

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Chief Minister

Chief Minister - Executive Support

1. The Budget estimate for Support to Executive, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition in 2004-05 was \$17.701 million, for 2005-06 it is \$17.791 million; why the variation?
2. What was the cost of maintaining eight ministerial offices and the Leader of the Opposition's office in 2004-05, and what is the forecast cost for 2005-06?
3. Given the speculation of your Ministry increasing to nine will there be a further increase in the Budget estimate for 2005-06?

ANSWER