

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Yan to the Minister for Public Employment:

**2020-21 State of the Service**

The 2020-21 State of the Service Annual Report tabled in Parliament last month showed that the NT Public Service has ballooned by 1,022 employees to 24,612 during 2020-21 despite the hiring freeze declared by the Chief Minister in 2018.

**Questions:**

**1. How many of the 1,022 new employees were new positions?**

*The overall FTE numbers increased by +776 in 2020-21. The NT Government's continued response to COVID-19 is the significant driver with the majority of increases occurring in the Health network (+676 FTE)*

**2. What were the job levels of each position, what type of roles and what Departments were they attributed to?**

*Detailed requests should be directed to relevant departments.*

**3. How many of the 1,022 new employees are in frontline positions?**

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**4. How many of the 1,022 new employees are on contract?**

*Detailed requests should be directed to relevant departments.*

**5. What is the breakdown of the position types?**

- Ongoing (Permanent) - Full Time
- Ongoing (Permanent) - Part Time
- Fixed (Temporary) – Full Time
- Fixed (Temporary) – Part Time
- Casual
- Miscellaneous

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**6. In 2019-20 the NT public Service number grew by over 3,000 new employees. How many of these were frontline workers?**

*Detailed requests should be directed to relevant departments.*

- 7. What increases are anticipated over the next 12 months and is there a budget contingency for this growth?**

*There are no increases anticipated*

- 8. In 2018 the Chief Minister promised a hiring freeze. Is the hiring freeze still officially in place? If not, when did it officially end?**

*There is a cap on labor expenses*