

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Fyles to the Minister for Lands and Planning:

Land Development

1. In the budget papers there is a \$44.5 million variation between the 2015/16 and 2015/16 estimate. There is no explanatory note in the budget papers for this variance. Can you please provide an explanation for the variation?
2. Can you advise the reason for the budget increase of \$4 million in 2016/17?
3. Can you advise what sales and community grants are planned for crown land estate management as highlighted in the strategic issues of the budget papers?
4. Please list the 9 infill / greenfield sites for residential development proposed for release in 2015/16 and what are the 9 sites proposed for 2016/17?
5. Please list the 6 infill / greenfield sites for community purpose, commercial and industrial development in 2015/16 and what are the proposed 5 sites for 2016/17?

ANSWER

1. The main components of the variation between the 2015-16 budget and the 2015-16 budget estimates are due to the following one off type expenses provided below:
 - \$23.71 million relating to the non-cash gifting of assets to the Power and Water Corporation in line with the usual development practices. This is a requirement under Australian Accounting Standards in order to remove the value of the works undertaken from the department's Balance Sheet as they cannot be recorded as assets of the Department.
 - \$13.92 million relating to expenses incurred for the finalisation of the long term lease of the Darwin Port, provided for consultancy costs.
 - \$4.32 million relating to expensing various capital works projects which do not meet the asset capitalisation criteria. As above, this is a requirement under Australian Accounting Standards.
 - \$1.9 million Community Service Obligation payment to the Land Development Corporation to progress the Marine Industry Park, Katherine Business Park and Tiwi Development projects.

- \$1.2 million for the write off of building assets which cannot be recognised as assets as per Australian Accounting Standards. (mainly due to the demolition of sports house which needed to be removed from the department's balance sheet).
2. The increase between the 2015-16 budget and the 2016-17 budget is mainly due to the following:
- \$3.005 million Community Service Obligation payment to the Land Development Corporation to progress the Marine Industry Park, Katherine Business Park and Tiwi Development projects in 2016-17; and
 - \$0.65 million of additional funding for the management of the Frances Bay Mooring Basin and associated wharves, following the transfer from the former Darwin Port Corporation.
3. The Department is currently processing 32 direct sale applications and 11 community land grant applications for the 2016/17 year. The number of sales and community land grant applications for the 2016/2017 year, by region in the Northern Territory, is summarised below.

Region	Number of applications
Alice Springs	2
Darwin	28
Katherine	6
Remote	7

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2015/16	2016/17
Section 7348 Hundred of Bagot	Lot 5020 Town of Darwin
Section 7349 Hundred of Bagot	Lot 13257 Town of Palmerston
Section 5846 Hundred of Strangways	Lot 13256 Town of Palmerston
Section 5845 Hundred of Strangways	Lot 13258 Town of Palmerston
Section 5844 Hundred of Strangways	Lot 13260 Town of Palmerston
Section 5214 Hundred of Strangways	Lot 2485 Town of Tennant Creek
Lot 7103 Town of Palmerston	Lot 2486 Town of Tennant Creek
Lot 12448 Town of Palmerston	Lot 13158 Town of Palmerston
Lot 6404 Town of Darwin	Lot 9370 Town of Nightcliff

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2015/16	2016/17
Section 6809 Hundred of Bagot Section 1771 Hundred of Colton Section 1772 Hundred of Colton Lot 11202 Town of Palmerston Lot 11282 Town of Palmerston Lot 8434 Town of Darwin	Lot 3403 Hundred of Bagot Lot 4260 Town of Palmerston Lot 11424 Town of Palmerston Lot 11423 Town of Palmerston Lot 4223 Town of Palmerston