

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

Mr Burke

to Chief Minister

**Public Service Restructure**

The government says its public service restructure will save \$4.4 million in 2002-03 (Mini Budget Paper No 3, Page 18):

1. What will be the source of those savings by component and value.
2. If attrition is to be the source of your savings from the public sector, does that mean that a recruitment freeze has been imposed on some agencies? If so which agencies are affected and what are the details of the freeze.
3. The government has identified \$15 million in savings in 2001-02 and \$35 million in 2002-03 from budget improvement measures. What will be the source of those savings by component and value.
4. What is the current size of the public service in terms of employees of all designations and what do you anticipate the figure being in 12 months time under the changes to the public service.
5. What staff levels have been set for each of the 18 agencies.
6. How many members of the public service are currently regarded as contract employees.
7. What allowance has been made for a public service pay rise in the calculation of the Mini Budget's Budget Improvement Measures.
8. What cost does the government expect to be incurred in changing stationary, uniforms, logos, pamphlets and the front counter areas to reflect your changes to the public service structure.
9. Labor's promises contained in Paper No 3 of the November Mini Budget commit the government to saving \$500,000 a year through REDUCED attrition in the health and education departments. How can savings be made by reducing attrition while at the same time using attrition to reduce the size of the public service.
10. Will the displaced former public service CEOs be expected to take a pay cut to reflect their reduced responsibilities.
11. Will the CEOs of the "18 super" departments be given a salary increase to reflect their increased responsibilities.

**ANSWER**