

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Treasurer and Minister for Business; Employment and Training; Local Government and Regions; Defence Industries and Community Support; Alcohol Policy; and Corporate and Information Services

#### Ministerial Communications, Staffing and Certificates of Exemption Business; Employment and Training; Defence Industries and Community Support; and Alcohol Policy

1. For all departments, agencies and authorities you are responsible for, please detail as of 1 July 2013 and as of 1 July 2014:
  - a. total staffing numbers
  - b. total staffing numbers by FTE
  - c. a breakdown by classification and level
  - d. by classification and level, the number of permanent employees
  - e. by classification and level, the number temporary employees.

Classification	Total FTE		Permanent		Temporary	
	July - 2013	March 2014	July - 2013	March 2014	July - 2013	March 2014
AO1	1	1	1	1		
AO2	10	7	7	6	3	1
AO3	18	19	14	14	4	5
AO4	41	45	34	36	7	9
AO5	24	26	23	24	1	2
AO6	72	81	69	79	3	2
AO7	38	36	38	35		1
AQ3SA	1	1			1	1
AQF3A	1	2			1	2
EO1C	14	15	1		13	15
EO2	1		1			
EO2C	5	5			5	5
EO3	1		1			
EO3C	1	2			1	2
EO4C	2	3			2	3
EO5C	1	1			1	1
Grad		2				2
PH2	1	1	1	1		
PH3	1	1	1	1		
PH3R						
SAO1	34	39	32	37	2	2
SAO2	12	14	11	12	1	2
SBA						
SP2	1	1	1	1		
T4	6	7	6	7		
T5	4	4	4	4		
T6	1	1	1	1		

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>
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2. Have you or any of your Ministerial Staff engaged in formal or informal communications with L and B MacFarlane (or their representatives) concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction license? If so:

ANSWER: Not relevant

- a. Which Ministers and Ministerial Advisers have engaged in the communications?
- b. What was the substance of the communications?
- c. When did the communications take place?

3. Have you or any of your Ministerial staff engaged in formal or informal communications with Peter Maley (or his representatives) concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction license? If so:

ANSWER: Not relevant

- a. Which Ministers and Ministerial Advisers have engaged in the communications?
- b. What was the substance of the communications?
- c. When did the communications take place?

4. For each Government Agency and Authority how many Certificates of Exemption were issued in 2013/14? For each Certificate of Exemption:

- a. What is the description of the goods and services contracted?
- b. What is the value of the goods and services contracted?
- c. Why was the Certificate of Exemption required?
- d. Who recommended the Certificate of Exemption?
- e. Who approved the Certificate of exemption?
- f. Who was awarded the contract?

[Please refer to the following table.](#)

What is the description of the goods and services contracted?	What is the value of the goods and services?	Why was the Certificate of Exemption required?	Who was the contract awarded to?
<p>Tennant Creek - Consultancy - Development of a draft Alcohol Management Plan.</p> <p>The Alcohol Policy and Strategy Division require the services of a suitably qualified Consultant to develop an initial draft Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) for the community of Tennant Creek.</p>	\$50,000.00	<p>The minimum 3 quotes are unable to be obtained because of the lack of available market capacity. The consultancy requires specialist expertise, including knowledge and experience in applying the AMP requirements under the <i>Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act</i>, including the rules - AMP Minimum Standards.</p>	CDC Consulting Alice Springs
<p>Provision of Content Management System for a Period of 12 Months.</p> <p>The Department of Business requires a Content Management System (CMS) solution that will enable greater functionality, scalability and improved communication efficiencies between the Department of Business and its clients.</p>	\$72,270.00	<p>There are no resellers of the recommended product (SiteCore) and the software can only be purchased directly from SiteCore through their Australian office located in Brisbane.</p>	Sitecore Australia Pty Limited
<p>Darwin - Consultancy - Review of NT Workers Compensation Scheme.</p> <p>The Department of Business requires a consultant to review the Workers Compensation Scheme in the Northern Territory.</p>	\$173,250.00	<p>There are a limited number of persons in Australia with the necessary expertise to perform this consultancy and only one known to have any exposure to the Northern Territory. The consultant must have an intimate working knowledge and direct experience with the NT Scheme to give credibility to the recommendations.</p>	Georou Pty Ltd & CrossInnovate Consulting
<p>Darwin - Provision of software and maintenance for the Australian Business Licence Information Service, Business Information Kits and the Planning Scheme Business Information Finder for a period of 36 months. The supplier is required to collect and maintain the Northern Territory and Local Government content in the ABLIS and BIKs, using the Commonwealth Government supplied Content Management System (CMS) or web services to deliver licence information, permits and forms, information on licences permits and forms, and Northern Territory mandatory Codes of Practice.</p>	\$480,000.00	<p>In 1992 the Department of Industries and Development signed a 20 year licence agreement with Human Solutions Pty Ltd for the use of Business Licence Information Service (BLIS). Human Solutions Pty Ltd own the intellectual property rights on the BLIS software and the maintenance of the Northern Territory licence data. Human Solutions Pty Ltd have been contracted to the Department of Business for over 20 years to maintain the Commonwealth, state/territory and local government licences, permits, registrations and Codes of Practice through a single entry point (BLIS). BLIS is registered on the Business Application Register as Business Critical. The services to be provided are exempt from procurement requirements under a standing exemption (PR8N – renewal of ongoing software maintenance and licensing agreements).</p>	Human Solutions Pty Ltd