

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Eva Lawler

Portfolio: Treasurer

Agency: Department of Treasury and Finance

Subject: Public service full-time positions in March 2019

QUESTION: How many public service full-time equivalent positions were there in March 2019 when the Langoulant budget repair report was tabled?

ANSWER: The Northern Territory Public Service full-time equivalent March 2019 quarter average was 21,423.

Note:

Staffing caps were originally applied across the Northern Territory Public Service in February 2019 and remained in place with release of *A Plan for Budget Repair* was released in April 2019.

In February 2021, government replaced agency FTE caps with caps on labour expenses as part of measures to strengthen budget accountability (ECO caps were retained).

New programs to implement government strategies and objectives may include additional staffing in conjunction with budget decisions including Commonwealth of externally funded positions.