



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

REPORT

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2007
WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007
THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2007
FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2007

The Estimates Committee examined the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill (No 2) 2006-2007, in particular on the estimates relating to the portfolios of the:

Speaker
Treasurer
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General
Minister for Statehood
Chief Minister
Minister for Asian Relations and Trade
Minister for the AustralAsia Railway
Minister for Indigenous Policy
Minister for Major Projects
Minister for Employment, Education and Training
Minister for Tourism
Minister for Public Employment
Minister for Health
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing
Minister for Business and Economic Development
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for Defence Support
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Minister for Essential Services
Minister for Planning and Lands
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister for Family and Community Services
Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage
Minister for Parks and Wildlife
Minister for Arts and Museums
Minister for Women's Policy
Minister for Senior Territorians
Minister for Young Territorians
Minister for Local Government

Minister for Housing
 Minister for Central Australia
 Minister for Corporate and Information Services
 Minister for Communications
 Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Indigenous Policy
 Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
 Minister for Mines and Energy

The Committee notes the Outputs contained in the estimates of the proposed expenditure for the above portfolios and reports that there was concern expressed by some Members of the Committee in respect of:

PORTFOLIO	AREA OF CONCERN
Legislative Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee travel • Committee members attendance • Sittings hours • Members vehicles • Asset management plan • Energy audits • Costs for government sponsored functions • Security • Cost of electorate office rentals • Advertising costs • Technical support
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxation (non-residential stamp duty) • Population forecasts (growth in critical services delivery areas) • Net debt • Stamp Duty on the 'Non Real' components in the sale of commercial property • Impending NT legislation • Payment of GST/increased • Superannuation – 3 years actuary review • Own source revenue increases • Stamp duty
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of crime assistance scheme • Staffing issues flowing from the child sex abuse inquiry • DPP increased work load • Specific accommodation within the Alice Springs Court House for Victims of Crime • Appointment of Judicial Registrar • Prison Overcrowding • Women's prison • Alterations to prison • Number of CSO's

Chief Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Liasion Unit • 'Little Children are sacred' report • Indigenous Economical Employment & Training strategy • Commonwealth resource being provided to remote communities • Objectives of Asian Relations and Trade portfolio • Travel reports • Glyde Point • Industrial developments • Waterfront • EXPO Darwin High School • Memorandums of understanding • Shipping subsidies • Protocol functions • Ministerial support unit
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traineeships • Apprenticeships • Remote communities • Safety within the workplace • Work health issues • Incidents of assault on staff • Expulsions • Skills audit to match training provisions • Preschools • Childhood obesity • Gifted students • Truancy
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence and aggression towards nurses • PATS • Juvenile pregnancy • St John Ambulance • Elective Surgery • Emergency department • Community health services • Community Health Centres • Commonwealth involvement resulting from 'Little Children are sacred' report • Sexual transmitted diseases in children • Tuberculosis
Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Police Van • Crime prevention • Mounted police • PROMIS • Annual Reports regional statistics • Enhanced Community safety
Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amalgamation process

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Housing • Territory Housing appeals mechanism • Commonwealth funding – town camps • Public housing waiting list • Number of residents of 1-4 bedroom premises • Complaints mechanism • NT Fleet
Transport and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future industrial development • Future residential development • MAPS NT • Bus Service • Major roads construction • Ports • Waterfront
Natural Resources Environment and the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks • Signage • Joint management plans • Darwin plan of management • Marine park plan of management • Botanic gardens • Aquatic weeds • Dingo baiting • Camel control • Donkey control • Flood forecasting • Water monitoring program for the Darwin rural area
Business Economic and Regional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Development • Indigenous business development program • Regional approach as opposed to individual townships • Indigenous development strategy • Joint NT/Govt ABS Economic development committee
Land Development Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glyde Point Industrial Site
Sport and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets for major sporting events • NT Teams entering national competition AFL/netball • Development of sports policy NT paper • Major plan for facilities • Emerging nations Cricket tour • Formal agreements with Cricket Australia • Lease of TIO stadium

Mines & Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International investors – explorations• Trade delegations – China• Mining Exploration• Rare Earth Extraction• Mineral exploration licenses• Arafura resources• Rehabilitation of extraction sites.• Middle Arm Peninsula• Research Stations• Research – general• Research - horticulture
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