

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Treasurer:

Shared Services

Please advise why the method in which Shared Services provided to other departments are accounted for and recorded, has been changed this financial year.

RESPONSE

Commencing from the 2018 Budget, agencies were required to report all services received free of charge from the Department of Corporate and Information Services and, where applicable, other shared services received from other agencies, under a Shared Services Received output within the Corporate and Governance output group. These expenses were previously allocated across each agency's operating output groups and were not transparently reported.

This approach does not affect the budget outcome, nor does it reduce agencies' ability to deliver services within each output. It simply consolidates these costs under a single output.

The change was implemented to improve the comparability of corporate and governance expenditure and ensure the consistent reporting of shared services within each agency.