

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Education; and Lands, Planning and the Environment

Ministerial Communications, Staffing and Certificates of Exemption

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.

Response

Total number of permanent employees currently employed in the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, and Statutory Authorities as at 31 March 2014 is 231.

The total number of temporary employees as at 31 March 2014 is 39 FTE. Total FTE count is 270.

The table below illustrates the number of permanent FTE and Headcount by Paid Classification and Level as at 31 March 2014.

| Paid Classification (Employment Stream) | Paid Level | Full Time Equivalent | Headcount |
|--|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Administration | AO2 | 3 | 4 |
| | AO3 | 12 | 13 |
| | AO4 | 37 | 40 |
| | AO5 | 28 | 28 |
| | AO6 | 30 | 32 |
| | AO7 | 17 | 18 |
| | SAO1 | 16 | 17 |
| | SAO2 | 14 | 15 |
| | EO3 | 1 | 1 |

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|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Professional | P1 | 3 | 3 |
| | P2 | 7 | 7 |
| | P3 | 27 | 31 |
| | SP1 | 12 | 12 |
| | SP2 | 4 | 4 |
| Paid Classification (Employment Stream) | Paid Level | Full Time Equivalent | Headcount |
| Technical | T2 | 3 | 3 |
| | T3 | 4 | 5 |
| | T4 | 7 | 7 |
| | T5 | 5 | 6 |
| | T6 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | 231 | 247 |

Total number of temporary employees currently employed in the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, and Statutory Authorities as at 31 March 2014 is 39.

The total number of permanent employees as at 31 March 2014 is 231 FTE. Total FTE count is 270.

The table below illustrates temporary FTE and Headcount by Paid Classification and Level as at 31 March 2014.

| Paid Classification (Employment Stream) | Paid Level | Full Time Equivalent | Headcount |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Administration | AO2 | 1 | 1 |
| | AO3 | 2 | 2 |
| | AO4 | 4 | 5 |
| | AO4R | 1 | 1 |
| | AO5 | 3 | 3 |
| | SAO1 | 2 | 2 |
| Employment Programs | AO2 | 0 | 2 |
| Executive | EO1C | 11 | 11 |
| | EO2C | 5 | 5 |
| | EO3C | 1 | 1 |
| | EO4C | 1 | 1 |
| | EO6C | 1 | 1 |

| Paid Classification (Employment Stream) | Paid Level | Full Time Equivalent | Headcount |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Professional | P1 | 1 | 1 |
| | P2 | 4 | 4 |
| | P3 | 1 | 1 |
| Technical | T3 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | 39 | 42 |

Note:

Government Agencies are currently preparing data for verification and inclusion in end of year financial statements. Once approved by Accountable officers and audits have been completed, end of year financial data will be available in Agency Annual Reports in accordance with the Public Sector Employment and Management Act and the Financial Management Act.

Financial information included in this Written Question is at 31 March 2014 and is comparable with any financial information that was tabled during the Estimates Committee Hearings.

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:
 - 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:
 - 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?

Response

Questions 2 and 3 should be referred to the Office of the Chief Minister.

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?

Response

Certificates of Exemption apply to Request for Tenders (estimated value greater than \$200,000).

As at 31 March 2014, no Certificates of Exemption were issued by the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment during the reporting period.
