



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT**

**Tuesday 11 June 2019**  
**Wednesday 12 June 2019**  
**Thursday 13 June 2019**  
**Monday 17 June 2019**  
**Tuesday 18 June 2019**  
**Wednesday 19 June 2019**

The Estimates Committee examined the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill (2019-2020) and the Statements of Corporate Intent 2019-20 for the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy and Territory Generation. Questions were raised by some Members on the following issues:

| <b>PORTFOLIO</b>                                | <b>AREAS OF QUESTIONING</b>  |
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| <b>Chief Minister<br/>(Speaker)<sup>1</sup></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget saving through efficiency dividend</li><li>• Staffing reductions</li><li>• Education program reductions</li><li>• Member entitlement travel costs</li><li>• Fleet vehicle lease savings</li><li>• Depreciation costs</li><li>• Committee Office staffing resources</li><li>• Impact of staffing costs on scrutiny committees</li><li>• Role of Independent Research Service</li><li>• Remuneration Tribunal Determination entitlement increase</li><li>• Funding for live interpreter services in the Assembly</li><li>• Electorate office rental expenses</li><li>• Electorate office refurbishment expenses</li><li>• Fit out costs for Drysdale electorate office</li><li>• Running costs of electorate offices</li><li>• Parliament House new carpark allocation</li><li>• Powering of carpark as a cyclone shelter</li><li>• Solar power for Parliament House</li><li>• Workplace Health and Safety incidents</li><li>• Bullying, harassment and intimidation incidents</li><li>• Protocol budget reductions</li><li>• Income from functions in Parliament House and fees waived</li></ul> |

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Administrative Arrangements Order responsibility for the Department of the Legislative Assembly lies with the Chief Minister. However, the Speaker appeared before the Committee to take questions regarding the Department.

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| <b>Chief Minister<br/>(Speaker)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol provision of alcohol for government functions</li> <li>• Liquor licences held in Parliament House</li> <li>• Responsibility for breaches of liquor licences in Parliament House</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget efficiency dividend for the Department of Treasury and Finance</li> <li>• Staffing natural attrition</li> <li>• Budget repair assumptions</li> <li>• Net debt and changes to Australian accounting standards</li> <li>• Increase in net debt</li> <li>• GST relativity</li> <li>• Federal financial assistance</li> <li>• Reduction to staffing levels</li> <li>• Wage freezes for executive officers and politicians</li> <li>• Budget repair plan</li> <li>• Budget repair standing committee and budget review subcommittee</li> <li>• Expediting approval process for major projects</li> <li>• Office of Investment Attraction</li> <li>• Consequences for agency budget overspends</li> <li>• Efficiency dividend discount for frontline agencies</li> <li>• Agency retention of budget underspend</li> <li>• Impact of Northern Territory credit assessment</li> <li>• Impact of efficiency dividend on agency operations</li> <li>• Advice regarding forecast decrease in GST</li> <li>• NT Infrastructure Development Fund</li> <li>• Basis of population projections for the NT</li> <li>• Key performance indicators for Treasury staff</li> <li>• Evaluation of economic stimulus programs and packages</li> <li>• Program evaluation across government</li> <li>• Implementation of renewable energy target</li> <li>• Financial performance of Territory Generation</li> <li>• Voluntary redundancies</li> <li>• Debt ceiling</li> <li>• Business certainty</li> <li>• Mining and exploration sector</li> <li>• Community service obligations</li> <li>• Electricity subsidies</li> <li>• Cost of separate boards for government owned corporations</li> <li>• Impacts of structural separation of government owned corporations</li> <li>• Impact of renewables on government as provider of last resort</li> <li>• Home Owner Assistance Scheme</li> <li>• Impact of Home Owner Assistance Scheme on stabilisation of property prices</li> </ul> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Treasurer</b></p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predictions of future property prices</li> <li>• Negative equity and mortgage stress</li> <li>• Power and Water’s weighted average cost of capital</li> <li>• Competitive neutrality pricing of Territory Wildlife Park</li> <li>• Sale of goods produced in correctional facilities</li> <li>• Freedom of Information requests and outcomes</li> <li>• Changes in staffing levels</li> <li>• Legal costs of Newmont Tanami appeal in the Supreme Court</li> <li>• Engagement of interstate legal counsel</li> <li>• Use of interstate consultants</li> <li>• Impact of staff cuts on agency performance</li> <li>• Mineral royalties court cases</li> <li>• Use of interstate law firms and consultants</li> <li>• Number of workplace injuries</li> <li>• Number of complaints of workplace bullying</li> <li>• Revenue projections</li> <li>• Decrease in mineral royalties forecasts</li> <li>• Impact of economic and fiscal outlook on NT bond market</li> <li>• Promoting investment in NT bonds</li> <li>• Borrowing costs and interest payments</li> </ul> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Police, Fire and<br/>Emergency<br/>Services</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School based policing</li> <li>• Police cadet program</li> <li>• Junior police ranger program</li> <li>• Efficiency dividend discount</li> <li>• Achieving efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Civilian redundancies</li> <li>• Compulsory retirement age for sworn officers</li> <li>• Administrative and executive officer staffing reductions</li> <li>• Increase in frontline staff</li> <li>• Voluntary redundancies for sworn officers</li> <li>• Remote policing strategy</li> <li>• Police graduations</li> <li>• Retention of interstate police officers</li> <li>• Palmerston police station</li> <li>• Nightcliff police station</li> <li>• CCTV</li> <li>• Policing cost of Arafura Games</li> <li>• Strike Force Trident</li> <li>• Cross cultural training</li> <li>• Aboriginal liaison officers</li> <li>• Mounted police unit operating costs</li> <li>• Blood alcohol for boat skippers</li> <li>• Dog operations unit</li> <li>• Increase in assaults</li> <li>• Police auxiliary liquor inspectors</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Police, Fire and<br/>Emergency<br/>Services</b></p>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints about police auxiliary liquor inspectors</li> <li>• Impact of alcohol policy on levels of crime</li> <li>• Level of crime in Alice Springs</li> <li>• Electronic monitoring devices</li> <li>• Increased number of youth offenders with electronic monitoring devices</li> <li>• Breach of bail apprehensions</li> <li>• Proportion of female police staff</li> <li>• Assaults on police auxiliary liquor inspectors</li> <li>• Protective custody watch house episodes</li> <li>• Overtime expenditure</li> <li>• Number of staff assigned to Palmerston and Strike Force Trident</li> <li>• Number of people released with infringement notices</li> <li>• Media reports on serious incidents in the community</li> <li>• Number of hooning offences</li> <li>• Police prosecution budget and expenditure</li> <li>• Prisoner transport services expenditure</li> <li>• Changes in traffic unit</li> <li>• Blood alcohol testing</li> <li>• Unregistered and uninsured drivers</li> <li>• Road policing</li> <li>• Secondary supply</li> <li>• Retirement age for firefighters</li> <li>• Firefighter resignations</li> <li>• Firefighter position vacancies</li> <li>• Fire service overtime expenditure</li> <li>• Stuart Park fire station</li> <li>• Arson</li> <li>• Firefighter recruitment</li> <li>• Fire permit system</li> <li>• Bushfire mitigation strategies</li> <li>• Reducing spread of gamba grass</li> <li>• Daly region emergency evacuation costs</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Chief Minister</b></p> <p><b>Treaty</b></p> <p><b>Children</b></p> | <p><b>Auditor-General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in audit costs</li> <li>• Impact of efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Audit challenges for the forthcoming year</li> <li>• Public Information Act breach referrals</li> <li>• Audit of Power and Water Corporation</li> <li>• Berrimah Farm Redevelopment Audit</li> <li>• Luxury Hotel site land valuation</li> <li>• Role and remit of the Auditor-General</li> <li>• Audits of local governments</li> </ul> <p><b>Electoral Commissioner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of commonwealth electoral roll</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Chief Minister</b></p> <p><b>Treaty</b></p> <p><b>Children</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community education and engagement programs</li> <li>• Use of interpreters</li> <li>• Automatic enrolment in regional and remote areas</li> <li>• Enrolment rates</li> <li>• Number of eligible unenrolled voters</li> <li>• Voter turnout</li> <li>• Youth enrolment</li> <li>• Cost of NT election and appropriation</li> <li>• Funding and evaluation of remote electorate education programs</li> <li>• Authorisation of election campaign material</li> <li>• Misleading election campaign material</li> <li>• Fines for not voting</li> </ul> <p><b>ICAC Commissioner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of Public Interest Disclosure Commission</li> <li>• Source of referrals</li> <li>• Categorisation of referrals</li> <li>• Assessment of referrals</li> <li>• Staffing</li> <li>• Information communication technology</li> </ul> <p><b>Ombudsman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bagot community electricity debt dispute</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of the Chief Minister</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in executive travel</li> <li>• Efficiency dividend savings</li> <li>• Staffing reductions</li> <li>• Reduction in events hosted by Department of the Chief Minister</li> <li>• Implementation of Royal Commission recommendations</li> <li>• Funding for local decision-making</li> <li>• Safe, Thriving and Connected plan</li> <li>• Final cost of Pepper Inquiry</li> <li>• Ongoing staff resources from Pepper Inquiry</li> <li>• Status of Pepper Inquiry recommendations</li> <li>• Evaluation of population plan and associated strategies</li> <li>• Darwin City Deal and Alice Springs city activation project</li> <li>• Education and civic precinct</li> <li>• Boundless Possible campaign evaluation</li> <li>• Masterbrand campaign</li> <li>• Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund</li> <li>• Heat mitigation strategy for CBD</li> <li>• Cavenagh Street shade canopy</li> <li>• Alice Springs crime baseline data</li> <li>• Antisocial behaviour</li> <li>• Early childhood development framework</li> <li>• Local decision-making framework</li> <li>• Former INPEX workers village</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Chief Minister</b></p> <p><b>Treaty</b></p> <p><b>Children</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future use of the INPEX bus depot</li> <li>• NGO funding agreements</li> <li>• Evidence based research to inform policy</li> <li>• Renegotiation of ECO contracts</li> <li>• Have your say website</li> <li>• Jabiru township</li> <li>• NT News advertising expenditure</li> <li>• Alcohol management plans and alcohol action initiatives</li> <li>• Different alcohol policy approaches of Australian and Territory Government</li> <li>• Barkly regional deal</li> <li>• Purpose of \$2.2 million allocated to Barkly Region for 2020</li> <li>• Number of additional staff based in the Barkly Region</li> <li>• Coordination of government services in the Barkly Region</li> <li>• Treaty budget allocation</li> <li>• Local decision-making and treaty negotiations</li> <li>• Timber Creek native title compensation</li> <li>• Community liaison and engagement officers</li> <li>• Increased funding for Ministers and Leader of the Opposition</li> <li>• Recruitment cost of Treaty Commissioner</li> <li>• Population research consultation costs</li> <li>• Office of Parliamentary Counsel transfer from Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to the Department of the Chief Minister.</li> <li>• Construction contracts</li> <li>• Aboriginal contracting framework</li> <li>• Value of two contracts with Charles Darwin University for population research</li> <li>• Number of FOI requests lodged in 2018-19</li> <li>• Funding agreements Department of the Chief Minister has with external organisations</li> <li>• Purchase of alcohol by Protocol unit for government functions</li> <li>• Funding allocated for ICT expenditure</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Northern Australia</b></p> <p><b>Trade and Major Projects</b></p> <p><b>Business and Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Defence Jobs and Veterans' Affairs</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Reduction in grants</li> <li>• Staffing reductions</li> <li>• Small business champions</li> <li>• Small businesses that have opened and closed</li> <li>• Aboriginal Business Development Program</li> <li>• Darwin water park</li> <li>• Mount Isa to Tennant Creek railway</li> <li>• Projects with major project status</li> <li>• Mount Todd mine</li> <li>• Homeland and outstation enterprises</li> <li>• Budget for Equatorial Launch Australia in Nhulunbuy</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b>Attorney-General and Justice</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Legal advice on pay freezes for executive officers</li> <li>• Supreme and Federal Court legal actions against government departments and employees</li> <li>• Expenditure on settling legal matters</li> <li>• Expenditure on settling mining and petroleum legal matters</li> <li>• Timber Creek native title claim</li> <li>• Legal costs for Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children</li> <li>• Evaluation of effectiveness of minimum floor pricing</li> <li>• Review of <i>Anti-Discrimination Act 1992</i></li> <li>• Publication of submissions made to government on proposed legislative changes</li> <li>• Sex industry regulatory reforms</li> <li>• Have your say website</li> <li>• Review of mandatory sentencing</li> <li>• Aboriginal justice agreement</li> <li>• National redress scheme</li> <li>• Blood alcohol levels for boat skippers</li> <li>• Victims of crime reforms</li> <li>• Applications for victims of crime grants</li> <li>• CatholicCare NT counselling services for victims of crime</li> <li>• Youth victim conferencing</li> <li>• Changes to crime statistic reporting</li> <li>• BDR statistics and rehabilitation</li> <li>• Youth data linkage participation</li> <li>• Correctional officer enterprise agreement</li> <li>• Education and rehabilitation programs for prisoners</li> <li>• Correctional facilities operating models</li> <li>• Corrections budget overspend</li> <li>• Corrections overtime expenditure</li> <li>• Cost of hospital supervision for prisoners</li> <li>• <i>Serious Sex Offenders Act 2013</i></li> <li>• Supervision orders</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Attorney-General and Justice</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abscondments and escapes from correctional supervision</li> <li>• General Manager of Darwin Correctional Precinct</li> <li>• Implementation of recommendations from Ombudsman regarding women in prison</li> <li>• Prisoner employment programs</li> <li>• Review of prisoner classifications</li> <li>• Corrections officers in Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre</li> <li>• Prisoner population numbers</li> <li>• Investment in programs to reduce reoffending</li> <li>• Correctional industries</li> <li>• Work camps</li> <li>• Horticultural activities at Darwin Correctional Precinct</li> <li>• Training opportunities for female prisoners</li> <li>• Offence based prisoner programs</li> <li>• Alternatives to prison program</li> <li>• Alcohol and other drug treatment services</li> <li>• Therapeutic services for prisoners</li> <li>• Correctional facility abatement costs</li> <li>• Animals for prisoner therapy</li> <li>• Driving courses for prisoners</li> <li>• Number of prisoners on parole</li> <li>• Electronic monitoring of prisoners on parole</li> <li>• Residential rehabilitation on parole</li> <li>• Community work orders</li> <li>• Transitional accommodation program</li> <li>• Parole revocations</li> <li>• Parole board composition</li> <li>• COMMIT Program</li> <li>• Co-locating NTCAT at local courts</li> <li>• Fines Recovery Unit funding</li> <li>• Director of Public Prosecutions funding</li> <li>• Myfuel website funding and scheme compliance</li> <li>• Land titles system</li> <li>• Birth certificates</li> <li>• Property forfeiture</li> <li>• Monitoring of youth detention centres by Children's Commissioner</li> <li>• Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) funding</li> <li>• Staffing resources for BDR</li> <li>• Term of lease for BDR technology</li> <li>• Firework licence fee structure</li> <li>• Liquor Commission funding</li> <li>• Submissions to Liquor Commission</li> <li>• Restricted private premises</li> <li>• Licensing gaming machine report</li> </ul> |



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| <b>Attorney-General and Justice</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaming machine profits</li> <li>• Community benefit fund allocation</li> <li>• Public access to worksafe record of a company</li> <li>• Workers compensation</li> <li>• Lyons review</li> <li>• Industrial manslaughter</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Health</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Pregnancy termination numbers</li> <li>• Meningococcal vaccination numbers</li> <li>• High rates of syphilis in Aboriginal populations</li> <li>• Conjunctivitis outbreak</li> <li>• Alcohol and other drug treatments</li> <li>• Cost of sobering up shelter review</li> <li>• PARTY program</li> <li>• Aged care beds</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Arafura Games</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost and benefits of Arafura Games</li> <li>• Anonymity of gold sponsor</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Local Government, Housing and Community Development</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Executive contract staffing</li> <li>• Homelands and outstations</li> <li>• Housing on homelands and town camps</li> <li>• Impact of Commonwealth funding cuts</li> <li>• Remote housing overcrowding</li> <li>• Urban public housing stimulus package</li> <li>• Antisocial behaviour complaints</li> <li>• Public Housing Safety Officers</li> <li>• Landlord relationships on town camps</li> <li>• Restricted alcohol premises</li> <li>• Bond assistance</li> <li>• Transitioning to private housing</li> <li>• New public housing dwellings</li> <li>• Public housing waitlists</li> <li>• Private restricted premises</li> <li>• Tenancy support</li> <li>• Tenancy evictions</li> <li>• Barkly Regional Deal</li> <li>• Supported accommodation funding and KPIs</li> <li>• Property damage by tenants</li> <li>• Repairs and maintenance on public housing</li> <li>• Breakdown of public housing by region</li> <li>• Cost of Palmerston public housing repairs</li> <li>• Head leases and subleases</li> <li>• Rent collected for financial year</li> <li>• Leases for new houses on communities</li> </ul> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Local<br/>Government,<br/>Housing and<br/>Community<br/>Development</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National partnership agreement on remote Indigenous housing</li> <li>• Land tenure of town camps</li> <li>• New dwellings, replacements and refurbishments on remote communities</li> <li>• Cost of remote housing upgrades</li> <li>• Subdivisions in remote communities</li> <li>• Fencing in remote communities</li> <li>• Room to Breathe program</li> <li>• Housing maintenance officers</li> <li>• Government Employee Houses</li> <li>• Aboriginal Interpreter Service</li> <li>• Commonwealth financial assistance grants to councils</li> <li>• Government funded roads on Aboriginal land</li> <li>• Santa Teresa class action</li> <li>• Coastal housing construction</li> <li>• Rent from remote housing</li> <li>• Aboriginal business enterprises</li> <li>• Homelands Job Grants</li> <li>• Unincorporated areas</li> <li>• Home Ownership assistance</li> <li>• John Stokes Square</li> </ul> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public<br/>Employment</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget savings</li> <li>• Variations to executive contracts and pay freezes</li> <li>• Legal advice and consultation on variations to executive contracts</li> <li>• Consequences of not consenting to contract variation</li> <li>• Voluntary redundancies</li> </ul>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Primary Industry<br/>and Resources</b></p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Strategies for achieving the efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Organisation structural review</li> <li>• Irrigated cropping systems</li> <li>• Off stream water storage</li> <li>• Berrimah Farm sentinel herd</li> <li>• Economic value of Berrimah Farm buildings</li> <li>• Agricultural research</li> <li>• Smart partnerships</li> <li>• Aboriginal forest enterprises on Melville Island</li> <li>• Gunn Point</li> <li>• Role of research farms</li> <li>• Future of Kidman Springs/Victoria River research station</li> <li>• Status and cost of primary industries library</li> <li>• New molecular biology laboratory</li> <li>• Research projects</li> <li>• Phosphorous supplement for cattle</li> <li>• Coastal Plains Research Station</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b>Primary Industry and Resources</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business employment opportunities in homelands and outstations</li> <li>• Government support to cotton industry</li> <li>• Economic modelling for crop trials</li> <li>• Future of wild rice in the Territory</li> <li>• Cultivation of rice in Adelaide River region</li> <li>• Early mango flowering</li> <li>• Banana industry</li> <li>• African mahogany timber production in Douglas Daly region</li> <li>• Research into native food plants</li> <li>• Use of Kakadu plum powder as a preservative</li> <li>• Donkey farming</li> <li>• Camel industry</li> <li>• Panama disease resistant banana crops</li> <li>• Management of magpie geese in mango orchards</li> <li>• Mottled mosaic virus</li> <li>• Ord River Stage 3</li> <li>• Status of commercialisation of passion fruit</li> <li>• Industrial hemp</li> <li>• Live exports</li> <li>• Subleasing of pastoral land</li> <li>• Animal welfare fund</li> <li>• Grant funding</li> <li>• Drought relief for cattle producers</li> <li>• Threats to live cattle export industry</li> <li>• Cattlemen’s Association involvement in free trade negotiations</li> <li>• Bachelor abattoir</li> <li>• Buffalo cross breeding trial</li> <li>• Harvest of buffalos in the wild</li> <li>• Agribusiness development opportunities</li> <li>• Mango exports to USA</li> <li>• Citrus canker disease</li> <li>• <i>Animal Protection Act 2018</i> regulations</li> <li>• Project Seadragon</li> <li>• Recreational fishing grants</li> <li>• Artificial reef</li> <li>• Support provided to Quintis</li> <li>• Purpose of agribusiness hub</li> <li>• Department website</li> <li>• Sea cucumber industry</li> <li>• Mud crab harvest strategy</li> <li>• Barramundi industry</li> <li>• Barramundi farm at Adelaide River</li> <li>• Aboriginal coastal licences</li> <li>• Blue Mud Bay negotiations</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Primary Industry and Resources</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing licences</li> <li>• Onshore gas industry job modelling</li> <li>• Lithium mine on Cox Peninsula Road</li> <li>• Engagements with prospective exploration companies</li> <li>• Future of gold industry</li> <li>• Zinc and copper mining</li> <li>• Royalties modelling</li> <li>• Number of jobs arising out of the onshore gas industry</li> <li>• Number of wells to be drilled in the next twelve months</li> <li>• Legal action regarding administration of royalties</li> <li>• McArthur River Mine approvals</li> <li>• External consultants used for environmental regulatory reform</li> <li>• Mining strategic plan</li> <li>• Legacy mines</li> <li>• Canadian mining</li> <li>• Fraser Institute Report</li> <li>• Sand and gravel mining</li> <li>• Rehabilitating mines</li> <li>• Tennant Creek Battery Hill</li> <li>• Rehabilitating Rum Jungle</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Education</b></p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividends</li> <li>• ICT support for non-government schools</li> <li>• Staff attrition rates</li> <li>• Number of principals on executive contracts</li> <li>• Principal salaries range</li> <li>• School attendance and absenteeism</li> <li>• Aboriginal teachers and support staff in remote communities</li> <li>• ECO pay freezes</li> <li>• Management of funding allocation by schools</li> <li>• Flexibility of global budgets</li> <li>• Families as First Teachers program</li> <li>• Children and Family Centres</li> <li>• Access to preschool</li> <li>• Assistance for hearing impaired students</li> <li>• Hearing health partnerships</li> <li>• Breaking the cycle of crime funding</li> <li>• Focus of Back on Track program</li> <li>• Palmerston Youth Skills Centre</li> <li>• Upgrade of Ludmilla Primary School</li> <li>• School enrolment figures</li> <li>• School enrolments outside of catchment zone</li> <li>• Enrolment management plans</li> <li>• Assaults on principals, teachers and support staff</li> <li>• Vacant school counsellor and psychologist positions</li> <li>• NAPLAN online participation and problems</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Education</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers employed in Katherine on permanent contracts</li> <li>• Katherine teacher accommodation budget savings measure</li> <li>• Roof top solar initiative for schools</li> <li>• School based constables</li> <li>• Development of Zuccoli government school</li> <li>• Determination of school catchment areas</li> <li>• St Joseph's flexibility centre</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tourism, Sport and Culture</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Sporting facilities in remote communities</li> <li>• National Indigenous Art Gallery</li> <li>• Proposed land transfer between NT Government and Alice Springs Town Council</li> <li>• National Indigenous Cultural Centre</li> <li>• Boundless Possible campaign</li> <li>• Evaluation of return on investment for tourism campaigns</li> <li>• Aboriginal tourism</li> <li>• Film and TV industry</li> <li>• Cooperative marketing</li> <li>• Visitor expenditure</li> <li>• Donghai Airlines passenger numbers</li> <li>• New air links to the Territory</li> <li>• Provision of airline seats for Arafura Games</li> <li>• Motorsport upgrades</li> <li>• Whistleblower protections</li> <li>• Art Trails</li> <li>• Litchfield Council takeover of community library</li> <li>• Entry fees for parks and reserves</li> <li>• Increases to park camping fees</li> <li>• Visitor number to NT parks</li> <li>• Mountain bike trails</li> <li>• Consideration of heritage listing of Parliament House and ANZAC oval</li> <li>• Heritage listing of old railway line</li> <li>• Finke community heritage listed buildings</li> <li>• Management of invasive grass species in national parks</li> <li>• Fire mitigation strategies in parks</li> <li>• Megafauna Central</li> <li>• Chemical handling certification</li> <li>• Sustainable harvesting of crocodiles</li> <li>• Mitchell Street Mile</li> <li>• Aviation route development meetings</li> <li>• Funding model for caravan and camping shows</li> <li>• Travel expenditure for agency tourism staff</li> <li>• Grant funding efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Multi-year grant funding agreements</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Tourism, Sport and Culture</b></p>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife grant funding</li> <li>• ICT expenditure</li> <li>• Territory Wildlife Park infrastructure</li> <li>• Transportation to the Territory Wildlife Park</li> <li>• Territory Wildlife Park return on investment</li> <li>• Non-native species at Territory Wildlife Park</li> <li>• Alice Springs Desert Park cafeteria</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Corporate and Information Services</b></p>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Investment in training professional IT staff</li> <li>• Staff breakdown by gender</li> <li>• Properties leased on Aboriginal land</li> <li>• Changes to vehicle policy framework</li> <li>• Carbon emissions from electric vehicles</li> <li>• Hybrid vehicle numbers in NT Fleet</li> <li>• Data Centre Services income</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Environment and Natural Resources</b></p> <p><b>Climate Change</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Handling and use of glyphosate</li> <li>• Wadeye and Gunn Point flora and fauna assessments</li> <li>• Weed management compliance investigations</li> <li>• Permits to grow gamba grass for research</li> <li>• Cabomba weed in Darwin River region</li> <li>• Budget overspend</li> <li>• Magpie geese management plan</li> <li>• Funding for Aboriginal rangers</li> <li>• Program to upskill Aboriginal rangers</li> <li>• Cat baiting and cat proof fencing</li> <li>• Protection of native bees from introduced species</li> <li>• Sustainable harvesting of crocodiles</li> <li>• Decrease in repairs and maintenance expenditure</li> <li>• Plan to address aquifer water shortages in rural areas</li> <li>• Advertising bore hydrologist consultations</li> <li>• “Know your bore” tool</li> <li>• Bore metering in the rural area</li> <li>• Bore construction permits</li> <li>• Mapping the future project</li> <li>• Budget reduction for water resources</li> <li>• Water allocation and entitlement review</li> <li>• Trading of water</li> <li>• Management of unused water</li> <li>• Bushfire funding reduction</li> <li>• Hughes airstrip</li> <li>• Bushfire management support for ranger groups</li> <li>• Fire load assessments</li> <li>• Burn off permits</li> <li>• Environmental bonds and levies</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Environment and Natural Resources</b></p> <p><b>Climate Change</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastoral subleasing legislation</li> <li>• Climate change policy</li> <li>• Climate response strategy</li> <li>• Online portal for environmental decision making</li> <li>• Environmental regulatory reform</li> <li>• Storage of fracking waste water</li> <li>• Fracking emissions offsets</li> <li>• Single use plastic bags ban</li> <li>• Container deposit scheme</li> <li>• McArthur River Mine</li> <li>• EPA budget allocation</li> <li>• Additional appointments to EPA</li> <li>• EPA membership and meeting attendance</li> <li>• Legal expenses</li> <li>• Illegal dumping at Gorge Road</li> <li>• Protection of sacred sites in Arnhem Land</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics</b></p>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple dwellings on rural properties</li> <li>• Buy Local Strategy</li> <li>• Local contractors using interstate suppliers</li> <li>• MVR phone book listings</li> <li>• Government funded and built roads on Aboriginal land</li> <li>• Richardson Park funding</li> <li>• Dundee boat ramp</li> <li>• Darwin CBD revitalisation project</li> <li>• Alice Springs CBD revitalisation project</li> <li>• Rapid Creek flood mitigation project</li> <li>• Parliament House new carpark administration and operation</li> <li>• Ferry infrastructure strategy</li> <li>• Contracts awarded directly to Aboriginal business enterprises</li> <li>• Targets for Aboriginal content in remote housing</li> <li>• Select tendering offers to Aboriginal business enterprises</li> <li>• Implementing recommendations from the Auditor-General regarding Indigenous employment provisional sum</li> <li>• Tennant Creek to Mt Isa railway</li> <li>• Delays in delivering Litchfield Loop Road</li> <li>• Noonamah Ridge development plan</li> <li>• Future of Gunn Point</li> <li>• Ridesharing and commercial passenger vehicle levy</li> <li>• Logistics masterplan</li> <li>• Reduction in Department of Environment and Natural Resources repairs and maintenance expenditure</li> <li>• Proposed sites for new youth detention centre</li> <li>• Management of gamba grass</li> <li>• Crown land sales</li> </ul> |

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| Territory Families | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased numbers claiming senior concession scheme</li> <li>• Seniors recognition scheme numbers</li> <li>• Senior concession scheme ongoing budget savings</li> <li>• Voluntary pay freeze for ECOs and legal advice</li> <li>• Cuts to program and services to achieve efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Decrease to family support funding</li> <li>• Family and children support hotline</li> <li>• Service mapping</li> <li>• Child protection notifications and investigations</li> <li>• Mandatory reporting prosecutions</li> <li>• Number of children placed in out of home care</li> <li>• Frontline staff caseload</li> <li>• Frontline staff stress leave</li> <li>• Workers compensation claims</li> <li>• Proportion of Aboriginal frontline staff</li> <li>• Cumulative harm definition</li> <li>• Child abuse hotline wait times and abandoned calls numbers</li> <li>• Online reporting tool</li> <li>• Notifications from schools</li> <li>• Implementation of Signs of Safety strategy</li> <li>• Budget allocation and timeframe for implementing Royal Commission recommendations</li> <li>• Number of complaints against Territory Families</li> <li>• Timeframes for investigating notifications</li> <li>• Kinship care assessment process</li> <li>• Family day care funding</li> <li>• Provision and cost of equipment for children with disability needs</li> <li>• NDIS support</li> <li>• Expenditure from out of home care budget</li> <li>• Analysis of value for money for delivery of out of home care</li> <li>• Responsibility for cost of covering relocation of residential care</li> <li>• Youth patrol services</li> <li>• Services for youth on the streets at night</li> <li>• Community youth services</li> <li>• At risk and disengaged youth programs</li> <li>• Evidence and evaluation of youth engagement programs</li> <li>• Youth justice key performance indicators</li> <li>• Breach of bail reporting numbers and processes</li> <li>• Conditions of bail</li> <li>• Territory Families' discretion in breaching bail</li> <li>• Age of criminal responsibility</li> <li>• Status of Loves Creek facility</li> <li>• Consultation on proposed sites for Darwin Youth Justice Centre</li> <li>• Timeframe and scope of Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre replacement and refurbishment</li> </ul> |



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| <b>Territory Families</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of youth detainees from Alice Springs to Darwin</li> <li>• Palmerston Youth Drop In Centre</li> <li>• Number of notifiable incidents in youth detention centres</li> <li>• Role of electronic monitoring devices</li> <li>• Case management of youth with complex needs</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Power and Water Corporation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PFAS treatment plan</li> <li>• Private ownership of solar power farms</li> <li>• Voluntary pay freeze for executive contract officers</li> <li>• PWC debt as a proportion of NT government debt</li> <li>• Operational efficiencies</li> <li>• Efficiency savings passed on to customers</li> <li>• Gas sale prices and community service obligation</li> <li>• Decline in forecast gas revenue</li> <li>• Smart meters</li> <li>• Underground power</li> <li>• Asset disposal</li> <li>• Adelaide River irrigation study</li> <li>• Manton Dam</li> <li>• Metering of water in remote communities</li> <li>• Development of solar energy for Tiwi Islands</li> <li>• Determining future water needs for the Northern Territory</li> <li>• Undergrounding power process for this financial year</li> <li>• Upgrade of Leanyer sewage treatment plant</li> <li>• Sewage treatment for Northcrest development</li> <li>• Replacement of diesel power generators</li> <li>• Backflow valve installation policy</li> </ul> |
| <b>Jacana Energy</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of power from large scale solar farms</li> <li>• Ownership of solar farms</li> <li>• Network fees</li> <li>• Small and large scale renewable energy certificates</li> <li>• Dependency on community service obligation</li> <li>• Voluntary pay freeze for executive officers</li> <li>• Efficiency dividend</li> <li>• Buy Local procurement policy</li> <li>• Shop fronts and bill payment options</li> <li>• Power cards in remote areas</li> <li>• Feed in tariffs for rooftop solar systems</li> <li>• Total export from rooftop solar systems</li> <li>• Electricity tariff per kwh for domestic user</li> <li>• Jurisdictional comparison of electricity tariffs</li> <li>• Number of licensed electricity retailers in the NT</li> <li>• Business tariffs</li> <li>• Disconnection and reconnection processes</li> </ul>  |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Territory<br/>Generation</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of generators</li> <li>• No provision of community service obligation to Territory Generation</li> <li>• Financial viability of Territory Generation</li> <li>• Voluntary pay freeze for executive contract officers</li> <li>• Reduction in staffing numbers</li> <li>• Closure of Ron Goodin power station</li> <li>• Timeframe to repower Ron Goodin power station once on standby</li> <li>• Increase of wholesale prices</li> <li>• Changes to overdraft facility</li> <li>• Battery storage capacity and capability</li> <li>• Hydrogen power projects</li> <li>• Storage of diesel supplies</li> <li>• Steam turbine rotor at Channel Island</li> <li>• Impacts of Katherine solar farm on Territory Generation</li> <li>• Recycling water used for cooling</li> <li>• Number of wholesale supply agreements with retailers</li> </ul> |

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