

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Chief Minister:

Appropriation Bill – Auditor General

ALL OUTPUTS

Please provide copies of:

- All questions, which have been received from the public in relation to the Estimates process and consideration of the Appropriation Bill for the 2017/18 financial year; and
- The answers to those questions that were presented to the Estimates Committee.

NTAGO Response: Questions regarding itemised details of travel expenditure for all chief executives and public servants in each agency were asked by a member of the public to the Chief Minister as follows:

1. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel including, but not limited to, travel-related costs such as itinerary, accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, hospitality, car rental, meals and incidentals for all chief executives in each agency from July 1 2016 to March 31 2017 for international, intrastate and interstate travel.
2. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised detail of travel including but not limited to travel-related costs such as itinerary, accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, hospitality, car rental, meals and incidentals for public servants in each agency from July 1 2016 to March 31 2017 for international, interstate and intrastate travel.

NTAGO Travel for the period:

The Auditor-General as Chief Executive Officer of the NTAGO did not undertake any international and intrastate travel during the period. The following are the details of interstate travel undertaken by the Auditor-General for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017:

	Date of Travel	Itinerary	Travel Reason	Travel Fare	Accommodation	Meals	Taxi fares	Total
1.	7-8 July 2016	Drw-Mel-Drw	Australasian Council of Auditor-Generals Conference	\$966.64	\$376	\$27	\$226.75	\$1,596.39
2.	10-11 November 2016	Drw-Syd-Can-Syd-Drw	Australasian Council of Auditor-Generals Conference Canberra	\$779.70	\$175	NIL	\$135.93	\$1,090.63

No other travel was conducted by a staff member of the NTAGO during the period 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017.

Please provide the information requested below for Agencies and Government authorities for which you have responsibility, as at 31 March 2017.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

Please accept apologies if questions are not under the correct Output. Where this is the case, it would be appreciated if you could indicate the appropriate Output in your response. Thank You.

OUTPUT GROUP: AUDITS AND REVIEWS

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1. Is the Auditor General resourced enough to undertake additional or extra audits that arise outside her schedule of audits for the year?

NTAGO Response: Yes.

2. Has the Auditor General been requested to undertake any efficiency audits for the government? If so what are they and what is the timing of these audits?

NTAGO Response: No.

3. How many formal references have been received in relation to breaches of the Public Information Act and what was the outcome?

NTAGO Response: As at 31 March 2017, two formal references have been received in relation to the *Public Information Act*. Outcomes were reported in the November 2016 Auditor-General's Report to the Legislative Assembly available on the NTAGO website.

OUTPUT GROUP: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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Staffing

1. How many Full Time Equivalents are currently employed within this Agency, broken down by Output and Business Unit?

NTAGO Response: Five Full Time Equivalent (FTE) are employed in the Agency. The Audits and Reviews output group has 3 FTE, and the Corporate and Governance output group has 2 FTE.

2. How many Full Time Equivalents have resigned, retired, taken a redundancy package or have been made redundant, or terminated? Please break down these numbers by Output and Business Unit?

NTAGO Response: Nil.

3. What has happened to these positions? Has the work been reallocated to existing staff?

NTAGO Response: Not applicable.

4. Are there any plans to fill these positions in the near future?

NTAGO Response: Not applicable.
