



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA:

Climate Adaptation

1. Does the Office of Climate Change still exist within the Department?

a. If so, how many staff does it have, and what is its current work program?

The Office of Climate Change is not a stand-alone business unit of the Department. Development and implementation of the Climate Resilience Plan and associated policy work now sits within the Environment and Climate Policy Unit of the Environment and Heritage Division.

b. If not, when was it disbanded, and where were its staff moved?

A Department restructure in 2025 resulted in the functions and the majority of staff positions of the Office of Climate Change moving to the newly formed Environment and Climate Policy Unit.

2. Following the National Climate Risk Assessment published by the Australian Climate Service in September 2025, will the Government commit to a Northern Territory climate risk assessment, together with regional assessments for Central Australia, the Barkly, Big Rivers, East Arnhem and the Top End?

The Northern Territory Climate Resilience Plan includes actions to undertake climate risk assessments to inform and prioritise adaptation planning, to help communities and businesses identify and address climate risks and to strengthen considerations of climate risk in Government decision making.

3. Where in the Territory budget is the funding allocated to respond to climate change, and what does it total across the forward estimates?

The climate change budget for 2026-2027 is consolidated under the Environment and Climate Policy Program that totals \$3,291,000. This includes funding for staff, operational expenses and funding agreements.