

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Public Employment

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

1. Why has the OCPE Budget blown out by over \$1.3 million over 04/05?
2. Please provide detail where these blowouts occurred?
3. Why are you planning to slash the budget by almost \$1 million this financial year - what have they done wrong?
4. What services and advice will be cut because of the Budget slash?

ANSWER

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment does not have a budget blow out. The \$1.296 variation is attributed to one off adjustments including the establishment costs for NT Build, NTGPASS Test Case, and revenue collected in advance for programs such as the Public Sector Management and Executive Management and Leadership Development Programs. In addition, and like other agencies, OCPE received a number of budget variations throughout the year.

Question 1

	2004-05 Budget		
	Opening \$'000	Closing \$'000	Variation \$'000
OCPE	8,028	9,324	1,296

Question 2

The variation of the \$1.296 million is attributed to the following:

One off's	
• Establishment costs for the NT Build	\$646,000
• NTGPASS Test Case	\$ 25,000
• Use of Balances for unearned revenue	\$256,000
. Executive Development Program	\$70,000
. Public Sector Management Program	\$170,000
. Leadership Development Program	\$16,000
• DCIS Notional Charges	\$187,000
• EBA 5% increase	\$ 72,000
• Other (including parameters and other Goods And Services Revenue)	\$110,000

Total

\$1,296,000

Question 3

The question does not make sense and appears to be based on a misunderstanding of the budget papers.

Question 4

No services will be cut in 2005/06. The question appears to have been prompted by a misunderstanding of the budget papers.