on Bagot Road • Difference in infrastructure program and infrastructure payments and cash • Tanami road transport corridor, including funding and cash allocation • Major capital works program across Departments • Presentation of information in Budget Paper No. 4 • Regional logistics hubs, including completion of business cases • Infrastructure program, including project funding reallocation and reduction, project completion delays and budget overspends, project underspends, impact on local jobs, and return of spend on NT economy • Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre, including project delays and impact risks of delays • Impact of delays on cost of projects, including reduction in project scope to manage cost increases • Funding allocation and expenditure on the Nightcliff jetty, including long-term plans for replacement • Infrastructure funding for Alice Springs • Assessments of existing infrastructure, including long-term safety of operation, long-term climate impacts, construction design standards, climate-resilience in minimum design standards, and retro-fitting existing infrastructure • Remote housing program funding allocation for repair and rebuild following flooding • Measures taken to support construction industry during periods of volatility • Housing rebuild in Daly River • Infrastructure delivery risks, including common risks, management of risks, and collaboration with industry to manage challenges • Road upgrades and sealing, including road project ranking criteria, prioritisation of corridor upgrades, funding and total cost for priority roads, and Wadeye to Peppimenarti route • Funding and estimated expenditure on the Central Arnhem Road, including order of sections and timeframes • Funding and estimated expenditure on the Ramingining link road • Removal of funding for the Phelp River Crossing • Updated Federation Funding Agreement, including business case for the duplication of the Stuart Highway • Highway flood resilience expenditure, including on the Stuart Highway, timeframe for construction, and timeframe for business case completion • 10-year infrastructure program, including publication, funding, commencement, and completion dates • Tiwi Islands road upgrades, including construction date

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic roads package, including rationale for delay to program spend, list of projects, allocated funding and expenditure to date • Perdjert Street upgrade, including tender date and cost • Investment in the Gove Peninsula • Funding for barge landing upgrades, including timeframes • Funding for homeland towns • Funding for upgraded power infrastructure in remote communities • Funding for remote health clinic upgrades and new builds • Middle Arm expenditure, including costs for staff, studies, planning and consultancies, environmental study contracts, business case with Infrastructure Australia, and investment decisions • Government involvement with the D2 data centre • Impact of the changes to the Casuarina Bus Interchange on public transport users • Underground power • Ratio of funding for regional and urban roads • Port Keats road upgrade • Ministerial visits to communities affected by extreme weather events • Regional infrastructure pipeline • Infrastructure strategy and infrastructure plan in pipeline documents, including publication and publication date • Revoted funding in the 2026-27 budget, including total value, government of origin of revote, non-revoted infrastructure projects, methods of reducing revote, and trends in revote • Cancellation of the Alice Springs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery of Australia, including expenditure preceding cancellation, funding split between the NTG and Federal government, termination payments, legal advice sought, penalties or compensation identified, alternative projects, and commitment to the Araluen Arts Centre • Expenditure on detention facility infrastructure, including breakdown across youth detention facilities, occupancy permit increases, modelling of construction requirements for detention facilities, and cost of the master plan
<p style="text-align: center;">Agriculture and Fisheries Recreational Fishing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial engagement with the Aboriginal Land Councils, including number of meetings • Funding for phasing out gillnet fishing, including transitional arrangements, number of sawfish caught in gillnets, monitoring of fish caught in gillnets, cameras on fishing boats, and timeline to reach camera targets • Fisheries compliance funding, including work with the Aboriginal marine rangers, number of ranger groups, intention of fisheries compliance funding, funding for Aboriginal marine ranger groups,

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	<p>new ranger groups, and consultation on changes to marine ranger funding agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine stakeholder engagement • Blue Mud Bay negotiations • Impact of extreme weather events on rural producers, including support measures, number of properties with access to support, eligibility and success of applications, assessments of eligibility, timeframe for support access, alternative support, and Ministerial visits to Douglas Daly and Daly River regions • Climate risk and adaptation strategy, including modelling of climate impacts on primary sector, and climate change influence on decision-making, • Assessment of long term-impacts of policies and investments • Middle Arm development, including modelling on fish stocks and harbour ecosystems, impact on recreational fishing, and research on impacts of potential developments on fisheries • Management of golden snapper stocks • Funding for Aboriginal economic participation in agricultural sector • Animal welfare, including infringement compliance notices, prohibited training devices, and process to issue compliance notices • NT Recreational Fishing Development Plan 2023-33 • Measures to prevent lumpy skin disease entering the NT • Responsibility for long-term sustainability of fish stocks, including statutory powers to prevent harmful activities, compliance of major developments, oversight of environmental impact assessments, and process of approvals for developments
<p>Mining and Energy Renewables</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan River Resources, including government actions, notice of financial mismanagement, monitoring of private sector financial performance and health and safety compliance, monies owed to the NTG, mining remediation levies, support measures for workers, future role of the Department, quantum of security bonds, and fit-and-proper person status • Engagements with other Ministers, including frequency and structure of sub-cabinet meetings • Mining remediation projects, including name and timeframe for completing works, remediation planned, funding in the mining remediation fund, sufficiency of fund value, cost of Rum Jungle remediation, and legacy mine remediations • Sustainable energy projects and development, including reduction in funding or plans or delays, and rationale for revisions • Reduction in funding for emissions reduction through industry development, emissions in reporting period, sustainable energy projects allocated funding and completion date, access to

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	<p>emissions data, emissions consideration when making energy decisions, and climate risk assessments when evaluating projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darwin Energy Hub, including timeline and system plan • Remote power strategy, including funding and timeline • Solar power installation on public housing • Home and community batteries, including community battery delivery timeframe, community battery allocation for Nightcliff, cessation of home battery scheme, battery commitments, and retail electricity tariffs • Breakdown of energy sources, including modelling of cost of sources of electricity, and publication of the system plan • Gas industry, including NTG royalty revenue, government support of the gas industry, concessional payments to INPEX, gas industry employment, value of Beetaloo gas supply contracts, and new contracts with Beetaloo gas suppliers • Mining and energy sector compliance monitoring • Timeframe for Cabinet discussions to be made public
<p>Corrections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctional system, including number of people in custody and community corrections • Recidivism rate, including children and youth, integration of data for tracking youth recidivism, rehabilitation and alternative-to-custody programs, new programs to reduce recidivism, community and external partnerships in youth detention centres, return to youth justice data, and provision of data to the Productivity Commission • Youth programs in Wadeye, including funding, providers and referrals • Youth diversion events, including rates, nights in detention following completion, number of youth referred by sections 39, 65 and 83, children unsuitable for diversion, participation in Elders Visiting Program or the Indigenous mentoring program • Youth bootcamps, including length, types of activities, impact, participation in multiple bootcamps, and number of children per bootcamp • Skill or alternative detention orders, including number of children sentenced and participating in a program or education in youth detention, non-completion rate, and reason for non-completion • Measures of success and evaluation of programs • Youth detention facilities, including number of children detained, rotational lockdowns in Holtze Youth Justice Centre, reason for lockdowns, and average time off block • Positive trends in youth behaviour • Youth in custody with neurological and neurodevelopmental impairments or disabilities, including incomplete diagnoses,

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	<p>number of assessments, timeframe for assessments, and assessment location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of youth in custody, including between Darwin and Alice Springs, across the Territory, cost of transfer, and repatriation costs • Holtze Youth Detention Centre, including number of young people in custody, released on bail, and psychologist staffing • Release process, including for youth, for adults, location of release, drop-offs, release at the Palmerston Bus Interchange, supervision following drop-off, intersection with throughcare, and accommodation provision • Employment pathways, including Sentenced to a Job, evidence of success, funding of prisoner employment in the budget, and Ready to Work program • Throughcare, including youth in custody with throughcare plans, planning, commencement, and coverage of youth on remand • Youth on remand, including access to services and programs • Frontline correctional staff, including total employment, vacancy rate, staffing minimal standards, breach of employment model, frequency of shift vacancies, resignations, recruitment and retention, and impact of recruitment on safety • Corrections partnership with G4S, including employment in correctional centres, costs, complaints process, expansion of G4S to other services, escapee from court, investigations in court escape, and impact on frontline services • Escape from custody, including youth, adults, and regions of escape • Women prisoners, including women kept in men's prisons, detention of women with mental health distress in Alice Springs, Alice Springs prisons, and improvements to management, accommodation and rehabilitation services • Transgender prisoners, including safety and the gender and intersex treatment of prisoners' directive • Healthcare in prison, including responsibility for cost, children placed at risk, and external provision of healthcare • Darwin Transitional Custody Centre, including maximum custody period and number of people held • Corrections infrastructure masterplan, including remand facility in Alice Springs, new prisons, and future projections and growth
<p>People, Sport and Culture Disability Arts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living support for seniors and the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme, including number of concession scheme members, members in remote, regional, and urban communities, card reissuing, value of concession, Jacana prepayment, members in the Mulka and Goyder electorates, remote information and

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<p>Youth, Seniors and Equality</p> <p>Multicultural Affairs</p> <p>Veterans</p>	<p>engagement, renewal, barriers to access, water and sewerage concession eligibility for rural seniors, and funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports voucher scheme, including value, cost of living pressures, and redemption in Fred Pass Reserve • Darwin Youth Hub, including consultation, services in the area, tender, timeline for completion, origin location of submissions, publication of consultation report, transport options and routes, age group access, consultation cost, FTE of staff involved in consultation, Youth Unit staffing, and submission support • Multicultural grants program, including budget, the Katherine multipurpose multicultural centre, specific grants requested and approved and the value of these grants, total number of events and initiatives, application and approval process, rejection of applications, breakdown by region and community, disputes from rejected applicants, and complaints process • Measurement of agency outcomes, including evaluations of the multicultural grant program • Decreases to funding for community engagement and social inclusion • Gender based violence, including funding for preventative activities, allocated programs, and evaluation • Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence prevention activity, including funding received, funding provided, and evaluation • Elder abuse, including preventative funding, response to Darwin Community Legal Service action plan and roadmap, funding for the DCLS elder person abuse outreach model, coverage of DCLS services provided, evaluation, responsibility for coordinating government response, mandatory register for Advanced Personal Plans, rate of elder abuse, extended periods in hospital, engagement with the Minister for Health, funding for specialised legal assistance, adult safeguarding units, oversight of Advanced Personal Plans, and criteria for grants • Definition of multicultural, whether Aboriginal organisations are included, Aboriginal organisation eligibility and application, and changes to the definition • Multicultural hubs • Cost pressures on multicultural festivals, including requests for additional funding, contingency to provide support, support options, and applications to increase grant value • Veterans, including grants for veterans, ex-servicemen organisations in the NT, number of veterans in the NT, funding for veteran repatriation to the NT, employment pathways, Operation Thrive, funding for Operation Thrive, local council applicants to Operation Thrive, response to Royal Commission into Defence

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	<p>and Veteran Suicide, support systems for veterans that served for other countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Roundtable, including cessation of the Alice Springs trip, funding, and breakdown of expenditure • Youth grants and events, including those not related to sport, regional events, and eligible age • Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Territorians, including membership • City of Darwin disability parking • Voluntary Assisted Dying, including information provision and funding support for legislation • NDIS, including government position on access for non-citizens, Federal cuts and number of Territorians impacted, Thriving Kids funding for allied health and early childhood workforce, matched funding, and notification of alleged fraud • Disability services in remote communities, including support for the sector • Systematic safety issues for disabled people, including in the transport sector and a wheelchair accessible taxi incident • Youth with disabilities, including Ministerial responsibility • Gardens, Woodroffe and Gillen Oval upgrade and redevelopment • Remote community sport and recreation programs, including number of sport and recreation positions funded • Learn to Swim vouchers and uptake • Funding for new clubs • Melbourne Football Club games in Alice Springs • Support for PINT Club
<p style="text-align: center;">Health Mental Health Alcohol Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code yellow declaration across Territory hospitals in the reporting period, including breakdown of locations, length of time spent in code yellow, number of deferrals of elective surgeries due to code yellows, process and criteria for activating a Code Yellow, Code Yellow requests not enacted, time for a Code Yellow request to progress to enactment, and transfer of patients interstate because of Code Yellows or capacity issues • Maternity demand and capacity, including funded staff for the Darwin Birth Centre, wait times for ultrasounds in RDH, morphology and nuchal scan availability in RDH, and public system nuchal scans • Remote maternity scans, and costs of ultrasounds in remote communities • Staff qualified to perform water-births at Darwin and Alice Springs Hospitals • Resourcing to support additional births

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for air-conditioning upgrades at maternity and birthing suites across NT Health, including age of existing air-conditioning units • Federal funding for maternity services in the NT, including commitments to the Minister for Health • Staffing levels, including vacant nursing positions in NT Health, number of shifts without required staffing by hospital and remote health clinic, vacant funded medical officer positions, agency nurses in hospitals and remote clinics, expenditure on agency nursing, trends in FTE during the reporting period, number of staff working overtime, and cost of overtime worked • Ambulance ramping events, including when no ambulances are available by region • Vacancy number of midwives • Patients sent interstate for care not offered in the NT, including number, cost and costs invoiced for interstate care from other jurisdictions • Travel for care from remote communities, including number, cost, and services provided • Remote community clinics x-ray capacity • Workforce in remote clinics, including number of remote clinics where services have been reduced or they have closed due to workforce capacity issues, FTE and vacancy rates • Workforce staffing targets, including difference between targets and provision, and strategies to meet targets into the future • Wait times, including for elective surgeries, for a bed following ED admission, and median ED wait time at each hospital, including number of patients waiting longer than 4 hours • Aboriginal employment, including funding for Aboriginal health practitioners and health workers and vacancy rates, Aboriginal liaison officers and interpreters, NAATI qualification, ratio of urban regional, and remote location, embedding of interpreters in hospitals, FTE of interpreters in hospitals, • Healthcare masterplan, including new Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs hospitals and site identification, future of health services, funding for the Executive General Manager of Strategic Healthcare Investment position, lifespan of infrastructure and speciality machinery, funding for the masterplan • Funding for Gove District Hospital • Workforce retention, agency nurses and locums • Palmerston Hospital, including ED admissions, admissions per capita, specialist services available, aged care burden, and hydrotherapy pool • Aged care costs and Federal government responsibility for costs • Mental Health Impairment Unit, including beds, and model of care

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract for safe drinking water, including legislation, remote community water, number of communities at risk, water quality regulation, supply of bottled water, association with renal failure, cost of preventable environmental diseases, and preventative measures • Vaccination rate, including trends, Diphtheria vaccine, age groups, breakdown by regions, continuity of care between remote communities, free meningococcal B vaccine, vaccine hesitancy • Burden of disease • Transfer of remote community clinics to community control, including funding mechanisms • Proportion of health budget on early intervention and preventative health, including modelling of the benefits • Aeromedical retrieval, including adoption of recommendations from the coronial inquest into the death of Mr Marika regarding emergency patient retrieval, resourcing for patient retrieval in Nhulunbuy, and the new contract with RFDS • Residential rehabilitation facility access for alcohol and other drug issues for those in remote communities, including the number of people these programs can support and funding • GP services in Nhulunbuy • Mental health funding, including reduction in budget, time spent waiting specialist mental health beds, intramuscular and intravenous sedations, induced comas, wait-times in nonspecialist settings, bed days unavailable due to correctional officers, forensic and mental health unit funding • Alcohol reform, including rate of presentations in emergency departments and the alcohol roadmap • Mental health legislation reform • Hospital bed capacity, including the new ward
<p style="text-align: center;">Housing, Local Government and Community Development</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Essential Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and affordable housing, including numbers built and location from July 2025 announcement, total stock, new contracts entered into, sale of housing, funding for housing renewal, and building of new housing stock in urban areas • Public housing waitlist, including number of people on the waitlist and wait times. • Review of over-densification of public housing • Maintenance of public housing, including wait times for repairs to be actioned, refurbishment following vacancy, periods vacant while awaiting refurbishment, and longest period of vacancy • Funding for builds on town camps • Redevelopment of Litchfield Court, including provision of security services • Ozanam House relocation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote housing agreement, including targets and delivery, rescoping of the agreement, and land servicing • Remote housing repair and maintenance funding used for regional public housing • Homeland service provision contract length reduction • Funding for homeland from the NTG, including increases to funding aligned with consumer price index • Allocation of housing in remote communities, including splitting clans up • Safety standards of public housing in extreme heat conditions • Proportion of public housing stock vulnerable to climate risks • Cost of providing diesel power • Funding for the de-amalgamation of councils, including designation of Northcrest as a local government area, and feedback on consultation • Removal of power subsidies for local councils, including impact, feedback provided by councils, and the financial cost of removal on councils • Empowering the bush program, including Local Decision-Making agreement expiries and renewals
<p>Lands, Planning and Environment</p> <p>Water Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential and industrial land releases in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, including timeline, affordable housing, and number of additional houses • Future housing needs, including modelling for land release requirements in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Alice Springs, land releases for social and affordable housing, strategies for increasing release, engagement with other Ministers, avoiding fly-in fly out worker camps • NT emissions and climate change, including major drivers of climate change, climate resilience plan, emissions per capita, plan for net zero by 2050, budgeted funding for net zero, KPIs and emissions reduction targets, consultation and research informing the plan • NT container deposit scheme, including awareness and education campaign • Bayview Boulevard development project, including government support, engagement with developers, and reasons for declining applications • Ozanam House redevelopment, including barriers to development • Lee Point and Casuarina coastal reserve, including Lee Point land development plan, Defence Housing project, and funding for suburb infrastructure • NT Planning Commission report on infill development and subdivision, including response to recommendations,

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	<p>consultation, communication plan, and review of existing area plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate risks and extreme weather events, including risk assessment and mitigation • Beetaloo basin, including strategic planning and long-term impact evaluation • Evaluation of projects singularly and wholly, including environmental impact statements, long-term impacts of the Georgina Wiso Water Allocation Plan, and the Lake Woods catchment • Inpex pollutant emissions, including publication of the NT Chief Health Officer review, health risk assessments, air quality monitoring in Darwin, compliance, INPEX self-report, air quality monitoring network expansion and location, mobile monitoring stations, penalties for breaches, and real-time data • Adoption of recommendations in the Ichthys LNG emissions review, including timeframes • Circular Economy, including funding and strategy • Waste management action plans, including outcomes • PFAS levels in waterways, including PFAS effected sites, monitoring, litigation, cost, timeframe of review, Shiers Street, and concentration trends and data for Rapid Creek and Ludmilla Creek • Environmental regulation funding • On-shore gas regulation, including environment management plans, advice from NTEPA regarding on-shore gas projects, breaches of plans, prosecutions, and location of breaches • Environmental assessments for Santos appraisal wells at Tanumbirini Station, including Federal inconsistency or override • Requests for advice from NTEPA, proactive advice, engagement with the Chair of the NTEPA, and conflict of interests reporting and management • Heritage Council legislation, including consultation on Opposition amendment • Waterfowl bag limits of geese and ducks, including impact of flooding on waterfowl populations and aerial population surveys • Salvage IT system • Water management, including commitments under the National Water Initiative and National Water Agreement, Territory Water plan, actions completed under the plan, Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan consultation, changes resulting from consultation, and environmental assessments of impacts • Western Davenport Water Control District, including evidence supporting tree destruction

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal waterway reserve legislation, including access, applications and benefits, barriers, and engagement with Aboriginal organisations • Buffel grass management plan, including funding, permits for planting, import, or purchase, and pastoral use • Aboriginal ranger grants program, including funding and support • Kilgariff Estate, including number of lots sold • Assessments of industrial and residential development in Katherine • Land release around Palmerston, including the new suburb of Asche • Funding to Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority • Authority certificates, transfer of certificates, consultation with traditional owners, Bremer Island (Dhambaliya) certificate transfer, date of issue for original certificates, fit for purpose review of certificates as part of transfer process, and assessment of compliance of use or works under the certificate • Development around sacred site at Darwin waterfront, including current holder and registered parties on certificate • Prosecutions under the Sacred Sites Act, including specific instances and extent of damage, and damage thresholds for enforceable undertakings or prosecutions • AAPA membership of the NT Heritage Council • Cost of authority certificates and issuing of certificates, including waiving of fees
<p style="text-align: center;">Education and Training Early Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truancy and school attendance program, including breakdown of staff and administration costs, compliance notices issued and upheld, fines issued and revoked, process where the legal guardian is the CEO of Children and Families, total fines collected, income management resulting from truancy, evidence basis for policy, reasons for fine revocation, re-integration following long-term absence, attendance team and financial barriers to attendance, impact and evaluation of success, evaluation framework, use of allocated funding, staffing and staffing location, and number of schools that attendance officers are responsible for in the Top End • Enrolment in government and non-government schools • Trends in school attendance by region, including pop-up schools in 2026, notified absences, English-second-language attendance rates, number of students in the 60-80% attendance range, and primary school attendance • Aboriginal and non-aboriginal early childcare and education enrolment and attendance, including targets and achievement • Administration burden on teachers • Reduction of violence in schools, including against teaching staff

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better and Fairer Schools, including conditions and penalties for not meeting attendance targets, outcomes expected of the NT, and progress against outcomes • Disability support in schools, including funding available to the education system from commonwealth, NT, and grant sources, funding allocation method, number of students enrolled with disabilities, school age children with disabilities not enrolled, disabled student attendance rates, suspensions of disabled students, numbers of inclusion advisors, speech, vision and hearing therapists, and behaviour coaches employed, base rate in student needs funding formula, and determination of the base rate • National anthem, including anthem language • Transition from middle schools, including funding, progress and enrolments at Dripstone, Nightcliff, and Driver schools and additional teaching resources upon expansion • \$20 million whole of government savings made in the Department, including whether there have been any reductions or cuts to specific programs, and specific efficiencies identified • Remote Aboriginal Teacher Education program, including number of participants, participant targets, funding, evaluation of the program, students completing the program, and breakdown of RATE student employment by the DET and school council employees • Early childcare, including funding from NTG, funding to meet the national quality standards, and trends in achieving national quality standards • QECNT reassessment, including eligible services, rating increases, services not changed, number of compliance notices, and approval cancellation Curriculum control, including funding requirements, shaping education for the NT, and local influence • Thriving Kids, including embedding in school and early childhood services, implementation where childcare is unavailable, implementation strategy, additional FTE needed, and evaluation • Early childhood education, including site visits and notifications, reporting, prosecutions, remote and regional centres, and scope for the National Quality Framework • Preschool, including enrolments, attendance rate, trends, reportable incidents, and cost and subsidisation • Retention in remote areas, including principal turnover at Milikapiti School, and personal leave and permanent replacement • Remote swim programs, including extensive travel requirements, use of hotel pools, cost and funding, and use of schools' global budget

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilingual education, including funding, policy regarding the year 1 phonics and NAPLAN testing in years 3 and 5, policy for bilingual/English testing, funding for Kriol resources, improvement of attendance rates, and support for non-Kriol speaking staff in communities • Commonwealth funding for identified students, and census day and missed funding • Teacher vacancies, including recruitment costs, funding for new school staff recruitment, and vacancies in non-government schools • Funding for English as Second Language students • Public school NTCET and ATAR achievement • New rural high school in Darwin region • Completion through years 7 to 12, including students starting but not completing year 12, and tracking and comparing educational outcomes between public and non-government schools • Number of international students in public schools • Tertiary education funding
Public Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public sector wages, CPI, and wage growth • Legal expenses associated with Corrections enterprise agreement negotiations • Midwife and nurse enterprise agreement negotiations • NTPS code of conduct, complaints, and breaches of the code of conduct
Trade, Business and Asian Relations Workforce Development Advance Manufacturing International Education, Migration and Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTBAR budget decrease, including reduction in programs or projects, cessation of advanced manufacturing grants, and advanced manufacturing investments • Private sector pipeline, including final investment decisions, detail of projects listed in the annual report, and additions to the pipeline • July 2025 Investment Summit, including outcomes, cost of the Summit, local participation, bilateral market engagement, value-add of keynote speakers, meetings with key-note speakers, consideration of lobbyist rules and registers in association with key-note speakers, KPIs and acquittal of grant to the Darwin Major Business Group for running the Summit, cost of payments for keynote speakers, and checks and balances regarding lobbying at the Summit • Approvals Fast Track Taskforce: Saying Yes to Business report, including number of recommendations implemented • Migration, including nomination and visa approval, visa holder economic contribution to the NT, and engagement with Federal government to facilitate a visa policy that works for the NT • Local procurement, including breakdown of interstate and overseas procurement, breakdown of tier values, local procurement for each tier, procurement complaints received and

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	<p>upheld, contracts changed or retendered, and Alice Springs and Darwin Procurement Roundtables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Business Program, including cessation of Biz Secure and funding for Biz Secure • Businesses in homelands, including grant allocation and support for homeland businesses of any kind • ICNNT, including securing major projects, and verification of local capability for procurement • Aboriginal Business Development grant program, including cessation, previous funding, value of grants provided, and number of grants provided • Jobs and business on country initiative, including funding breakdown • Reporting on grant recipients • Aboriginal procurement expenditure • NT Indigenous Business Network office, including move in location, cost of move, and cost of the peppercorn lease • Population growth, including target, measures of growth, monitoring, and workforce attraction targets and growth • NT Build performance • Impact of payroll tax reform • Interstate and international trips, including cost of staff travel, staff travel costs to Dili, and Ministerial allowance claims • Aviation connectivity, including measures to strengthen, regional connectivity, and measures to stimulate activity during the transition seasons • International students, including support for international students and education providers
<p>Children and Families</p> <p>Child Protection</p> <p>Prevention of Domestic Violence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifications to central intake, including total notifications and total children, breakdown by age, harm types, substantiations, family violence involvement, timeframes for investigations, number of investigations, investigation priority, and priority one investigations related to toddlers • Strengthening Families cases • Child protection caseloads, cases not currently assigned to a lead case manager, children with a care plan, staff vacancy rates, policies regarding ideal caseload, and average caseload at full staffing levels • Long-term parental responsibility orders • Children in foster care and other care arrangements, including budget for home-based care, foster care and kinship care • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care, including placement with family/kinship/foster care, non-Indigenous care, and Department referrals to Aboriginal carer services

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive therapeutic residential care for high needs children, including cost and region • Foster and kinship carers, including growth of carers, training and support, FKCANT referrals, FKCANT funding, recruitment in remote communities, assessment, and financial support for carers • Intersection of youth justice and child protection involvement, including children in detention with notifications to the Department, substantiations, and disclosure in detention • Safety and wellbeing concerns made to the Department, including number of children • Care plans, including 15-to-17-year-olds with active care plans and children leaving care with a completed care plan • Care register development • Assessment of foster carers and kinship carers, including financial support • Support and compensation for children abused whilst in government care • Circuit breaker program, including referrals for adults and children, budget, and evaluation of the program • Child deaths in care • Domestic and Family Violence strategy, including service delivery in regions, and DFSV education and prevention programs for boys and young men • Palmerston co-responder model • Coronial inquest into the deaths of 4 Aboriginal women, including funding for early intervention programs and implementation of recommendations • Domestic violence, including revictimisation of women who are victims of domestic violence, unmet demand for crisis services, establishment of a peak body, funding, consultation and membership • Homelessness, including youth in emergency accommodation services/Maloerroe-ma Pathway Program
Attorney-General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters outsourced or briefed to external counsel, including cost • Victims of crime support services, including closure of the Alice Springs office, rationale for closure, victim support, long-term funding for organisations, funding timeframes, service statistics, intensive case management pilot program evaluation, compensation given to victims, new programs, updating victims on progress of matters, and CatholicCare services • Aboriginal Justice Agreements, including outstanding agreements, timeframe for completion, funding, alternative-to-custody program funding and participant completion in Alice Springs and Groote Eylandt, requirements for completion, court

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	<p>ordered and community-based referrals, removal from the budget papers, and KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships between community justice groups and the Department and other agencies, including cross-agency approach, partnerships, program evaluation and their terms of reference, and timeline for evaluation • Ministerial engagement, including with with law and justice groups, remote Aboriginal communities, and Central Australian groups • Aboriginal Justice Unit, including FTE staff • Funding for law and justice groups, including in the Mulka electorate • West Daly Peace Project, including funding, peace-making and mediation support • Mandatory sentencing reform, including influencing on guilty pleas, number of mandatory sentences, and increase in Supreme Court trials • Legal services expenditure, including NAAJA and Legal Aid NT • Legal Aid NT, including baseline funding, additional funding, requests for additional funding, funding necessary for resumption of full services, NAAJA referrals, criminal legal representation services, criminal law duty law services, withholding of additional funding, funding agreement negotiation, and government response to Federal engagement • Defendants without access to legal assistance or representation, including NT Supreme Court decision to indefinitely stay hearings, impact of decision, delays to courts, engagement with frontline legal services providers, Treasurer's advance, number through the legal system, and current applications that may go unrepresented • Revictimisation of women who are victims of domestic violence • 10-12 year olds in the justice system, including number of 10 year olds, incarceration sentences, and remanded in custody and found guilty • DVO applications • Local court, including wait time for a criminal matter to be finalised • Ramraid offences, including numbers sentenced, posting and boasting charges, and convictions • Bail law reform, including numbers of people who applied for and were denied bail • Guilty pleas • Severity of offences, including evaluation of trends of severity, publication of data, and severity of assaults against a person or violent acts • Property damage offences in Palmerston and the Northern Suburbs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and analysis, including differences between police and court statistics, police attendance and logging of data, and extraction of data from SerPro • Offences charged by police, lodged in the local court, and resulting in guilty findings • Bail, including total number of people on bail, electronic monitoring as bail conditions, cost and capacity of electronic monitoring • Higher court, including matters through, matter before, and listed matters • Lower court, including matters through, matters before, listed matters, youth court pleading guilty, wait time for matter to be heard, and longest wait period • High court ruling of damages on the Binsaris case, including expenditure defending the case • Budget for community justice centre • NTCAT, including applications against social housing tenants by DHLGCD and social housing providers, orders against social housing tenants by DHLGCD, applications against the DHLGCD and social housing providers by social housing tenants, trends, total in reporting period, termination of tenancies resulting in homelessness, breakdown of outcomes, and number of bond disputes • Director of Public Prosecutions, including staff employment, vacancy rate, staff located in Katherine, conviction rate, charges laid by police broken down by guilty findings and withdrawn, and early resolution of family violence matters • TIG-ER Taskforce impact • Anti-Discrimination Commission, including consultation on bills and advice provided, concerns raised by Commission to the Minister, and complaints received regarding NTCAT housing proceedings • Children's Commissioner, including advice provided by the Commissioner to the Minister, own-initiative inquiries published and unpublished, and information reports to the Children's Commissioner • Consumer Affairs, including fuel price modelling • Liquor Commission, including Palmerston licences • NT Worksafe, including fireworks for Territory day
<p>Tourism and Hospitality</p> <p>Major Events</p> <p>Racing</p> <p>Parks and Wildlife</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism NT and NT Major Events merger, including budget prior to merge, benefits of merger, and measures of success • Budget for tourism industry development, destination marketing, and events, including breakdown of screen and grant component • Responsibility for aviation attraction funding • Breakdown of increase to total agency funding

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Economy Strategy, including funding for action plans, KPIs for action plans, and internal action plan KPIs • AFL in Darwin and Alice Springs
Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing in of the Administrator, including costs to the DLA, security costs, and cost recovery to DCMC • Parliament front lawn, including policies regarding use, decline of request to hold a rally during the Administrator’s swearing in, advice received by the Speaker, liaison with NTPF and DCMC, boundary of Speaker’s responsibilities between Parliamentary forecourt and Chan Lawns, and funding of events in Parliament House • Events hosted by the Opposition on the parliamentary precinct • Committee inquiry costs, including Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying, FTE of staff, budget breakdown, consultancy costs, and overtime • MLA misconduct, including measures to protect parliamentary staff, and resolution process • Cost of recalling parliament for a day in April 2025 • Daily cost of running parliament during sittings • Maintenance costs of Parliament House, including number of lights replaced, procurement of the lighting of the outside of Parliament House and cost • Number of school tours • Regional sittings in Central Australia • Electorate office security upgrades, including progress, strategy, timeline for completion, and trends in security issues • Policy regarding attendees to Parliament on parole, electronic monitoring, or community-based orders, including declining access for groups for these matters • Research services for MLAs
Power and Water Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community battery program, including status and next steps, pilot battery status, funding and location, cost-benefit ratio, location selection and announcement, impact of removal of 2030 emissions target, network difference between the NT and other jurisdictions, solar penetration impact on grid stability, need for additional firming prior to additional solar, and funding optimisation regarding investment into community batteries • Long-term modelling of cheapest energy sources for the NT, including future energy sources and updates to network models • Investments and contractual commitments in gas, including proportion of capital investments in gas, cost of loss of Blacktip gas, future gas supply from Blacktip, total Blacktip contract value, initial intention for Blacktip gas supply, ownership of pipeline construction cost, and impact of gas challenges on cost-benefit evaluation of renewables

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart meters, including transfer of data to Jacana and billing issues, apology for hardship caused, consideration of compensation, applicability of hardship exemptions, and briefings to the Minister and advice received • Power and Water exemptions to proactively contact remote pre-payment customers with hardship issues, specific work to address challenges identifying customers with hardship, Pirlangimpi power station incident, compensation, and timeline for station repair • Darwin Energy Hub, including reasons for excluding costs, unresolved issues, operation of the site, and connection of large-scale solar networks • Territory Water Plan, including impact of lack of funding and advice to government • Analog and digital technology and processes, including pin-board tracking of network status • Underground power, including costs, future plans, and priority locations and suburbs • Data centre developments, including impact, modelling and risks of increases to load • Water pressure reduction devices in Palmerston, including consultation • Local procurement, including percentage and reasons for non-local procurement
<p style="text-align: center;">Jacana Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average power bill, by region, power bill defaults, costs across years, Federal guarantee of lower power bills, engagement or correspondence with Federal government • Stay Connected hardship program, including number of customers supported, average debt of those supported, period on hardship program, additional initiatives to reduce debt and disconnections, and reasons for entering program • Community batteries, including role of Jacana • Billing, including complaints, findings of billing errors, disconnections while disputes unresolved, notification of smart meter billing issues, rationale for substantive billing following issues without relief, proactive engagement with customers, number of customers affected, public explanation of cause of issues, process for customers with bill-shock and options for relief, and forgiveness when meters are incorrect • Partnership with NT Concession Scheme, including eligibility awareness in remote communities • User-friendliness of billing systems, including payment by phone • Power-purchase agreements, including renewables, wholesale prices, future plan for renewables procurement, and barriers to growth of alternative generation sources • Gas supply, including advice to government regarding risks

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<p style="text-align: center;">Territory Generation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries, including battery cost savings, emissions reductions, timeframes for completion, community batteries, role of community and hub batteries, and modelling of large-scale battery storage needed for net zero • Darwin Energy Hub, including role of Territory Generation • Projects approved by the Shareholding Minister, projects in business case development, capacity and output of projects, and need for synchronous condenser • Cancellation of 50% emission reduction target, including impact on Territory Generation • Long-term modelling of cheapest energy sources, publication of modelling, modelling firmed power, long-term planning of investment decisions, modelling of high-renewable energy scenarios, least-cost pathways to maintain reliability and security, and advice to government on different pathways • Gas, including costs, gas as a proportion of total generation, investment in gas, previous investment influence on future decision-making, stability of on-shore gas, and ongoing need for gas • Large-scale solar farms, including anticipated commencement dates, planned investment, and size of planned investments • Forecast life on current assets, in Alice Springs, in Darwin, and Ron Goodin power station • Updating power-system model for Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine, and Palmerston grids • New gas turbine, including status, timeframe, cost, and role of turbine • Emissions reduction measurement, including method, prior and expected emissions, incorporation of emissions in investment decisions, and emissions pricing in business cases • Remote power stations, including capacity, reliability, and planned works • Maintenance costs, including drivers of increased costs, breakdown of costs, and higher than expected maintenance costs • Direct-connection customers and grid-connected proponents, including need for additional funding, and required decisions from the Shareholding Minister • Debt structure, including current position and projections, Federal financing opportunities, clean-energy projects financed, concessional financing, and Rewiring the Nation • Fuel costs, including estimations of change, management of cost increases, reliability, days of diesel supply, expenditure on additional inventory and fuel storage, supply availability, support from the Federal government, and projected financial impact of elevated costs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPIs, including most challenging KPIs • Role in energy transition
Auditor-General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditor-General independence, including risks and issues, consequences of inability to conduct performance audits, audits unable to be initiated, follow-the-dollar audits requested by Ministers, follow-the-dollar audits, and inclusion in the Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commission • Entities subject and not subject to Auditor-General audit of financial statements • Oversight of the Auditor-General, including shift away from Parliament to the Inspector of the Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commission and legislative amendments • Budget of the Auditor-General, including budget setting and methods to make budget independent of executive • Costs of audits, including alignment with budget appropriations, risks of increasing audit costs, and selection of entities removed from audit program



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