



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

REPORT

TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2011
WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2011
THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2011
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2011
WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2011

The Estimates Committee examined the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill 2011-2012.

Questions were raised by some Members on the following issues:

PORTFOLIO	ISSUES
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NT cattle export industry – Suspension• Budget deficit• Economic development• Treasurer's advance• Carbon Tax• Territory debt• Aeromedical Service funding• Treasury modelling for climate change• National Partnership Agreements• local government• Programs funded for literacy and numeracy• Home ownership grants• Stamp duty receipts• Land availability
Justice and Attorney-General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• corporate planning• Solicitor's Office – hours worked and staffing• Litigation & prosecution rates• Native title cases• violent offences• WorkSafe

Racing, Gaming and Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Benefit Fund • smoking bans
Alcohol Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol licence by-backs • Alcohol Management Plans • Visits of Liquor Licensing Inspectors • Banned Drinker Register
Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • efficiency dividend • functions • Council of Territory Cooperation • Statehood
Chief Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIHIP • Mataranka Station • Electoral redistribution • Party returns • electoral roll • Ombudsman's Annual Report staffing & investigations • recordkeeping • revenue risks • live cattle trade • Defence housing • Cyclone Carlos • Territory 2030 • housing
Police, Fire and Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • police staffing, leave & uniforms • domestic violence • Ochre card • immigration detention facilities • CCTV • school based and community policing • operation CitySafe • precinct banning notices • 000 calls • prosecutions & investigations
Major Projects, Employment and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • major projects – marine supply base, Waterfront, detention centre, INPEX • Chief Minister's offices & staffing
Multicultural Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multicultural advancement
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Namarluk School • special schools • strategic plans – 2030 • indigenous education • teacher & principal staffing, recruitment & qualifications • remote schools • homeland learning centres • childcare • Ochre card • attendance

Public and Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing affordability • tenancy management – Antisocial Behaviour Agreements • Housing stock • waiting times • repairs & maintenance • Social Housing National Partnership Scheme • SIHIP
Public Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Administrative Officer classification • nurses' salaries
Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local government allocation • financial sustainability of shires • transfer of local roads • roads funding • workforce development • council elections • rates • Mataranka Station • live cattle exports • Homelands policy • outstations • leasing on Aboriginal land
Regional Development & Indigenous Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commercial hubs • development grants • interpreter staffing • Aboriginal Areas protection Authority budget, site searchers & prosecutions • Indigenous Essential Services budget • Indigenous community power generation and carbon footprint
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism funding • indigenous tourism hubs • marketing • destination development

Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing & departmental reform • record keeping • Palmerston hospital • Royal Darwin Hospital funding • occupancy rates • cross border services • interstate patient travel • intrastate patient travel • Katherine aeromedical • renal services • specialist recruitment • cardiac services • hospital boards • dental school visits • Mt Bundy station • radioactive imports • E coli • rehabilitation beds & children in rehabilitation
Children and Families Child Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental regionalisation • recruitment and staffing • cyclone costs – Daly River • Non-Government organisation funding • income management • review & mobile assessment teams • case backlogs • legal representation of children • adoption • residential care • foster care • care plans • Intervention • MensLine
Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exposure draft mining bill • Montara incident • exploration companies • Angela Pamela • Mt Todd mine • Geothermal exploration licences • Aboriginal trainees in primary industries • Live animal exports

Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fire fighting • native vegetation • Bushfire Council • water allocation • water testing • water bodies • E coli • environmental offsets • energy use reduction • storm surge maps • harbour water quality • heritage • Environment Protection Authority investigations • Wildlife Parks
Parks and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint park management • indigenous rangers • park visitor numbers • Gunn Point • fire fighting • crocodile management
Sport and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data collection • annual budget variations • scholarships • Australian Football League • Marrara Stadium • Hidden Valley drag racing
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon tax • ecoBiz NT
Central Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • licence buybacks • Gap Youth Centre • dogs • Youth Hub
Information, Communications and Technology Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • greenhouse gas emissions • digital TV • broadband

<p>Planning and Lands</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waddell • ILIS • Pastoral rent • Crown land management • regional waste management facility • 'Ribbons of Green' • builder registration • residential builder insurance • solar panels • septic tanks • Finbuilt • rezoning • development consent orders • storm surge maps • investigative studies • proposed detention centre • Greater Darwin Land Use Plan • Berrimah Farm
<p>Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Integrated Transport Strategy • barge landings • taxis, minibuses, hire cars • buses • Interlock • Road trains • Driver licensing • Rail safety • traffic management plans • Tiger Brennan Drive • road signage • local government • bus shelters • CCTV • Defence housing support • Darwin Port facilities, storm water management, safety, live cattle export, Chief Executive
<p>Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building the Education Revolution maintenance • stimulus works • disaster emergency repairs • Tiger Brennan Drive
<p>Correctional Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correctional programs • psychologists staffing • community probation officers • Barkley Work Camp • Parole

Business and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Towns • Carbon reduction • occupational shortages • unemployment • training • 457 visas • Indigenous employment • creditors • payroll system • public sector staffing, workplace injuries, indigenous recruitment • local procurement • procurement process review • information communication technology contracts • computer security • office leasing • Budget printing
Asian Relations & Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staffing and travel for Asian Relations and Trade • impacts of live export ban
Young Territorians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impacts of live export ban • Youth Affairs budget
Senior Territorians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of alcohol reforms – identification • grants • administration costs • seniors' accommodation

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