

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources:

**Employment Figures**

1. Why has your Department increased its FTE employee numbers since June last year, given the Government's commitment to reduce numbers under the *Plan for Budget Repair*?
2. Are these new employees considered part of the 57% of departmental employees deemed "frontline" by your Department?
3. If only 57% of your departmental employees are considered "frontline" by your own Department, does this mean that the other 43% are surplus to requirement?
4. Can you provide a breakdown of these 57% of frontline staff? i.e. what positions are considered "frontline" by the Department?