



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 224

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Children and Families, Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA:

Department of Children and Families Administration

Cost for the Department of Children and Families to complete these responses was approximately \$25 006.

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as of 31 March 2026:

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	453.46	460	459	1
2. Ongoing Part Time	32.89	53	53	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	88.57	90	89	1
4. Fixed Term Part Time	6.58	17	17	0
5. Casual Contract	2.65	12	12	0
6. Executive Contract	15	15	15	0
	599.15	647	645	2

(b) Please provide for each of the six categories above:

the relevant position classifications and the number of staff employed against each classification.

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Ongoing Full Time	Administrative Officer 3	19.2	20	20	0
	Administrative Officer 4	44.17	45	45	0
	Administrative Officer 4 - RDO	11	11	11	0
	Administrative Officer 5	19.95	20	20	0
	Administrative Officer 5 - RDO Officers	3	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 6	50.5	51	51	0
	Administrative Officer 7	40.54	42	42	0
	Executive Officer 2	1	1	1	0
	Executive Officer 3	3	3	3	0
	Professional 1	74.53	76	76	0
	Professional 2	47	47	47	0
	Professional 3	50.09	51	50	1
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	35.98	36	36	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	17	17	17	0
	Senior Professional Officer 1	23.5	24	24	0
Senior Professional Officer 2	13	13	13	0	
Total		453.56	460	459	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Ongoing Part Time	Administrative Officer 3	7.32	19	19	0
	Administrative Officer 4	8.08	11	11	0
	Administrative Officer 6	2.1	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 7	2.6	3	3	0

	Professional 1	0.85	1	1	0
	Professional 2	2.45	4	4	0
	Professional 3	3.22	4	4	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	2.17	3	3	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	0.6	1	1	0
	Senior Professional Officer 1	3.5	4	4	0
Total		32.89	53	53	0
Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Fixed Term Full Time	Administrative Officer 2	1	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 3	7	7	7	0
	Administrative Officer 4	12.4	13	13	0
	Administrative Officer 4 - RDO	1	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 5	10.35	11	11	0
	Administrative Officer 5 - RDO Officers	1	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 6	8.82	9	9	0
	Administrative Officer 7	11.00	11	10	1
	Graduate Trainees	11	11	11	0
	NTPS Adult Traineeship AQF3 Level A	2	2	2	0
	NTPS Adult Traineeship AQF4 Level A	2	2	2	0
	NTPS Traineeship AQF3 Level A	3	3	3	0
	NTPS Traineeship AQF4 Level A	2	2	2	0
	Professional 1	8	8	8	0
	Professional 2	1	1	1	0
	Professional 3	5	5	5	0
Senior Administrative Officer 1	2	2	2	0	
Total		88.57	90	89	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Fixed Term Part Time	Administrative Officer 2	2.35	4	4	0
	Administrative Officer 3	3.22	11	11	0
	Administrative Officer 4	0	0	0	0
	Administrative Officer 7	0.6	1	1	0
	NTPS Adult Traineeship AQF4 Level A	0.41	1	1	0
Total		6.58	17	17	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Casual Contract	Administrative Officer 3	0	0	0	0
	Administrative Officer 4	1.04	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 4 - RDO	0.78	2	2	0
	Professional 1	0	0	0	0
	Professional 2	0.1	1	1	0
	Professional 3	0.73	6	6	0
Total		2.65	12	12	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
Executive Contract	Executive Contract Officer 1	2	2	2	0
	Executive Contract Officer 2	10	10	10	0
	Executive Contract Officer 4	2	2	2	0
	Executive Contract Officer 5	1	1	1	0
Total		15	15	15	0

(c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for the use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile.

Not applicable.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as of 31 March 2026:

Category	Number
Resigned	88
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	1
Unattached	12
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	39
Total	140

3. Please advise the number of staff identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as of 31 March 2026.

A whole-of-government response to Question 3 will be provided by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.

4. (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as of 31 March 2026 and as a percentage of the Agency's total employment.

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	332.17	55%

5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through labour hire, employment agency arrangements and/or consultancy contracts, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as of 31 March 2026. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Number Engaged	Number of staff	Purpose	Duration	Cost \$
41	Labour Hire	Emergency management - surge staffing to support logistics, DRFA payments and evacuation centers	15 days	\$0
2	Labour Hire	Child Protection Practitioners – Top End and Arnhem	1x ongoing 1x 6 months	\$32 040

6. Please advise how many locums have been employed, for what purpose, duration, and at what cost as of 31 March 2026. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Nil to report.

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

	1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
Positions advertised	224

- (b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?

	1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
Positions advertised with Special Measures applied	212

- (c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
Administrative Officer 3	16
Administrative Officer 4	31
Administrative Officer 4 - RDO	1

Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
Administrative Officer 4, Administrative Officer 5	1
Administrative Officer 5	7
Administrative Officer 6	21
Administrative Officer 6, Administrative Officer 7, Professional 2, Professional 3	1
Administrative Officer 6, Professional 2	2
Administrative Officer 7	19
Administrative Officer 7, Professional 3	3
Executive Contract Officer 2	4
Executive Contract Officer 4	1
Executive Officer 2, Executive Contract Officer 2	1
Professional 1, Professional 2	24
Professional 1, Professional 2, Professional 3	2
Professional 2	2
Professional 2, Professional 3	1
Professional 3	21
Senior Administrative Officer 1	35
Senior Administrative Officer 2	6
Senior Administrative Officer 2, Senior Professional Officer 2	2
Senior Professional Officer 1	8
Senior Professional Officer 2	3

(d) How many positions that had Special Measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during this period and required contract or backfilling arrangements?

Most NT Government agencies have implemented special measures arrangements across the whole agency or for some roles. The process for positions that are advertised with special measures is to consider special measures applicants first; if no special measures applicants apply, or no special measures applicants are considered suitable, recruitment panels may assess all other applicants' suitability for the role

OUTSOURCING

8. (a) For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the Greater Darwin Region partially outsourced functions related to supervised child and family contact.

- (b) Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise any functions in this Department in financial year 2026/27? If so, provide details.

For financial year 2026-27, consideration is being given to outsourcing supervised child and family contact.

LEGAL EXPENSES

9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026? Provide details on:

- (a) The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which are ongoing)

The scope of the question is broad and encompasses a wide range of matters handled by private legal firms, government lawyers and legal service providers. As such, the amount of administrative effort required to provide a detailed response would be excessive and result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

- (b) The amount paid by matter

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, legal services expenditure was **\$1.7 million**. A breakdown of amounts paid in relation to legal services is provided in the table below.

Breakdown of legal expenditure - 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

Classification Description	Amount \$000
Barrister and Solicitor legal fees and related expenses (includes civil litigation)	54
Coronial Inquests	167

Youth matters (representation of children in care in Youth Justice Court)	186
Separate representation for child in care (includes reviewing court orders, consideration of application material, attendance at Darwin Children's Court)	236
CEO representation (representative of DCF CEO for child in need of care. Includes preparing and settling orders, court preparation and negotiations, and attendance at court)	920
Other legal expenses	108
Total	1 671

(c) The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged

An additional **\$0.419 million** was transferred to the Attorney-General's Department to fund a service level agreement for a youth claims team.

PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

10. From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:

- a) Purpose
- b) Cost
- c) Person or entity engaged
- d) Whether the person or entity has their principal place of business in the Northern Territory or elsewhere (if elsewhere, please provide the address of the principal place of business of the person or entity)
- e) Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
- f) Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy
- g) Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken

Tender Number	Purpose (a)	Cost \$ (b)	Entity / person engaged (c)	Territory Enterprise (d)	Location (d)	Tabled (e)*	Outcome (f)*	Procurement (g)
26-0124	Alice Springs, Palmerston - Request for Services Under Panel Contract AGC21-0265 - Provision of Domestic Family Violence Co-Responder Model Evaluation	\$126,500	Nous Group	Yes	Darwin, NT	No	N/A ongoing	Purchasing off existing contract

11. Please advise the number of contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business in the NT and outside the NT for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as follows:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
11	6

12. For each of the contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business outside of the Northern Territory, please advise the selection criteria on the applicable contract or tender.

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria
NTG24-0194	Liberate Learning Pty Ltd, Trading As Liberate Learning	Melbourne, VIC	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Scope Specific 25 Price 10
NTG24-0194	JRPO Associates Pty Ltd	Greythorn, VIC	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Scope Specific 25 Price 10
NTG24-0194	ASPL Australia Pty Ltd, Trading As ASPL Group	Elwood, VIC	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Scope Specific 25 Price 10
NTG24-0194	Australian Childhood Foundation	Richmond, VIC	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Scope Specific 25 Price 10
NTG24-0194	Griffith University	Southport, QLD	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Scope Specific 25 Price 10
NTG24-0194	360Edge Pty Limited as The Trustee for 360Edge Trust, Trading As 360Edge	Elwood, VIC	Capacity 15 Local Content 30 Past Performance 20 Scope Specific 25 Price 10

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Tier	Number of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	0
Tier 4	1
Tier 5	0
Total	1

14. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many contracts or tenders were awarded without undertaking a public tender process during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Tier	Number of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	0
Tier 4	0
Tier 5	1
Total	1

15. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for those with a 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) **What was the reason for not using the public tender process or for requiring a Certificate of Exemption?**
- d) **Who recommended the course of action in c) above?**
- e) **Who approved the course of action in c) above?**

Tender Number	Description of Goods and Services (a)	Awarded value (b)	Reason for Exemption (c)	Approved by (e)
NS26-0040	Labour Hire - Surge Workforce	\$5,860,710.37	Emergency Procurement Exemption (6.3.2 E8) - Flooding – Katherine and Wugularr (Beswick) - Direct Contracting - Protection of public morals, order or safety - Services required under Emergency Exemption	Brent Warren

16. Please advise the total number of NTG Corporate Credit Cards within the Agency, including the position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit cards for purchasing goods and/or services as of 31 March 2026?

As of 31 March 2026, there were **39** credit card holders in the Department of Children and Families.

Position Title	Actual Classification Code
Administration Officer Top End	A03
Administration Support Officer	A03
Administration Support Officer	A03
Administration Support Officer	A03
Administration Support Officer	A03
Professional Dev Support Off	A04
Grant System Officer	A04
Administration Officer	A04
Administration Officer	A04
Admin Officer Remote	A04
Executive Assistant	A04
Administration Officer	A04
Administration Officer	A04
Administration Officer	A04
Administration Officer	A04
Project Officer	A05
Prof Dev & Training Coordinator	A05
Prog Officer Emergency Management	A06
Snr Reg Financial Support Officer	A06
Team Leader Reception / Pencon	A06
Business Support Officer	A06
Executive Officer	A06
Regional Operations Officer	A06
Executive Officer	A06
Administration Team Leader	A06
Executive Officer	A06
Team Leader Administration	A06
Senior Project Officer	A06
Exec Officer/Programs/Projects	A06
Recruitment Officer	A06
Business Manager	A07
Senior Communications Officer	A07
Senior Contracts Officer	A07

Business Manager	A07
Regional Coordinator Big River	A07
Trainee	AQ4SA
Senior Child Protect Practitioner	P1
Workforce Reform Program Manager	SAO1
Business Manager	SAO2

17. For each contract awarded to a non-Territory enterprise:

- a) Was a Territory enterprise shortlisted? If not, why not?
- b) What weighting was given to local content?
- c) Did the procurement process include a local industry participation requirement?

The administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

18. What percentage of total procurement spend was awarded to:

- a) Interstate businesses
- b) International businesses

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the following percentage of total procurement spend was awarded to:

- a) Interstate businesses: **7.8%**
- b) International businesses: **0%**

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026:

19. Please detail expenditure on opinion polls and focus groups, including costs and entities that conducted the work.

Nil to report.

20. Detail all surveys undertaken in relation to the focus groups and opinion polls above, including their form, the cost and the inducements that were provided to incentivise participation.

Nil to report.

21. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.

Not applicable.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

22. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:

- (a) What was the purpose/description of the advertisement?**
- (b) Who was the advertisement placed with, i.e., media outlet, newspaper, television station, digital platform, or other?**
- (c) What was the total production cost, including, but not limited to, design, commissions, and placement costs?**
- (d) Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?**
- (e) Did the agency enter into any separate arrangements for advertising placements or advertorials? If so, please provide details of expenditures and media outlets.**

The amount of administrative effort required to provide a detailed breakdown would be excessive and result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery. As such a summary of communications and marketing activities undertaken by the Department during 2025-26 has been provided.

The Department's total expenditure on communications and marketing between 1 July 2025 and 31 March 2026 was **\$103,014**. Communications and marketing expenditure included:

- printing materials (posters, flyers and banners)
- event costs, including participation in the NT Show Circuit
- advertising across print, online and social media
- video production, including recruitment campaigns
- administrative costs, such as media and digital platform subscriptions.

As a frontline agency, the Department uses communications and marketing to:

- promote grants, services, programs and events
- promote community consultation opportunities via Have your say
- advertise critical vacancies
- communicate rights and responsibilities to clients.

Where possible, the Department produces communications and marketing services internally. The Department books all traditional media advertising through the NT Government approved provider, Atomic 212.

The primary channel for program and service promotion is social media advertising through Meta. Recruitment advertising uses a range of platforms including LinkedIn, Seek, and Ethical Jobs.

Notable advertising campaigns for the 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 period included:

- **\$6,122** to advertise Intensive Therapeutic Residential Care (ITRC) tender
- **\$70,727** for recruitment marketing for critical and hard to fill roles, including the Chief Executive Officer and development of staff testimonial videos for national and international recruitment.

Notable marketing and communications activities for the 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 period included:

- **\$21,291** to support the NT Show Circuit
- **\$4,872** for promotion of key programs including:
 - Welfare Group support (Emergency Management)
 - 16 Days of Activism (DFSV)
 - Safe Holiday Season DFSV Campaign
 - Circuit Breaker program.

TRAVEL

23. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including, but not limited to, travel-related costs such as accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, car rental, meals and incidentals, in each Agency and authority during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 broken down to:

- (a) International Travel**
- (b) Interstate Travel**
- (c) Intrastate Travel**

Category	2025-26 at 31 March 2026 \$
International Travel	4 540
Interstate Travel	242 744
Intrastate Travel	4 113 654
Total	4 360 938

24. In the case of international travel identified in response to the question above, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip.

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, there was one international trip undertaken.

Purpose	Itinerary	Persons	Cost
To attend coursework for ANSOG Executive Master of Public Administration (sponsored by NT Government)	Wellington New Zealand 10 to 13 November 2025	Executive Director Barkly, Regional Services	\$4540

25. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Nil.

26. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by any Assistant Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Nil.

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

27. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

In relation to each occasion where official hospitality was provided:

- a) What was the purpose of the hospitality?
- b) How many guests attended?
- c) How many Ministers attended?
- d) How many Ministerial staff attended?
- e) How many MLAs attended?
- f) How many Public Sector employees attended?
- g) What was the total cost incurred?

Event	Purpose (a)	Guests (b)	Ministers (c)	Ministeria l Staff (d)	MLAs (e)	Employees (f)	Total Cost (g) \$	Total Employee expenditure \$	Total Non- Employee expenditure \$
2025 Aboriginal Employee Forum	Opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to meet, network and celebrate their contribution towards achieving key objectives in the Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework	9	0	0	0	91	43 929	39 975	3 954
2025 Children and Carers Recognition Event	Annual event that recognises the significant accomplishments of children in care, and kinship and foster carers	110	1	2	0	20	5 709	859	4850
2025 Christmas Party for children in care	Supports children in care and carers to engage with Child Protection Practitioners, building positive relationships		0	0	0	0	1 533	0	0

Event	Purpose (a)	Guests (b)	Ministers (c)	Ministeria I Staff (d)	MLAs (e)	Employees (f)	Total Cost (g) \$	Total Employee expenditure \$	Total Non- Employee expenditure \$
Senior Executive Group visit Nhulunbuy and Galiwinku	SEG annually travels to communities across regions to meet with staff and stakeholders including NTG agencies, non-government organisations, funded service providers, and other significant organisations	14	0	0	0	17	1088	0	0
2025 Foster and Kinship Carer Celebrations Arnhem region	The purpose of the event is to host a luncheon to celebrate departments Foster and Kinship carers across the communities (Gapuwiyak, Ramingining, Nhulunbuy, Groote Eylandt, Galiwinku) under the Arnhem Region for Children and Families.	33	0	0	0	19	716	0	0
2025 Foster and Kinship Carer Celebrations Top End	The purpose of the event is to host a luncheon to celebrate departments Foster and Kinship carers across the communities (Wadeye, Maningrida, Wurrumiyanga) under the Top End Region for Children and Families.	37	0	0	0	18	730	0	0
2025 Child Protection Week lunch Top End region	Opportunity for staff to get together to celebrate Child Protection week and the important work that they contribute towards in the CP space.	0	0	0	0	23	226	226	0
Totals							53 931	41 060	8 804

GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

28. Please detail expenditure on grants, sponsorships, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including agency budget totals to administer such programs.

For the period 1 July 2025 31 March 2026, the Department paid:

- **\$124.6** million in grants
- Nil in sponsorships
- Nil in donations or incentives.

Details of grant expenditure and recipients is provided at Question 31. As grants are managed by various roles across the Department, calculating costs for each program would impose a significant administrative burden.

29. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, and to what activities. Please list details of any contract periods as part of any arrangement.

Nil to report.

30. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2026-27 financial year?

Nil to report.

31. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

The grant amount paid to non-government organisations and individuals for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 was **\$87,021,812 million**. A breakdown of grants by output, program, grant and organisation is provided below.

The Department had no donations or incentives to report for the period.

Grants committed for payment in 2025-26 as of 31 March 2026

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
2023-24 Child and Family Centre - Katherine	\$615,146	-	\$615,146
Kalano Community Association Incorporated	\$615,146	-	\$615,146
2023-24 Child and Family Centre - Tennant Creek	\$614,114	-	\$614,114
Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$614,114	-	\$614,114
2024-25 Child and Family Centre - Darwin Northern Suburbs	\$784,986	-	\$784,986
CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation	\$784,986	-	\$784,986
2024-25 Child and Family Centre - Kalkarindji	\$614,100	-	\$614,100
Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	\$614,100	-	\$614,100
2024-25 Child and Family Community Fund - Palmerston	\$5,604	-	\$5,604
Children's Ground Limited	\$5,604	-	\$5,604
Aboriginal Carer Services - Arnhem	\$203,349	-	\$203,349
Yalu Aboriginal Corporation	\$203,349	-	\$203,349
Aboriginal Carer Services - Barkly	\$4,705	\$198,690	\$203,395
Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$4,705	\$198,690	\$203,395
Aboriginal Carer Services - Big Rivers	\$5,881	\$248,362	\$254,243
Kalano Community Association Aboriginal Corporation	\$5,881	-	\$5,881
Kalano Community Association Incorporated	-	\$248,362	\$248,362
Aboriginal Carer Services - Central Australia	\$286,823	\$279,194	\$566,017
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$104,736	\$101,950	\$206,686
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$182,087	\$177,244	\$359,331
Aboriginal Carer Services - Greater Darwin	\$183,782	\$301,654	\$485,436
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	\$183,782	\$175,549	\$359,331
NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation	-	\$126,105	\$126,105
Aboriginal-led DFSV Prevention Grants	\$728,100		\$728,100
Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation	\$278,100	-	\$278,100
Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation	\$330,000	-	\$330,000
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	\$120,000	-	\$120,000
After Care Support - Moving On & HYPP	\$577,700	-	\$577,700
Anglicare NT Ltd.	\$577,700	-	\$577,700
Assertive Outreach	\$4,004,096	\$3,781,609	\$7,785,705

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
Anglicare NT Ltd.	\$1,191,246	\$794,165	\$1,985,411
CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation	\$330,000	\$220,000	\$550,000
CatholicCare NT	\$210,000	\$140,000	\$350,000
Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	\$266,760	\$177,840	\$444,600
Mission Australia	\$447,245	\$298,164	\$745,409
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	\$1,147,845	\$765,230	\$1,913,075
Wurli-Wurlinjang Aboriginal Corporation	\$411,000	\$274,000	\$685,000
Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	-	\$1,112,210	\$1,112,210
Capital Grant Funding – DAIWS Transitional Housing Building Project	\$700,000	\$380,000	\$1,080,000
Darwin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Shelter Indigenous Corporation	\$700,000	\$380,000	\$1,080,000
Catering Services Batten Road	\$1,290,943	\$828,258	\$2,119,201
Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,290,943	\$828,258	\$2,119,201
Central Australia, Barkly, Big Rivers, East Arnhem, Top End and Greater Darwin (NT Regions) Homelessness Services 2024-25	\$100,000	-	\$100,000
Orange Sky Australia Limited	\$100,000		\$100,000
Central Intake Service	\$1,770,000	\$1,180,000	\$2,950,000
Lutheran Community Care Incorporated	\$1,770,000	\$1,180,000	\$2,950,000
Child and Family Centre - Arlparra	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
Child and Family Centre - Borroloola	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
CBT Youth and Community Limited	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
Child and Family Centre - East Arnhem (Gapuwiyak)	-	\$615,996	\$615,996
Gong-Dal Aboriginal Corporation	-	\$615,996	\$615,996
Child and Family Centre - Papunya	\$14,207	\$605,850	\$620,057
Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation	\$14,207	\$605,850	\$620,057
Child and Family Centre - Tiwi Island (Wurrumiyanga)	-	\$615,996	\$615,996
Mantiyupwi Family Trust	-	\$615,996	\$615,996
Child and Family Centres	\$1,200,000	-	\$1,200,000
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$600,000	-	\$600,000
Thamarrurr Development Corporation Ltd	\$600,000	-	\$600,000
Child and Family Contact Centre (Darwin and Palmerston)	\$439,725	-	\$439,725

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
Anglicare N.T. Ltd.	\$439,725	-	\$439,725
Child and Youth Development Research Partnership	\$409,380	-	\$409,380
Menzies School Of Health Research	\$409,380	-	\$409,380
Community Based Children's Care Service - Central Australia	\$2,878,892	-	\$2,878,892
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$2,878,892	-	\$2,878,892
Comprehensive Assessments for Children and Young People in the Care of Territory Families 2020-23	-	\$300,000	\$300,000
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	-	\$300,000	\$300,000
CREATE - Peak Body 2023-2028	\$511,839	-	\$511,839
Create Foundation Limited	\$511,839	-	\$511,839
Day Centres/Hubs	\$450,000	\$1,180,000	\$1,630,000
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation		\$880,000	\$880,000
St Vincent De Paul Society (NT) Inc	\$450,000	\$300,000	\$750,000
DFV Victim Survivor support worker for the Alice Springs Specialist DFV Court	\$484,484	-	\$484,484
Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit Aboriginal Corporation	\$243,166	-	\$243,166
Central Australian Women's Legal Services Inc	\$120,659	-	\$120,659
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	\$120,659	-	\$120,659
Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Co-responder Pilot	\$319,236	-	\$319,236
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	\$319,236	-	\$319,236
DFV Co-responder Trial Project - People who commit DFV support component	\$160,000	-	\$160,000
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$160,000	-	\$160,000
Early Interventions Grants	\$1,138,218	-	\$1,138,218
CatholicCare NT	\$379,406	-	\$379,406
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	\$379,406	-	\$379,406
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$379,406	-	\$379,406
Family Support (Toy Libraries) - Northern Region	\$462	-	\$462
Gove Toy Library Incorporated	\$462	-	\$462
Family Support Services - Arnhem	\$423,486	-	\$423,486
Yalu Aboriginal Corporation	\$423,486	-	\$423,486

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
Family Support Services - Arnhem - Nhulunbuy 2023-25	\$9,880	-	\$9,880
Anglicare NT Ltd.	\$9,880	-	\$9,880
Family Support Services - Barkly	\$13,664	\$582,680	\$596,344
Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$13,664	\$582,680	\$596,344
Family Support Services - Big Rivers	\$276,674	\$264,164	\$540,838
Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation	\$276,674	\$264,164	\$540,838
Family Support Services - Big Rivers (remote)	\$190,262	\$493,438	\$683,700
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	\$182,709	\$174,448	\$357,157
Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation	\$7,553	\$318,990	\$326,543
Family Support Services - Central	\$445,584	\$1,460,632	\$1,906,216
Akeyulerre Aboriginal Corporation	\$420,753	\$401,728	\$822,481
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$24,831	\$1,058,904	\$1,083,735
Family Support Services - Greater Darwin Region	\$3,282,777	\$294,888	\$3,577,665
CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,267,107		\$1,267,107
Children's Ground Limited	\$157,081	\$151,969	\$309,050
Mackillop Family Services Limited	\$929,812	-	\$929,812
Melaleuca Refugee Centre Torture and Trauma Survivor's Service of the NT Inc	\$771,696	-	\$771,696
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency Ltd	\$157,081	\$142,919	\$300,000
Family Support Services - Top End Region	\$524,493	\$500,811	\$1,025,304
Australian Red Cross Society	\$261,013	\$249,211	\$510,224
Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	\$263,480	\$251,600	\$515,080
Foster and Kinship Carer Association NT 2023-28	\$1,071,394	-	\$1,071,394
Foster And Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated	\$1,071,394	-	\$1,071,394
Gunbalanya Safe House - Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Services	\$804,104	-	\$804,104
One Tree Community Services Inc	\$804,104	-	\$804,104
Homelessness Reintegration	\$300,000	\$2,814	\$302,814
Mission Australia	\$300,000	\$2,814	\$302,814
Hubs and Day Centres	\$2,058,637	\$1,372,425	\$3,431,062
Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	\$453,240	\$302,160	\$755,400
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	\$1,067,654	\$711,769	\$1,779,423
Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	\$537,743	\$358,496	\$896,239
Integrated Homelessness Supported	\$1,402,685	\$2,183,132	\$3,585,817

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
Accommodation Program - Batten Road			
Mission Australia	\$804,098	\$1,157,493	\$1,961,591
Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	\$598,587	\$1,025,639	\$1,624,226
Integrated Tenancy Sustainability	\$814,124	\$542,749	\$1,356,873
Mission Australia	\$814,124	\$542,749	\$1,356,873
Men's Behaviour Change Program – Katherine	-	\$410,402	\$410,402
Wurli-Wurlinjang Aboriginal Corporation	-	\$410,402	\$410,402
Men's Behaviour Change Program	\$2,050,403	\$1,672,035	\$3,722,438
CatholicCare NT	\$1,229,514	\$1,229,514	\$2,459,028
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$820,889	\$442,521	\$1,263,410
Mparntwe/Alice Springs Assertive Outreach Service	-	\$8,876	\$8,876
Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	-	\$8,876	\$8,876
National Partnership Agreement on FDSV Grants - Legal Services	\$574,163	\$210,341	\$784,504
Central Australian Women's Legal Services Inc	\$108,638	-	\$108,638
Darwin Community Legal Service Inc	\$94,769	-	\$94,769
Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service Incorporated	\$123,431	-	\$123,431
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$124,818	-	\$124,818
North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service - Aboriginal Corporation	-	\$94,769	\$94,769
NT Legal Aid Commission	-	\$115,572	\$115,572
Top End Women's Legal Service Inc	\$122,507	-	\$122,507
NO MORE – Engagement with Sporting Organisations	\$399,206	-	\$399,206
CatholicCare NT	\$399,206	-	\$399,206
NT Council of Social Service DFSV Policy Officer Project	\$197,405	-	\$197,405
NT Council of Social Service Incorporated	\$197,405	-	\$197,405
NT Child and Family Sector Strengthening and Reform 2026-2027	-	\$1	\$1
SNAICC - National Voice for Our Children (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation)	-	\$1	\$1
NT Child Safe Services and Communities	\$522,904	-	\$522,904
National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	\$522,904	-	\$522,904

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
NT Council of Social Service - Schedule C - 5-year peak body service agreement	\$137,292	-	\$137,292
NT Council of Social Service Incorporated	\$137,292	-	\$137,292
Ozanam House Coconut Grove - Capital Grant	\$475,000	\$300,000	\$775,000
St Vincent De Paul Society (NT) Inc	\$475,000	\$300,000	\$775,000
Peak Body	\$789,738	\$526,492	\$1,316,230
NT Shelter Incorporated	\$472,938	\$315,292	\$788,230
YWCA Australia	\$316,800	\$211,200	\$528,000
Peak Body Funding	\$527,892	\$346,511	\$874,403
Aboriginal Housing NT Aboriginal Corporation	\$527,892	\$346,511	\$874,403
Primary Prevention Officer Our Watch	\$192,000	-	\$192,000
Our Watch Limited	\$192,000	-	\$192,000
Primary Prevention, Family Support - Children's Learning & Development - Regional Services Greater Darwin	\$136,615	\$143,022	\$279,637
City Of Darwin	\$53,856	\$56,382	\$110,238
Darwin Toy Library Association Inc	\$82,759	\$86,640	\$169,399
Red Cross Emergency Management	\$124,181	\$372,543	\$496,724
Australian Red Cross Society	\$124,181	\$372,543	\$496,724
Sector Capacity Building	\$112,111	-	\$112,111
Connect Social and Emotional Wellbeing Pty Ltd	\$112,111	-	\$112,111
Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Framework (SVPRF) Grant	\$806,664	-	\$806,664
Galiwin'Ku Women's Space Aboriginal Corporation	\$403,332	-	\$403,332
Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	\$201,666	-	\$201,666
Thamarrurr Development Corporation Ltd	\$201,666	-	\$201,666
Specialist DFV - Arnhem Region	\$534,250	\$473,545	\$1,007,795
Galiwin'Ku Women's Space Aboriginal Corporation	\$488,021	\$473,545	\$961,566
MAF International	\$46,229	-	\$46,229
Specialist DFV - Barkly Region	\$2,551,073	-	\$2,551,073
Barkly Regional Council	\$710,326	-	\$710,326
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge Inc	\$1,840,747	-	\$1,840,747
Specialist DFV - Big Rivers Region	\$2,295,657	-	\$2,295,657
Katherine Women's Crisis Centre Inc	\$2,140,599	-	\$2,140,599
Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation	\$155,058	-	\$155,058

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
Specialist DFV - Greater Darwin	\$7,551,040	\$2,702,042	\$10,253,082
Darwin Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Women's Shelter Indigenous Corporation	\$1,373,403	\$1,252,600	\$2,626,003
Dawn House Inc	\$2,333,125		\$2,333,125
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	\$1,745,915	\$1,449,442	\$3,195,357
YWCA Australia	\$2,098,597	-	\$2,098,597
Specialist DFV - Top End Region	\$2,249,662	-	\$2,249,662
CatholicCare NT	\$1,171,517	-	\$1,171,517
One Tree Community Services Inc	\$1,122,004	-	\$1,122,004
Specialist DFV Outreach Worker	\$1,407	-	\$1,407
Mission Australia	\$1,407	-	\$1,407
Specialist DFV Service	\$1,069,489	-	\$1,069,489
North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service - Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,069,489	-	\$1,069,489
Specialist DFV Services - Central Australia	\$3,175,436	\$2,638,801	\$5,814,237
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$536,374	\$500,542	\$1,036,916
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	\$2,639,062	\$2,138,259	\$4,777,321
Support Services - Assertive Outreach	\$158,439	\$104,000	\$262,439
St Vincent De Paul Society (NT) Inc	\$158,439	\$104,000	\$262,439
Supported Crisis Accommodation	\$6,195,253	\$4,130,170	\$10,325,423
Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Services Inc.	\$792,857	\$528,571	\$1,321,428
CatholicCare NT	\$588,010	\$392,007	\$980,017
Country Connect Foundation Limited	\$706,641	\$471,094	\$1,177,735
Darwin Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Women's Shelter Indigenous Corporation	\$420,000	\$280,000	\$700,000
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	\$491,892	\$327,928	\$819,820
Mission Australia	\$1,047,551	\$698,368	\$1,745,919
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	\$1,293,002	\$862,002	\$2,155,004
YWCA Australia	\$855,300	\$570,200	\$1,425,500
Supported Play2Learn Program	\$1,782	-	\$1,782
Save The Children Australia	\$1,782	-	\$1,782
Supported Transitional Accommodation	\$11,233,072	\$7,488,712	\$18,721,784
Alice Springs Youth Accommodation & Support Services Inc.	\$265,687	\$177,124	\$442,811
Anglicare N.T. Ltd.	\$3,080,048	\$2,053,364	\$5,133,412

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
CatholicCare NT	\$210,000	\$140,000	\$350,000
Central Australian Affordable Housing Company Ltd	\$928,142	\$618,761	\$1,546,903
Community Housing Limited	\$780,000	\$520,000	\$1,300,000
Mission Australia	\$2,123,687	\$1,415,791	\$3,539,478
St Vincent De Paul Society (NT) Inc	\$930,000	\$620,000	\$1,550,000
The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	\$1,111,499	\$740,999	\$1,852,498
Top End Association for Mental Health Inc.	\$873,109	\$582,073	\$1,455,182
YWCA Australia	\$930,900	\$620,600	\$1,551,500
Telephone Counselling and Support for Parents and Carers	\$111,061	-	\$111,061
Yourtown	\$111,061	-	\$111,061
Tenancy Sustainability Program	\$7,469	-	\$7,469
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$7,469	-	\$7,469
Tenancy Sustainability Services	\$6,993,886	\$4,662,590	\$11,656,476
Anglicare NT Ltd	\$2,346,706	\$1,564,471	\$3,911,177
CatholicCare NT	\$945,000	\$630,000	\$1,575,000
Dawn House Inc	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$500,000
Foodbank Of South Australia Incorporated	\$606,000	\$404,000	\$1,010,000
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	\$190,306	\$126,871	\$317,177
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	\$312,000	\$208,000	\$520,000
Mental Health Association Of Central Aust Inc	\$393,000	\$262,000	\$655,000
Mission Australia	\$1,267,393	\$844,928	\$2,112,321
Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	\$342,481	\$228,320	\$570,801
YWCA Australia	\$291,000	\$194,000	\$485,000
Tennant Creek Youth Night Activities Supporting the Circuit Breaker Program 2025-26	\$191,000	\$200,000	\$391,000
Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation	\$191,000	\$200,000	\$391,000
Variation to National Partnership Agreement on FDSV Grants - Specialist DFSV	\$235,767	-	\$235,767
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency Ltd	\$115,572	-	\$115,572
NT Working Women's Centre Incorporated	\$53,163	-	\$53,163
Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	\$67,032	-	\$67,032
Visitor Accommodation	\$2,049,000	\$1,366,000	\$3,415,000
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	\$1,584,000	\$1,056,000	\$2,640,000
CatholicCare NT	\$465,000	\$310,000	\$775,000

Organisation Name	Paid	Not Paid	Total
Wet Weather Respite	\$20,469	-	\$20,469
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	\$20,469	-	\$20,469
Young Parents Programs, Family Support - Regional Services Greater Darwin	\$479,613	-	\$479,613
Anglicare NT Ltd	\$195,065	-	\$195,065
YWCA Australia	\$284,548	-	\$284,548
Youth Patrol Service	\$114,017	-	\$114,017
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	\$114,017	-	\$114,017
Total	\$87,021,812	\$46,569,425	\$133,591,237

Note: Some subtotals may not add due rounding.

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

32. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

33. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia or Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?

34. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

35. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, the purpose of the contract, the cost, and why a territory firm was not chosen.

A whole-of-government response to Questions 33 to 35 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

36. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by this Department for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Property Address	2025-26 Total Cost at 31 March 2026 \$
172 Paterson St Tennant Creek	14,772
2 Railway Tce Alice Springs (7732 Stuart Hwy)	21,180
25 Chung Wah Tce Palmerston	58,478
31 Grevillea Road Katherine	11,275
36 Georgina Crescent Yarrowonga	24,209
41 Smith St The Mall Darwin (PowerHouse)	78,588
13-17 Scaturchio St Casuarina (Cascom)	67,751
58 Hartley St Alice Springs	7,424
7 Bray St Elliott	588
93 Chesterfield St Nhulunbuy	20,444
Angurugu	6,749
Batten Road Darwin	280,306
Wugularr	2,252
Galiwinku	3,464
Jabiru	6,460
Kalkarindji	2,502
Lajamanu	2,574
Maningrida	1,560
Milingimbi	1,807
Ngukurr	4,076
Peppimenarti	237
Ramingining	3,587
Naiyu	1,448

Property Address	2025-26 Total Cost at 31 March 2026 \$
Ti Tree	5,818
Nguiu	1,455
Yarralin	895
Ntaria	2,832
Grand Total	632,731

Note: For privacy reasons the above table does not include power costs for private residential care homes. Power costs for remote facilities are provided as an overall total and include power costs for remote safe houses

37. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by this Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

38. How much Government owned or leased premises or office space is currently under-utilised (at less than 100% occupied) or vacant?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development

39. Please detail all expenditure for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 incurred by the Agency on repairs, maintenance or replacement of assets as a direct result of:

- a) Vandalism
- b) Theft
- c) Property damage associated with criminal activity

40. For each instance:

- a) Nature of damage
- b) Location/ region (table)
- c) Cost

41. What preventative measures has the Agency implemented to reduce crime-related damage to assets?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 39 to 41 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development'

FEES AND CHARGES

42. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2025/26 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges were increased following the 2026 budget.

The Department's statutory and legislated fees and charges for 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 are outlined below. None of these fees and charges were increased following the 2024 election.

Fees and Charges	YTD Revenue 31 March 2026 \$
Adoption fees*	9 135
Conduct Money**	0
Freedom of Information (FOI) application fees***	400
Total	9 535

**Adoption fees/charges to clients are as per the schedule of rates below:*

Adoption Fees Administration application fee	\$1 000
Home study	\$2 300
Post-adoption services	\$1 000
File preparation to be sent overseas	\$1 300 – \$2 165

*** Conduct Money is currently charged at \$30 per subpoena. The Department does not require payment from community legal organisations or government agencies.*

**** FOI application fees are charged at \$30 per application across the NT Government. There is no application fee if the request relates to the applicant's personal information.*

INTERNAL AUDITS

43. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

During the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, **2** internal audits were commenced.

44. What were the terms of reference or focus for each investigation?

45. Please provide details of any fraud, anomalies, breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures exposed by the audits and financial investigations.

Internal Audit / Investigation	Terms of Reference or Focus	Outcome
Value for Territory Audit	Assess the Department's compliance against NTG's Procurement Rules, Governance Policy and Buy Local Plan.	In progress as of 31 March 2026
Employee Qualifications Audit	Assess compliance with pre-employment screen processes, including where appointment was contingent upon qualifications being held.	In progress as of 31 March 2026

46. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies, e.g. Auditor-General/Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and how?

47. How many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.

Agencies would not be privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

48. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2025/26, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election.
- b) The current members and when they were appointed

49. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

NAME: Working With Children Clearance Screening Authority			
48(a)	Terms of Reference, if changed from last year.	No change.	
48(b)		Member Name	Appointed

	Current members and when appointed.	Donna Quong	19/07/2017
49	Times met during 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026	As assessments are completed electronically, the Authority does not meet in person, although decisions are made on a day-to-day basis.	
NAME: NT Aboriginal Advisory Board on Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence			
48(a)	Terms of Reference, if changed from last year.	No change - under review.	
48(b)	Current members and when appointed.	Member Name	Appointed
		Mr Anthony Castro	06/02/2023
		Ms Daphne Daniels	06/02/2023
		Ms Rhoda Dhurrkay	06/02/2023
		Mr Byron May	06/02/2023
		Ms Lauren Peric	06/02/2023
		Ms Connie Shaw	06/02/2023
		Ms Linda Turner	06/02/2023
	Mr Addison Young	05/09/2025	
49	Times met during 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026	The Committee met 4 times during this period	

NAME: Clinical Governance and Professional Practice Committee			
48(a)	Terms of Reference, if changed from last year.	No change.	
48(b)	Current members and when appointed.	Member Name	Appointed
		No current members	
49	Times met during 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026	The Committee has not met during this period	

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

50. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced since 1 July 2025, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference
- b) The criteria for selection of all panel members
- c) The composition, qualifications and state or Territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry
- d) The cost of the review/inquiry
- e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry
- f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly
- g) If not completed when this is expected

There were no Department reviews or inquiries initiated or underway since 1 July 2025, where terms of reference and panel member selection were required.

51. Please provide a comprehensive list of all:

- a) Policies.
- b) Procedures.
- c) Guidelines.
- d) Discussion papers.
- e) Briefing papers.
- f) Reports.
- g) Reviews.
- h) Media releases.
- i) Internal communications intended for external publication.
- j) Submissions to Federal Parliamentary Inquiries and other inquiries by Independent Agencies.
- k) Responses to reviews and inquiries issued or updated between 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

52. For each document listed:

- a) Date of issue.
- b) Whether publicly released.
- c) If not publicly released, why not.

Reports, findings and associated materials arising from official government reviews and inquiries, where appropriate are made publicly available. Such material is typically published on relevant agency websites, subject to applicable legislative, policy and confidentiality requirements

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

53. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

For the period 24 August 2025 to 31 March 2026, there were:

- No notifiable incidents reported to Northern Territory (NT) WorkSafe under section 35 of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011.
- **35** total incidents reported that led to or could have led to a physical or psychological injury, illness or disease, or where property and/or equipment was damaged. This excludes hazards or near misses.

The level of administrative effort required to determine the costs of reportable safety issues is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

54. Please detail the number of stress-related matters and claims for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

During the period 24 August 2025 to 31 March 2026, there was **one** claim for stress related matters.

REGIONAL OFFICES

55. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved since 1 July 2025. What are the locations for which they are responsible?

Regional staffing salary expenditure by location - Pay 20, 26 March 2026

Location	Paid Staff (Headcount)	Functions	Expenditure¹ \$000
Alice Springs	101	Child Protection, Family Support, Carer Services, Executive, Administrative, Legal and Business Support	9,781
Alyangula	1	Women's Safe House	111
Angurugu	5	Family Support and Women's Safe House	229
Beswick (Wugularr)	3	Family Support and Women's Safe House	142
Borrooloola	2	Child Protection, Family Support, Women's Safe House	173
Darwin	382	Child Protection, Family Support, Carer Services, Executive, Administrative, Legal and Business Support	38,622
Elliott	1	Family Support and Women's Safe House	80
Galiwinku	2	Family Support and Women's Safe House	179
Gapuwiyak-LakeEvelia	1	Child Protection and Family Support	39
Gunbalanya-Oenpelli	2	Child Protection And Family Support	164
Hermannsburg/Ntaria	1	Family Support and Women's Safe House	84
Jabiru	1	Family Support	130

Location	Paid Staff (Headcount)	Functions	Expenditure¹ \$000
Kalkarindji-WaveHill	3	Child Protection, Family Support and Women's Safe House	384
Katherine	54	Child Protection, Family Support, Carer Services, Executive, Administrative and Business Support	5,290
Lajamanu (Hooker Ck)	4	Family Support and Women's Safe House	206
Maningrida	4	Child Protection, Family Support and Women's Safe House	301
Ngukurr-Roper River	5	Child Protection, Family Support and Women's Safe House	643
Nhulunbuy	15	Child Protection, Family Support, Administrative and Business Support	1,382
Palmerston	21	Child Protection, Family Support, Carer Services, Executive, Administrative, Legal and Business Support	950
Peppimenarti ²	0	Women's Safe House	24
Ramingining	2	Family Support and Women's Safe House	73
Tennant Creek	26	Child Protection, Family Support, Carer Services, Executive, Administrative and Business Support	2,354
Ti Tree	2	Family Support and Women's Safe House	152
Wadeye-Port Keats	1	Child Protection and Family Support	180
Wurrumiyanga (Nguiu)	5	Child Protection, Family Support and Women's Safe House	333
Yarralin	1	Family Support and Women's Safe House	56
Yuendumu ²	0	Women Safe House	37
Total	647		62,241

¹ The expenditure relates to payments made to employees employed in the identified location.

² No current employees, but there were past employees

GENERAL

56. Is the Government intending to undertake a review of the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007? If so, what are the terms of reference and scope for the Government's plan to review the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007?

57. If the Government is intending to undertake a review of the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007, can the Minister share the list of stakeholders who have been or will be consulted as part of this review?

58. Can the Government please provide the evidence which has been relied on to inform the decision to undertake a review of the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007?

59. Can the Minister please provide the number of children and young people in out-of-home care during 2024-25 disaggregated by age:

- i. 0-2**
- ii. 2-4**
- iii. 5-9**
- iv. 10-14**
- v. 15-17**

60. Can the Minister please provide the number of children and young people in out-of-home care as at 31/03/2026 disaggregated by age:

- i. 0-2**
- ii. 2-4**
- iii. 5-9**
- iv. 10-14**
- v. 15-17**

61. Can the Minister provide the following information:

As at 31/03/2026, what is the number of children and young people in out-of-home care who have a leaving care plan, disaggregated by:

- a) Age**
 - i. 15**
 - ii. 16**
 - iii. 17**
- b) Gender**
- c) Aboriginality**
 - i. Aboriginal**
 - ii. Non-aboriginal**
 - iii. Unknown**
- d) Disability**
 - i. Disability**

- ii. **No disability**

62. Can the Government provide the following information:

As at 31/03/2026 how many children and young people in out-of-home care do not have a care plan, disaggregated by:

- a) **Age groupings**
 - i. **0-2**
 - ii. **2-4**
 - iii. **5-9**
 - iv. **10-14**
 - v. **15-17**
- b) **Gender**
- c) **Aboriginality**
 - i. **Aboriginal**
 - ii. **Non-aboriginal**
 - iii. **Unknown**
- d) **Disability**
 - i. **Disability**
 - ii. **No disability**
- e) **Reason why they do not have a plan**

63. From the 2024-25 budget, can the Minister provide the following information on out of home care service funding:

64. For 1 December 2024 to 31 March 2026, please provide the following information on out of home care service funding:

65. How many children and young people have been engaged with the Circuit Breaker program during 12/12/2024 to 31/03/2026? Could the data be disaggregated by:

- a) **Age**
- b) **Region**
- c) **Type of engagement (for example returned home, located responsible adult, sourced temporary accommodation)**
- d) **Outcome of engagement (case management, referral to specialist service, family responsibility agreement etc)**

66. How many children and young people were referred to specialist services? Could the Minister provide the data disaggregated by:

- a) **Age**
- b) **Gender**
- c) **Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal**

- d) Reason for referral
- e) Outcome of referral (for example case closed, matter subsumed into an open child protection case etc)

67. How many children and young people engaged through the Circuit Breaker program during 12/12/2024 to 31/03/2026:

- a) Had no prior child protection notifications
- b) Were subject to prior child protection notification
- c) Were subject to prior child protection substantiations
- d) Were under care and protection orders
- e) Were under prior care and protection orders
- f) Were under prior care and protection orders and also had youth detention orders

68. How many children and young people have been provided a 'safe place' to sleep through the Circuit Breaker program during 30/09/2024 to 31/03/2026? Could the Minister please provide the data disaggregated by bed nights, region and age of the child.

69. Through Circuit Breaker, how many children and young people have been placed on Intensive Case Management support due to their risk of becoming involved with child protection or youth justice? Could the data be disaggregated by:

- a) Age
- b) Reason for referral
- c) Status of referral (for example open case, case closed due to...)

70. According to the Government's media release of 7 September 2025, the Circuit Breaker program is helping with early intervention and prevention of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV). What child-specific DFSV programs, supports or interventions have been offered, undertaken or completed by children and young people who are engaging in or at risk of engaging in DFSV behaviour during 30/09/2024 to 31/03/2026?

These questions are beyond the scope of global written questions. The amount of administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 71. What policies and procedures are in place to identify, declare and manage conflicts of interest in:**
- a) Procurement processes**
 - b) Grant allocation processes**
- 72. How many conflicts of interest were declared in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 in:**
- a) Procurement.**
 - b) Grants programs.**
- 73. For each declared conflict of interest:**
- a) What mitigation measures were implemented?**
 - b) Was the individual excluded from decision-making?**
- 74. Were any breaches of conflict-of-interest policies identified? If so:**
- a) Provide details.**
 - b) What actions were taken?**
- 75. Are conflict-of-interest declarations independently audited or reviewed? If so, by whom? Please provide copies of any conflict-of-interest guidelines, policies or training materials used by the Agency.**

All NT Government employees and officers are bound by the NT Public Sector Code of Conduct, established under the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993 (NT)*.

Employment Instruction 12 provides the Code of Conduct for the Territory Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest) https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf.

OPERATIONAL SAVINGS

- 76. Please identify all savings measures implemented by the Agency to contribute to the Government's \$20 million per annum, per agency operational savings target, including:**
- a) Description of each measure**
 - b) Estimated savings**
 - c) Actual savings achieved to date**

- 77. Please identify any reductions in:**
- a) Staffing**
 - b) Programs**
 - c) Service delivery resulting from these savings measures.**
- 78. What impact assessments were undertaken prior to implementing these savings?**
- 79. Have any services been reduced, delayed or discontinued as a result of these savings measures? If so, provide details.**
- 80. What reductions have been made in the following categories:**
- a) Consultancies**
 - b) Travel**
 - c) Communications and marketing**
 - d) Other discretionary spending**
- 81. Please quantify how much has been saved in each of the above categories.**
- 82. Please provide any internal reports or advice identifying service delivery risks within the Agency for 2025–26.**
- 83. Please identify any programs or services where demand exceeded available funding or capacity.**
- 84. Please provide details of any projects or programs delayed due to budget constraints or resourcing issues.**

The Department's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 1% of its budget and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each budget.

COST PRESSURES

- 85. What specific programs, policies or initiatives, for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 has the Agency implemented or contributed to in the reporting period to reduce cost of living pressures for Territorians? Please detail:**
- a) Target cohort**
 - b) Budget allocation**
 - c) Measurable outcomes or KPIs**

The Department undertakes an annual indexation review of the NT Carer Allowance paid to authorised kinship and foster carers and adjusts these payments in line with NT CPI.

86. Has the Agency undertaken any modelling or analysis of cost-of-living pressures relevant to its portfolio? If so:

- a) Please provide copies**
- b) What policy changes have resulted?**
- c) Cost of modelling**

No modelling or analysis of cost-of-living pressures relevant to the Department's portfolio were undertaken during the reporting period.

87. Please identify any fees, charges or cost-recovery mechanisms administered by the Agency that have increased since 1 July 2025, including:

- a) Amount of increase**
- b) Rationale**
- c) Estimated impact on households/businesses**

Not applicable.

88. What steps has the Agency taken to ensure government services delivered by the Agency are accessible and affordable, particularly in remote and regional areas?

Not applicable.

89. Has the Agency reviewed any programs or services to reduce out-of-pocket costs for users? If so, provide details and outcomes.

Not applicable.

90. Please quantify any savings to households or businesses that have resulted from Agency initiatives since 1 July 2025.

This is unable to be quantified.

- 91. What additional costs has the Agency incurred during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as a result of increases in fuel prices? Please detail:**
- a) Total additional expenditure attributable to fuel price increases.**
 - b) Impact on operational budgets (including service delivery, logistics, and regional operations).**
 - c) Any mitigation strategies implemented to manage these increased costs.**

As of 31 March 2026, monthly fuel expenditure had increased by an estimated 3% when compared to 2024-25, however it is difficult to reliably determine how much of this increase would be due to increases in fuel prices. Strategies to mitigate increased fuel costs have included ongoing review and monitoring of staff travel and encouraging online engagement as an alternative when appropriate.

- 92. What additional costs has the Agency incurred during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as a result of increases in airfares? Please detail:**
- a) Total additional expenditure attributable to airfare increases.**
 - b) Impact on travel requirements, including any reduction, deferral or substitution of travel.**
 - c) Any changes to service delivery, stakeholder engagement or program implementation as a result.**

As of 31 March 2026, the Departments overall and monthly expenditure for airfares showed a decrease in expenditure when compared to 2024-25, with no additional costs recorded indicating any impact related to increased airfare pricing. There has been no change to the Department's service delivery stakeholder engagement or program implementation resulting from increased airfare costs.

COMPLAINTS

- 93. Number of complaints received about Agency services, broken down by category, complainant (internal or external) and outcome.**

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, a total of 239 complaints in relation to agency services were received by the Department. Of these:

Complaints about Agency Services – 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

Complaint category	Number received
Child safety	39
Case management	57
Office of the Children’s Commissioner	99
Kinship / Foster Care supports	9
Staff conduct	15
Aftercare support	1
Transition to Independence	5
Breach of privacy	2
Other	12
Total	239

**Other may include redirected complaints not in DCF remit e.g. Housing*

The Department does not receive internal complaints, as complaints relating to departmental services and decisions are managed through established external complaint mechanisms.

External complaints about Agency Services – 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

Complaint origin	Number received
Public or advocates	126
Lawyers	3
External organisations	4
Minister’s Office	9
OCC	99
Total	241

As of 31 March 2026, of the 241 complaints in relation to agency services received during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the following outcomes were recorded:

- 24 remained open as of 31 March 2026 pending investigation or legal advice
- 181 had been closed with a response provided
- 26 had been closed with no further action required
- 6 were redirected
- 4 had been closed due to insufficient information to progress

OTHER EXPENDITURE

94. Please provide details for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 on the following matters:

- a) Whether the Agency or Ministerial Offices utilise artificial intelligence or other digital services to enhance or promote social media or public communications, including:
- a) The name and purpose of each service used.
 - b) Total expenditure on such services.

Microsoft Copilot is endorsed as the preferred generative AI tool for use within the NT Government. The NT Government version of Copilot operates entirely within its secure digital environment, ensuring that information entered is not exposed to the internet.

All use of AI must comply with the acceptable use of digital resources policy, the code of conduct and align with the AI ethics principles outlined in the AI assurance framework. Refer NTG Central – Artificial intelligence policy.’

- b) All paid subscriptions held by the Agency, including:
- a) Type and purpose (e.g. software, data services, publications, memberships).
 - b) Total cost of each subscription.
 - c) Whether each subscription has been reviewed for cost efficiency or ongoing necessity.

Type (a)	Purpose (a)	2025-26 Total Cost \$ (b)	Reviewed (c)
ELIA Signs of Safety IT Solution License	Supports child protection risk assessment and planning, and guides work across the entire child protection continuum.	38 182	Yes
68 x Adobe Pro software	To create, edit, and manage PDF documents.	25 030	Yes
6 x Adobe Creative Cloud Pro	To create and edit digital content such as graphics, videos, and documents.	10 185	Yes
4 x Appligent Redax (Adobe Pro Plug In)	To permanently redact information from PDF documents.	2 192	Yes
18 x Copilot	Assists staff work more efficiently by assisting with writing, summarising, and analysing content in Microsoft apps.	3 316	Yes
1 x Microsoft Visio Plan 2	To create, manage and share professional, data-driven diagrams with advanced tools and full functionality.	169	Yes

Type (a)	Purpose (a)	2025-26 Total Cost \$ (b)	Reviewed (c)
1 x Stata/Be 19 Software	Supports statistical data management, analysis, reporting and evaluation activities across program areas.	5 545	No
Madcap Flare	Platform used to design, develop, and maintain the CARE Central website, which houses all procedural documentation and guidelines for the CARE system.	8 112	Yes
Onesource License Fees (FBT)	Used across the NT Government for FBT purposes. The amount paid represents the Department's share of the total licence cost.	1 850	Yes
Digital Pigeon subscription	Document sharing software for images and videos.	1 035	Yes
QR code generator	To create, manage and track QR codes in printed comms.	810	Yes
Campaign Monitor subscription	To support stakeholder and internal digital communications.	610	Yes
NT News subscription	Supports media monitoring access and news updates.	377	Yes
ANROWS contribution 25/26	DFSV Research and data platform – access.	20 025	Yes
Australian Computer Society NT membership	Peak body membership	340	No
Canva	Create simple marketing collateral including social media tiles and videos	300	Yes
iStock subscription	Image library for media and communications	800	Yes
Renewal of Connect for Safety membership	Interjurisdictional child protection search tool (match data to protect vulnerable youth)	10 230	Yes
The Australian subscription	Supports media monitoring access and news updates	360	Yes
Total Cost		129 468	

c) Expenditure on the production of Government materials in Aboriginal languages and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) languages, including:

a) Languages materials were produced in.

b) Total cost.

d) The number of instances where non-government organisations or private entities have assisted the Agency.

e) The number of consultations, engagements or community meetings

that were cancelled, rescheduled or postponed due to the unavailability of interpreters, including the language required.

A whole-of-government response to Question 79 c) to e) will be provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

f) Reimbursements made to staff, including:

- a) Total value of reimbursements (including fuel and work-related purchases).**
- b) The types of expenses reimbursed.**
- c) Average processing time for reimbursement.**

All reimbursements made to NT Public Sector staff are for official government purposes are subject to approval by an authorised financial delegate.

Reimbursements are made in accordance with relevant legislative requirements, financial management frameworks and agency policies, and include expenses incurred in the course of performing official duties, such as approved work-related purchases and fuel expenses.

Processing of reimbursements occurs in line with established financial procedures and internal controls to ensure appropriate oversight and accountability

g) Heritage-listed buildings under the Agency's responsibility that have received, or are scheduled to receive, repairs or maintenance, including:

- a) Description of works undertaken or planned.**
- b) Total cost.**

A whole-of-government response to Question 79(g) will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

h) Expenditure associated with Government-hosted or Government-attended events, including:

- d) Traffic management and control costs.**
- e) Policing, security or crowd control costs.**

A whole-of-government response to Question 79 h) will be provided by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

- 95. Please detail all media enquiries received by the Agency during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including:**
- a) The date each enquiry was received.**
 - b) The media outlet or individual making the enquiry.**
 - c) The subject matter of the enquiry.**
 - d) The date a response was provided**
- 96. For each enquiry where no response was provided, please detail the reasons why no response was issued.**
- 97. For each enquiry where a response was provided, please provide a copy of the response.**

The administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery