

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Minister for Renewables and Energy, Minister for Environment, Minister for Water Security, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Essential Services – for all agencies falling under the Ministers' portfolios.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Notes:

The following questions can be answered from existing Agency data as at 31 March 2021. Please include a note if a response is affected by Machinery of Government changes following the General Election in August 2020.

You have previously referred questions requiring a Whole of Government response to the Minister responsible at a time that enables a response within the same timeframe as the remainder of the questions.

Further, you have previously inserted the question at the beginning of each answer.

My Office would be very grateful if these practices are continued.

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as at 31 March 2021:

Category	Number
Total Full Time Equivalent	182.1
<i>Break-up:</i>	
1. Ongoing Full Time	143.5
2. Ongoing Part Time	3.6
3. Fixed Term Full Time	16
4. Fixed Term Part Time	0
5. Casual Contract	0
6. Executive Contract	19

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

Answer:

Position Classification	Number of Staff
ECM	8
EO1C	6
EO2C	2
EO3C	2
EO6C	1
T1ACS	5
T2ACS	7.4
T3ACS	22.8
T3PR	7.75
T4PR	3
T4SMA	11.8
TGTS	2.6
TOPER	9
TOPMA	37.75
TSOPE	22
TSTC	14
TSTS	2
TTC	3
TTRAD	15
Grand Total	182.1

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as at 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Category	Number
Resigned	14
Made Redundant	2
Terminated	0
Unattached	0
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	0

3. Please advise the number of staff who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as at 31 March 2021

Answer:

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 at 31 March 2021 and as a percentage of the Agency total employment.

Answer:

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	0	0

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

Answer:

Not applicable

5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through employment agency arrangements, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as at 31 March 2021. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Answer:

Number Engaged	Purpose	Duration	Cost
1	HR Business Partner – Placement Fee	Once off fee	\$14726.09
1	Manager People & Capability	Once off fee	\$47857.26

6. Please advise how many **locums** have been employed, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as at 31 March 2021. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Answer:

Not applicable

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Answer:

37

(b) Of the total number advertised above, how many positions had Special Measures applied?

Answer:

None

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

Answer:

Not applicable

OUTSOURCING

8. For the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.

Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise in financial year 2021/22? If so, provide details.

Answer:

None. No functions are under consideration to be outsourced.

LEGAL EXPENSES

9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021? Provide details on:
- The matter(s) (designate which ones are finalised and which ones are ongoing)
 - The amount paid by matter
 - The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged

Answer:

Territory Generation is a commercial operating business, and as such the details and terms of each matter are both commercial-in-confidence and have the potential to prejudice the interests of Territory Generation, and in turn, the Northern Territory. We can, however, confirm the expenditure for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021 on legal advice and related expenses for a variety of commercial matters has been \$2,274,615.03 (ex GST).

PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

10. For the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) that have been obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:
- Purpose
 - Cost
 - Person or entity engaged

- d) 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)
- e) Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
- f) Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy
- g) Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken

Answer: Total \$81,160

a)	Sadadeen Valley BESS - Review of the connection agreement and services being delivered vs what was requested.
b)	\$4,641
c)	ABB Power Grid
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Report on the potential root cause of the BESS tripping
g)	Request for Quotation issued before work done

a)	Consultancy to define and develop 'Good practice standard'
b)	\$13,569
c)	Assetivity
d)	Perth
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Written report and a verbal presentation given to relevant personnel.
g)	Request for Quotation issued before work done.

a)	BDO audit on Electricity Industry Performance report 2019/2020
b)	\$20,200
c)	BDO Audit
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Report received
g)	Request for Quotation issued before work done.

a)	SOE Audit and Vulnerability Assessment
b)	\$42,750
c)	Content Security
d)	North Ryde NSW
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Assessment report received

g)	Request for Quotation issued before work done.
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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 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021 as follows:

Answer:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
10	6

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

Answer:

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria	Comment
Provision of Parts and Services for Pielstick and Mirrlees Reciprocating Engines	Pacific Power	Pakenham VIC	Limited Tender	Specialised equipment
ICT infrastructure hardware maintenance	New Page	Preston NSW	Public tender	
Lease of Load Bank for Owen Springs Power Station	UON	Malaga WA	Limited Tender	Specialised equipment
Supply of BioKem Varnish Removal Unit	BioKem	Cleveland QLD	Limited Tender	Specialised equipment
RGPS - Internal inspection of RGPS water bath heater	Gasco	Bayswater VIC	Limited Tender	Specialised service
Fire tube replacement of Water Bath Heater at Ron Goodin Power Station	Gasco	Bayswater VIC	Limited Tender	Specialised equipment and service

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Answer:

One (1) public procurement activity was undertaken above Tier 3 (\$200k +) from 1 July 2020 and ending 31 March 2021. Provision of apprenticeships period contract for 60 months.

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 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Answer:

Two (2) procurement activities were undertaken without public quotation above Tier 3 (\$200k +) from 1 July 2020 and ending 31 March 2021.

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?

Answer: 15:

- HQC016-20
 - Gas Type B Training Delivery
 - \$200,000
 - There are no local companies currently offering this training in the NT.
 - Learning and Development manager
 - General Manager Finance and Corporate Services approved this action.
- OSG045-20
 - Lease of Load Bank for Owen Springs Power Station
 - \$1,072,005
 - Due to time critical nature of installing a load bank, Territory Generation sourced availability and pricing from the market to secure and appropriately sized and capable load bank on rental arrangements.
 - Project Steering Group for System Black corrective actions
 - Chief Executive Officer

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021:

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

Answer:

Nil

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

Answer:

Nil

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

Answer:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

19. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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, and television station or similar?
- 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?

Answer:

Nil

TRAVEL

20. 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 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021 broken down to:

- a) International Travel
- b) Interstate Travel
- c) Intrastate Travel

Answer 20 a) International Travel:

\$0

Answer 20 b) Interstate Travel:

\$15,546.68 = Flights \$8,824.69 Accommodation \$6,178.23 Travel Allowance/Incidentals \$543.76

Answer 20 c) Intrastate Travel:

\$436,938.72 = Flights \$98,871.02 Accommodation \$218,778.95 Travel Allowance/Incidentals \$74,479.67 Car Rental \$44,809.08

21. 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.

Answer: NIL

22. 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 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Nil

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

23. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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?

Answer:

Nil

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

24. Please detail expenditure on grants, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Nil

25. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Name of Recipient	Actual 2020-21	Anticipated 2021-22
Engineers Australia	31,000	31,000
Total	31,000	31,000

26. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2021/22 financial year?

Answer:

N/A

27. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

Answer:

Donation of \$500 to Foodbank NT in lieu of sending corporate Christmas cards.
Donation of three aviation headsets (total approx. value \$3,750) to Angel Flights NT.

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

28. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 28 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

29. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 29 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

30. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 30 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

31. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, for what purpose, the cost and why a Territory firm was not chosen.

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 31 will be provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

32. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by each Department for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Answer:

\$56,010

33. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by each Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Answer:

A whole-of-government response to Question 33 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

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

Answer:

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

FEES AND CHARGES

35. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2020/21 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges was increased following the passage of the 2020/21 financial year budget.

Answer:

Nil

INTERNAL AUDITS

36. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Answer:

Two internal audits and nil financial investigations conducted during the relevant period.

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

Answer:

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
Work Health and Safety Audit - Deloitte	To evaluate the adequacy of key policies, procedures and controls in place to manage WHS risk, particularly around responsibilities, risk management, consultation, communication and incident management
Board Reporting Audit - Deloitte	To support TGen in its revision of Board reporting by providing better practice guidance on how Board reporting can be improved to enhance oversight and enable informed decisions. The review included making recommendations for improvement where identified.

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

Answer:

NIL

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

39. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2020/21, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed from last year
- b) The current members and when they were appointed
- c) The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2020/21 financial year
- d) The itemised total cost incurred by the Board during the 2020/21 financial year

Answer:

- Territory Generation Board
- Board Audit and Risk Committee
- Board People, Safety and Environment Committee

a) The Terms of Reference, if changed from last year

Answer:

No change to all three Terms of Reference from last year

b) The current members and when they were appointed

Answer:

Dennis Bree, Christine Charles, Richard Galton. All appointed 22 December 2017

c) The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2020/21 financial year

Answer:

Total = \$163,638

d) The itemised total cost incurred by the Board during the 2020/21 financial year

Answer:

Total = \$166,099 (including remuneration)

40. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Fifteen (15)

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

41. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced during the 2020/21 financial year, 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

Answer:

NIL

- a) The Terms of Reference

Answer:

Not applicable

- b) The criteria for selection of all panel members

Answer:

Not applicable

- c) The composition, qualifications and state or territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry

Answer:

Not applicable

- d) The cost of the review/inquiry

Answer:

Not applicable

- e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry

Answer:

Not applicable

- f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly

Answer:

Not applicable

- g) If not completed when this is expected

Answer:

Not applicable

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

42. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Nil

43. Please detail the number of stress related matters and claims for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Answer:

Nil

REGIONAL OFFICES

44. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved in the 2020/21 financial year. What are the locations for which they are responsible?

Answer:

	Operational	Administrative	Outcome achieved	Total Personnel Expenditure
Katherine	3.55		Operated Power Station	\$ 507,265.32
Tennant Creek	6		Operated Power Station	\$ 691,066.22
Alice Springs	40.47		Operated Power Station	\$ 5,514,586.37
Yulara	3		Operated Power Station	\$ 513,489.95