



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 212

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Mining and Energy, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

Department of Mining and Energy Administration

Cost for the Department of Mining and Energy to complete these responses is \$6,870.18

STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as of 31 March 2026:

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	117.93	118	118	0
2. Ongoing Part Time	5.72	7	7	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	27	27	26	1
4. Fixed Term Part Time	0.60	1	1	0
5. Casual Contract	0	0	0	0
6. Executive Contract	22.49	23	22	1
Total	173.74	176	174	2

- (b) Please provide, for each of the six categories above: the relevant position classifications and the number of staff employed against each classification.

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	AO3	9	9	9	0
	AO4	8	8	8	0
	AO5	5	5	5	0
	AO6	16	16	16	0
	AO7	11	11	11	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
	P2	3	3	3	0
	P3	13.93	14	14	0
	SAO1	13	13	13	0
	SAO2	12	12	12	0
	SAO2X	1	1	1	0
	SP1	12	12	12	0
	SP2	4	4	4	0
	T2	4	4	4	0
	T3	3	3	3	0
	T4	2	2	2	0
	T6	1	1	1	0
Total		117.93	118	118	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
2. Ongoing Part Time	AO4	1.55	2	2	0
	AO6	0.91	1	1	0
	P1	0.50	1	1	0
	P2	0.88	1	1	0
	SP1	1.88	2	2	0
Total		5.72	7	7	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
3. Fixed Term Full Time	AO2	1	1	1	0
	AO4	2	2	2	0
	AO5	1	1	1	0
	AO6	2	2	2	0
	AO7	1	1	1	0
	Graduate Trainees	2	2	2	0
	NTPS Traineeship AQF4 Level A	1	1	1	0
	P2	6	6	6	0
	P3	2	2	2	0
	SAO1	2	2	2	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
	SAO2	3	3	2	1
	SP1	2	2	2	0
	T1	1	1	1	0
	T4	1	1	1	0
Total		27	27	26	1

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
4. Fixed Term Part Time	AO3	0.60	1	1	0
Total		0.6	1	1	0

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
6. Executive Contract	ECO1	9.5	10	10	0
	ECO2	8	8	7	1
	ECO3	3	3	3	0
	ECO4	0.99	1	1	0
	ECO6	1	1	1	0
Total		22.49	23	22	1

(c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for the use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) = the proportion of an employee's salary payment to that of an equivalent full-time employee in any given fortnight.
Paid Headcount = Headcount is the count of physical people, so a part-time person would count as one.

The NT Government provides opportunities for employees to balance the demands of work with the needs of family and general health and wellbeing. Flexible work practices are used in the Northern Territory Public Service to attract and retain employees. Flexible work arrangements can include flexibility in relation to an employee's hours of work, or mode of employment such as part-time, and leave.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as of 31 March 2026:

Category	Number
Resigned	22
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	0
Unattached	15
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	28

3. Please advise the number of staff identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as of 31 March 2026.

Category	Number
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	16

4. (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as of 31 March 2026 and as a percentage of the Agency's total employment.

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	3	2%

5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through labour hire, employment agency arrangements and/or consultancy contracts, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as of 31 March 2026. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Number Engaged	Labour Hire / Employment Agency / Consultancy	Purpose	Duration	Cost
1	Labour Hire	Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project – Environment Graduate Support	283 Hours (including 47.5 travel hours)	\$44 725

6. Please advise how many locums have been employed, for what purpose, duration, and at what cost as of 31 March 2026. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Not applicable.

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

7(a)	1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
Positions advertised	59

(b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?

7(b)	1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
Positions advertised with Special Measures applied	50

(c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

7(c)	
Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
AO3	1
AO4	4
AO5	5
AO6	2
AO7	5
ECO1	3
ECO1/SAO2	3
ECO2	4
P2	2
P3	5
SAO1	7
SAO2	2
SPO1	2
SPO2	1
T2	2
T4	2
Total	50

(d) How many positions that had Special Measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during this period and required contract or backfilling arrangements?

Nil.

OUTSOURCING

8. (a) For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.

(b) Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise any functions in this Department in financial year 2026/27? If so, provide details.

Nil.

LEGAL EXPENSES

9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026? Provide details on:

- a) The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which are ongoing)**
- b) The amount paid by matter**
- c) The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged**

The Department of Mining and Energy spent \$1.1 million on legal advice/services from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026:

Legal Provider	Details	Amount (\$)	Status
Ashurst Australia	Expedited procedure objection inquiry and appeal	328,268	Ongoing
	RTN arbitral process	92,730	Ongoing
Mills Oakley	Legal advice in relation to the development of the Remote Power System Strategy	20,375	Ongoing
	Legal advice in relation to the reversal of amalgamation of titles	10,486	Ongoing

Legal Provider	Details	Amount (\$)	Status
	Legal advice on regulating a pipeline where no licence is required	4,300	Finalised
	Legal services regarding the Rum Jungle project	18,261	Ongoing
	Preparation of MOUs for Rum Jungle project	8,225	Ongoing
Scott Ellis	Mediation services in relation to a Pipeline Licence	5,170	Ongoing
Hall & Wilcox	Legal representation at hearing	19,811	Ongoing
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	Regulatory report and map on NT wind energy industry	105,303	Finalised
Jonathan Bortoli	Legal services rendered for a prosecution matter	375	Finalised
	Legal services rendered for a prosecution matter	2,620	Ongoing
Finalysons	Legal services regarding the Rum Jungle project	285,724	Ongoing
	Review of contract amendments under the Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations grants program	2,742	Finalised
King & Wood Mallesons	Amendments to Indigenous land use and project development agreements	27,350	Ongoing
Clayton Utz (Darwin)	Provision of legal advice and governance arrangement for Darwin Renewable Energy Hub	74,420	Ongoing
	Legal advice on project facilitation agreements	9,091	Finalised
Karen Christopher	Legal advice on data sharing for Home and Business Battery Scheme	1,395	Finalised
Daniel Collins	Legal services for a court case	12,045	Ongoing
Minter Ellison	Legal advice in relation to electricity market reforms	50,016	Ongoing
Patrick Orr	Review and drafting of legislation	12,821	Finalised
Ward Keller	Legal services provided to assist with visa application	7,055	Ongoing
	Total	1,098,582	

PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

10. From 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:

- a) Purpose**
- b) Cost**
- c) Person or entity engaged**
- d) Whether the person or entity has their principal place of business in the Northern Territory or elsewhere (if elsewhere, please provide the address of the principal place of business of the person or entity)**
- e) Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy**
- f) Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy**
- g) Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken**

(a) Purpose	(b) Cost (\$)	(c) Person/Entity engaged	(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)	(d) Principal place of business if not NT	(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)
Rum Jungle project contaminated site auditor	191,846	AECOM Australia Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Strategic support for Rum Jungle project	1,825	Bowman Advisory Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Drafting of legislative changes for the Territory Electricity Market reforms	5,840	Richard Dennis	N	SA	Y
Geochemical subject matter expert for the Rum Jungle project	10,175	Dr Jones Environmental Excellence	N	QLD	Y
Ongoing community engagement technical advice and support for the development of the Remote Power System Strategy (RPSS) - planning activities and business case	44,956	Ekistica Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Rum Jungle Project contaminated site auditor peer reviewer	12,600	Environmental Earth Sciences QLD	N	QLD	Y
Orphan Wells trial program	8,260	Environment Protection Authority	N	VIC	N
Preparation of NT Energy Strategy document	30,000	Ernst & Young	N	QLD	Y

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Rum Jungle Project main pit closure subject matter expert	11,350	Fitton Tailings Consultants Pty Ltd	N	VIC	Y
Strategic business case for external dispute resolution framework	59,924	Frontier Economics Pty Ltd	N	VIC	Y (Panel Contract)
Heritage survey for Darwin Energy Hub site	129,890	GHD Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Ongoing consultancy to support the maintenance of the Northern Territory National Electricity Reforms	54,242	Critical Strategies Group Jodi Louise Smith	N	ACT	Y
Rum Jungle project complex negotiation deals support	67,091	KPMG	Y		Y
Scoping study and strategic business case assessment for NT regulated electricity system	128,650	KPMG	Y		Y
Design and development of NTGS themed Prez demo system	20,309	Kurrawongai	N	QLD	N -direct purchase
Heritage survey for Darwin Energy Hub site	57,530	Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	Y		N – direct contracting
Project controls support for the Rum Jungle project	99,806	Lawbrook Project Advisory Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y

(a) Purpose	(b) Cost (\$)	(c) Person/Entity engaged	(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)	(d) Principal place of business if not NT	(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)
Rum Jungle project review of insurance risks associated with project contracts	12,510	Lockton Companies Australia Pty Ltd	N	NSW	Y
Rum Jungle project development - detailed design of the water treatment plants and provision of water treatment and pit backfill services	536,827	Mcmahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Provide technical advice for Darwin Energy Hub	92,478	Merz Consultancy Pty Ltd	N	WA	Y
Rum Jungle project review of end tipping design subject matter expert	12,478	Mining One	N	VIC	Y
Development of technical prospectus on onshore gas in the Northern Territory	17,630	Molyneux Advisors Pty Ltd	N	WA	Y
Support for the Inventory, Risk Assessment and Prioritisation (IRAP) function	10,800	Nous Group Pty. Ltd.	Y		N
Hydrogeological advisory for the Rum Jungle project	254,976	Robertson Geoconsultants Inc	N	CANADA	Y
Rum Jungle rehabilitation project early works remediation action plan	197,648	SLR Consulting Pty Ltd	Y		Y

(a) Purpose	(b) Cost (\$)	(c) Person/Entity engaged	(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)	(d) Principal place of business if not NT	(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)
Energy Development Information System (EDIS) programming support	7,613	SRA Information Technology Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Provision of technical advice and development of architecture document for large file storage	6,705	SRA Information Technology Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Consultancy to support the implementation of the Electricity Market Reform including development of detailed design documents	42,000	Steve Edwell Consulting	N	WA	Y
Rum Jungle project UXO review and risk assessment	11,899	Tetra Tech RPS Energy Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Rum Jungle project advisory group and cost review	65,871	Turner & Townsend Jukestodd Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Rum Jungle project advisory group and cost review	33,798	Turner & Townsend Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Rum Jungle project advisory group and cost review	227,682	Turner & Townsend Thinc	N	QLD	Y
Rum Jungle project archaeology surveys	71,496	Wallis Heritage Consulting Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Total	2,536,703				

11. Please advise the number of contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business in the NT and outside the NT for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as follows:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
14	7

12. For each of the contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business outside of the Northern Territory, please advise the selection criteria on the applicable contract or tender.

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria
25-0614	Lawbrook Project Advisory Pty Ltd	Milton, QLD	Capacity 40 Local Content 30 Price 30
NS25-0113	IHS Global Pte Ltd	Singapore	N/A – direct contracting
NTG25-0176	Ventia Australia Pty Ltd, Trading As Ventia	North Sydney, NSW	Capacity 15 Local Content 35 Scope Specific 35 Price 15
Q24-0115A	Adelaide Petrographic Laboratories Pty Ltd	Stepney, SA	Capacity 20 Local Content 30 Past Performance 10 Scope Specific 20 Timeliness 15 Price 5
RJP-0063	Hydroterra Pty Ltd	Cheltenham, VIC	N/A – direct contracting
RJP-0070	Lawbrook Project Advisory Pty Ltd	Milton, QLD	N/A – direct contracting
RJP-0073	Lawbrook Project Advisory Pty Ltd	Milton, QLD	N/A – direct contracting

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Tier	Number of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	4
Tier 4	1
Total	5

14. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many contracts or tenders were awarded without undertaking a public tender process during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Tier	Number of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	1
Tier 5	2
Total	3

15. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for those with a Certificate of Exemption:

- a) What is the description of the goods and services contracted?**
- b) What is the value of the goods and services contracted?**
- c) What was the reason for not using the public tender process or for requiring a Certificate of Exemption?**
- d) Who recommended the course of action in c) above?**
- e) Who approved the course of action in c) above?**

Tender Number	Description of Goods and Services (a)	Awarded value (b)	Reason for Exemption (c)	Approved by (e)
RJP-0056	Provision of Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services	\$87,265,751.00	Minister issued exemption - Exempt from Procurement Act - Contract not subject to the requirements of the Procurement Act 1995, publication for transparency purposes only - This procurement process is fourth stage of a five-stage procurement approach for the Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services for the former Rum Jungle mine. In this Stage, one contractor was shortlisted to execute a portion of works.	CEO
RJP-0072	Provision of Archaeological Surveys	\$207,492.26	Minister issued exemption - Exempt from Procurement Act - Contract not subject to the requirements of the Procurement Act 1995, publication for transparency purposes only.	Executive Director Rum Jungle
Q24-0115A	Alice Springs, Darwin - Provision of Petrographic Services for a Period of 12 Months	\$84,295.00	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	Senior Executive Director

16. Please advise the total number of NTG Corporate Credit Cards within the Agency, including the position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit cards for purchasing goods and/or services as of 31 March 2026?

At 31 March 2026 there were 33 credit card holders in Department of Mining and Energy.

Position Title	Actual Classification Code
INFORMATION SERVICES OFFICER	A03
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	A04
EXECUTIVE SUPPORT MANAGER	A04
OPERATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER	A04
EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER	A05
PROJECT OFFICER	A05
SENIOR BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER	A05
ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT & LAND ACCESS OFFICER	A06
BUSINESS MANAGER ENERGY DIVISON	A06
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	A06
LAND ACCESS PROJECT OFFICER MINERALS	A06
PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR	A06
SENIOR PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR	A07
SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MINING DEVELOPMENT	EO3C
SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NT GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	EO3C
DEPUTY CEO MINING & ENERGY	EO4C
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	EO6C
SENIOR GEOLOGIST	P3
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	SAO1
MANAGER ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT & LAND ACCESS	SAO1
DIRECTOR OFFICE OF THE CEO	SAO2
DIRECTOR REMOTE POWER SYSTEMS	SAO2
MANAGER LEGACY REMEDIATION PROJECT	SP1
MANAGER LEGACY REMEDIATION PROJECT	SP1
SUPERNUMERARY	SP1
DIRECTOR INDUSTRY REPORTING & CORE FACILITIES	SP2
DIRECTOR REGIONAL GEOSCIENCE	SP2
TECHNICAL OFFICER	T2
ASSISTANT MANAGER CORE FACILITIES	T3
SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER	T3
SUPERNUMERARY	T3
MANAGER CORE FACILITIES	T4
MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING UNIT	T6

17. For each contract awarded to a non-Territory enterprise:

- a) Was a Territory enterprise shortlisted? If not, why not?
- b) What weighting was given to local content?
- c) Did the procurement process include a local industry participation requirement?

The administrative effort required to respond is excessive and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

18. What percentage of total procurement spend was awarded to:

- a) Interstate businesses
- b) International businesses

Interstate % (a)	International % (b)
9.94%	0.05%

FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026:

19. Please detail expenditure on opinion polls and focus groups, including costs and entities that conducted the work.

Nil.

20. Detail all surveys undertaken in relation to the focus groups and opinion polls above, including their form, the cost and the inducements that were provided to incentivise participation.

Nil.

21. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.

Nil.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

22. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:

- a) What was the purpose/description of the advertisement?**
- b) Who was the advertisement placed with, i.e., media outlet, newspaper, television station, digital platform, or other?**
- c) What was the total production cost, including, but not limited to, design, commissions, and placement costs?**
- d) Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?**
- e) Did the agency enter into any separate arrangements for advertising placements or advertorials? If so, please provide details of expenditures and media outlets.**

The administrative burden to provide a detailed answer to this question has been determined to be excessive. As such, the Department of Mining and Energy has provided a high-level response to total advertising, marketing and communications spend for the Department from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 is \$191,522.97.

TRAVEL

23. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including, but not limited to, travel-related costs such as accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, car rental, meals and incidentals, in each Agency and authority during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 broken down to:

- a) International Travel**
- b) Interstate Travel**
- c) Intrastate Travel**

For the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, the total travel expenses for the Department of Mining & Energy was \$615,612.

Description	Intra-territory \$	Interstate \$	International \$	Total \$
Official Duty Fares	87,030	83,405	75,014	245,449
Accommodation	55,795	32,118	37,160	125,073
Travel Allowance	96,231	20,128	9,558	125,917
Others	89,124	25,323	4,726	119,173
Grand Total	328,180	160,974	126,458	615,612

24. In the case of international travel identified in response to the question above, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip.

Travel from date	Travel to date	Traveller	Destinations	Reason For Travel	Total Expense
19/09/2025	28/09/2025	Ian Richard Scrimgeour	Japan & Korea	Participate in ministerial-led NT minerals delegation to Osaka World Expo and Australian minerals delegation to promote investment opportunities in the NT.	7,127
19/09/2025	28/09/2025	Kate Mornane	Japan & Korea	Participate in ministerial-led NT minerals delegation to Osaka World Expo and Australian minerals delegation to promote investment opportunities in the NT.	8,035
22/09/2025	28/09/2025	Alister Trier	Japan & Korea	Participate in ministerial-led NT minerals delegation to Osaka World Expo and Australian minerals delegation to promote investment opportunities in the NT.	2,756
12/02/2026	23/02/2026	James Pratt	United States	Attend North American Prospect Expo (NAPE) to promote investment and new petroleum tenure in the Beetaloo Basin.	22,056
12/02/2026	23/02/2026	Alister Trier	United States	Attend North American Prospect Expo (NAPE) to promote investment and new petroleum tenure in the Beetaloo Basin.	22,734

12/02/2026	23/02/2026	Tania Jong	United States	Attend North American Prospect Expo (NAPE) to promote investment and new petroleum tenure in the Beetaloo Basin.	21,804
14/02/2026	9/03/2026	Ian Richard Scrimgeour	United States & Canada	Promote inward investment in NT minerals and petroleum at NAPE and PDAC conferences and support NT explorers.	27,489
26/02/2026	9/03/2026	Kate Mornane	United States & Canada	Support NT explorers seeking investment and promote inward investment in minerals exploration and development.	14,459
Total					126,458

25. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Nil

26. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by any Assistant Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Nil

HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

27. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

In relation to each occasion where official hospitality was provided:

- a) **What was the purpose of the hospitality?**
- b) **How many guests attended?**
- c) **How many Ministers attended?**
- d) **How many Ministerial staff attended?**
- e) **How many MLAs attended?**
- f) **How many Public Sector employees attended?**
- g) **What was the total cost incurred?**

Full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 March 2026 are outlined in the Table below:

Event Details	Amount (\$)	No. of Ministers	No. of Ministerial Staff	No. of MLAs	No. of General NTPS	No. of External (NON-NTG)	Total number of attendees
Carbon Capture APAC Summit Gala Dinner	2,126				5		5
Chief Minister's Awards 2025	1,000				10		10
Darwin Mining Club Lunch	341				3		3
Driving the Territory's Energy Future Tamboran's Beetaloo Basin Breakthroughs	858				8		8
Energy Club 2026 Back to Business in the Northern Territory	858				8		8
Energy Club Breakfast, Navigating NT's Decommissioning Opportunity	205				3		3
Energy Club NT 10th Year Anniversary Gala	107				1		1
Minerals Council of Australia Annual Gala Dinner	2,364				10		10
Rodinga Helicopter Base Camp, Maryvale Station	1,455				3	1	4
Rum Jungle Project Board dinner	1,243				3	14	17
Total	10,557						

GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES

28. Please detail expenditure on grants, sponsorships, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including agency budget totals to administer such programs.

The table below details grant expenditure by the Department of Mining and Energy from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026. The total expenditure for the period was \$4.3 million.

It is too administratively onerous to detail the recipient of each payment and identify agency budgets allocated to administering the programs.

Program Name	Sum of YTD Expenditure (\$)
Collaborative Agreement for Australian Research Council Linkage Project	50,000
Community Solar Banks - Federation Funding Agreement - Environment	48,098
Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations Program	1,288,789
Ichthys Project Offshore Supply Operations	1,706,428
NTGS Pine Creek and West Arnhem Ground Gravity Surveys	1,197,811
Grant Total	4,291,126

29. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, and to what activities. Please list details of any contract periods as part of any arrangement.

The table below details expenditure for awards and sponsorships made by the Department of Mining and Energy from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026. The total expenditure for the period was \$5,550.

Sponsorship	Sum of YTD Expenditure (\$)
Sponsorship of PESA SA-NT Branch Technical Meetings & Awards	250
Sponsorship of Outstanding Academic Achievement in Second Year of Geographic Information Systems Prize	300
Sponsorship of MCA NT Gala Dinner 2025	5,000
Grant Total	5,550

30. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2026/27 financial year?

All awards and sponsorships are centrally managed, with input from regional teams across the Territory.

31. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

It would be too administratively onerous to detail the recipient of each payment and identify recipients that are non-government organisations.

MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

32. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

A whole of government response will be provided by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

33. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia or Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?

34. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

35. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, the purpose of the contract, the cost, and why a territory firm was not chosen.

A whole-of-government response to Q33,34 and 35 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

36. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by this Department for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Total power expense for 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is as detailed below:

Building/Location	Power Bill Total (\$)
Alice Springs Core Store	8,214
Darwin Core Store	37,241
Paspalis Centrepont	37,231
Rum Jungle Office, Batchelor	6,348
Grand Total	89,034

37. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by this Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

38. How much Government owned or leased premises or office space is currently under-utilised (at less than 100 per cent occupied) or vacant?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 37 and 38 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

39. Please detail all expenditure for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 incurred by the Agency on repairs, maintenance or replacement of assets as a direct result of:

- a) Vandalism
- b) Theft
- c) Property damage associated with criminal activity

40. For each instance:

- a) Nature of damage
- b) Location/ region (table)
- c) Cost

41. What preventative measures has the Agency implemented to reduce crime-related damage to assets?

A whole-of-government response to Questions 39 to 41 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

FEES AND CHARGES

42. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2025/26 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges were increased following the 2026 budget.

The tables below detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by the department during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Agency Fees and Charges*	Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST
Mines and energy processing fees (licences/titles)	990,298
Agency Fees and Charges Total	990,298

*Excludes fees and charges collected from Territory Government entities

Fees and Charges received to Accountable Officer's Trust Accounts (AOTA)	Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST
Mining remediation levy	16,156,751
Mining rents	3,140,687
Orphan Wells levy	32,696
Fees and Charges received to AOTA Total	19,330,134

Income administered for the Central Holding Authority (CHA)	Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST
Fees and Regulatory Services	
Mining remediation levy	4,450,000
Petroleum monitoring and compliance levy	140,884
Royalties and Rent (Non Aboriginal Land)	
Petroleum and Mining rents	12,458,592
Income administered for the CHA Total	17,049,446

INTERNAL AUDITS

43. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026?

Two Internal Audits completed in the period 01 July 2025 and 31 March 2026.

44. What were the terms of reference or focus for each investigation?

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
Private and Sensitive Information Management Review	Assess non-compliance with the privacy requirements addressed in the Information Act 2002.
Fraud and Corruption Control Framework Review	Assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the department's fraud and corruption control

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
	framework, and the extent to which existing controls operate as intended to mitigate fraud and corruption risks.

45. Please provide details of any fraud, anomalies, breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures exposed by the audits and financial investigations.

No fraud, anomalies or breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures were exposed by the Internal Audit completed.

46. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies, e.g. Integrity and Ethics Commissioner /Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and how?

Agency not privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

47. How many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.

Agency not privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

48. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2025/26, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election.
- b) The current members and when they were appointed

Nil.

49. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Nil.

REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

50. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced since 1 July 2025, also providing the following information:

- a) The Terms of Reference**
- b) The criteria for selection of all panel members**
- c) The composition, qualifications and state or Territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry**
- d) The cost of the review/inquiry**
- e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry**
- f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly**
- g) If not completed when this is expected**

Nil.

51. Please provide a comprehensive list of all:

- a) Policies.**
- b) Procedures.**
- c) Guidelines.**
- d) Discussion papers.**
- e) Briefing papers.**
- f) Reports.**
- g) Reviews.**
- h) Media releases.**
- i) Internal communications intended for external publication.**
- j) Submissions to Federal Parliamentary Inquiries and other inquiries by Independent Agencies.**
- k) Responses to reviews and inquiries issued or updated between 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.**

52. For each document listed:

- a) Date of issue.**
- b) Whether publicly released.**
- c) If not publicly released, why not.**

With reference to Questions 51 and 52, reports, findings and associated materials arising from official government reviews and inquiries, where appropriate are made publicly available. Such material is typically published on relevant agency websites, subject to applicable legislative, policy and confidentiality requirements.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

53. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

- Nil notifiable incidents reported to NT WorkSafe under section 35 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*
- 64* total reported incidents that led to or could have led to a physical or psychological injury, illness or disease, or where property and/or equipment was damaged.

*includes 41 contractor incidents

54. Please detail the number of stress-related matters and claims for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

There were nil new mental stress claims that were lodged under the *Return to Work Act 1986*.

REGIONAL OFFICES

55. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved since 1 July 2025. What are the locations for which they are responsible?

Location/Region	Head Count Mar-26	Total salary expenditure	Functions
Alice Springs/Central Australia	10	\$1,282,419	DME activities in the region have been delivered.
Top End (Batchelor)	2	\$198,128	
Nhulunbuy/East Arnhem	1	\$116,457	
Total	13	1,597,004	

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

56. What policies and procedures are in place to identify, declare and manage conflicts of interest in:

- a) Procurement processes
- b) Grant allocation processes

57. How many conflicts of interest were declared in the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 in:

- a) Procurement.
- b) Grants programs.

58. For each declared conflict of interest:

- a) What mitigation measures were implemented?
- b) Was the individual excluded from decision-making?

59. Were any breaches of conflict-of-interest policies identified? If so:

- a) Provide details.
- b) What actions were taken?

60. Are conflict-of-interest declarations independently audited or reviewed? If so, by whom? Please provide copies of any conflict-of-interest guidelines, policies or training materials used by the Agency.

With reference to Questions 56, 57, 58 and 59, all NT Government employees and officers are bound by the NT Public Sector Code of Conduct, established under the NT *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*.

Employment Instruction 12 provides the Code of Conduct for the Northern Public Sector (Clause 5.4. Conflict of Interest) https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/742593/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sec.pdf.

OPERATIONAL SAVINGS

61. Please identify all savings measures implemented by the Agency to contribute to the Government's \$20 million per annum, per agency operational savings target, including:

- a) Description of each measure
- b) Estimated savings
- c) Actual savings achieved to date

62. Please identify any reductions in:

- a) Staffing

- b) Programs
- c) Service delivery resulting from these savings measures.

63. What impact assessments were undertaken prior to implementing these savings?

64. Have any services been reduced, delayed or discontinued as a result of these savings measures? If so, provide details.

65. What reductions have been made in the following categories:

- a) Consultancies
- b) Travel
- c) Communications and marketing
- d) Other discretionary spending

66. Please quantify how much has been saved in each of the above categories.

67. Please provide any internal reports or advice identifying service delivery risks within the Agency for 2025–26.

68. Please identify any programs or services where demand exceeded available funding or capacity.

69. Please provide details of any projects or programs delayed due to budget constraints or resourcing issues.

With reference to Questions 61 to 69, the Department of Mining and Energy's contribution to the \$20 million whole-of-government savings equated to 3.63% of its internally funded operational budget (excluding non-cash items) and applied as an efficiency dividend across the agency consistent with usual parameters applied at each.

COST PRESSURES

70. What specific programs, policies or initiatives, for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 has the Agency implemented or contributed to in the reporting period to reduce cost of living pressures for Territorians? Please detail:

- a) Target cohort
- b) Budget allocation
- c) Measurable outcomes or KPIs

Nil.

71. Has the Agency undertaken any modelling or analysis of cost-of-living pressures relevant to its portfolio? If so:

- a) Please provide copies**
- b) What policy changes have resulted?**
- c) Cost of modelling**

Nil.

72. Please identify any fees, charges or cost-recovery mechanisms administered by the Agency that have increased since 1 July 2025, including:

- a) Amount of increase**
- b) Rationale**
- c) Estimated impact on households/businesses**

The agency reviews its fees and charges register every year as per legislative requirements and in-line with CPI and revenue unit increases.

73. What steps has the Agency taken to ensure government services delivered by the Agency are accessible and affordable, particularly in remote and regional areas?

The agency supports accessible services throughout regions providing information to both industry and public in relation to Mining and Energy services throughout the Territory.

74. Has the Agency reviewed any programs or services to reduce out-of-pocket costs for users? If so, provide details and outcomes.

Nil.

75. Please quantify any savings to households or businesses that have resulted from Agency initiatives since 1 July 2025.

Nil.

76. What additional costs has the Agency incurred during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as a result of increases in fuel prices? Please detail:

- a) Total additional expenditure attributable to fuel price increases.**
- b) Impact on operational budgets (including service delivery, logistics, and regional operations).**

c) Any mitigation strategies implemented to manage these increased costs.

The information requested is not discernible within the current Estimates reporting period and could only be compiled with substantial administrative effort. Providing a response would result in an undue diversion of the Department of Mining and Energy resources from service delivery functions

77. What additional costs has the Agency incurred during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 as a result of increases in airfares?

Please detail:

- a) Total additional expenditure attributable to airfare increases.**
- b) Impact on travel requirements, including any reduction, deferral or substitution of travel.**
- c) Any changes to service delivery, stakeholder engagement or program implementation as a result.**

There is no data readily available to report on the additional costs incurred as a result of the fuel price increase as this is not tracked separately. The administrative burden to provide a detailed answer to this question has been determined to be excessive.

COMPLAINTS

78. Number of complaints received about Agency services, broken down by category, complainant (internal or external) and outcome.

Nil.

OTHER EXPENDITURE

79. Please provide details for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 on the following matters:

a) Whether the Agency or Ministerial Offices utilise artificial intelligence or other digital services to enhance or promote social media or public communications, including:

- a) The name and purpose of each service used.**
- b) Total expenditure on such services.**

b) All paid subscriptions held by the Agency, including:

- a) Type and purpose (e.g. software, data services,**

- publications, memberships).**
- b) Total cost of each subscription.**
- c) Whether each subscription has been reviewed for cost efficiency or ongoing necessity.**

With reference to Q79 (a) and (b), Microsoft Copilot is endorsed as the preferred generative AI tool for use within the NT Government. The NT Government version of Copilot operates entirely within its secure digital environment, ensuring that information entered is not exposed to the internet. All use of AI must comply with the acceptable use of digital resources policy, the code of conduct and align with the Alethics principles outlined in the AI assurance framework. Refer NTGCentral – Artificial intelligence policy.

c) Expenditure on the production of Government materials in Aboriginal languages and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) languages, including:

- a) Languages materials were produced in.**
- b) Total cost.**

d) The number of instances where non-government organisations or private entities have assisted the Agency.

e) The number of consultations, engagements or community meetings that were cancelled, rescheduled or postponed due to the unavailability of interpreters, including the language required.

With reference to Questions 79 c) to e), a whole-of-government response to Question 79 (c) to (e) will be provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

f) Reimbursements made to staff, including:

- a) Total value of reimbursements (including fuel and work-related purchases).**
- b) The types of expenses reimbursed.**
- c) Average processing time for reimbursement.**

With reference to Q79(f), all reimbursements made to NT Public Sector staff for official government purposes are subject to approval by an authorised financial delegate.

Reimbursements are made in accordance with relevant legislative requirements, financial management frameworks and agency policies, and include expenses incurred in the course of performing official duties, such as approved work-related purchases and fuel expenses.

Processing of reimbursements occurs in line with established financial procedures and internal controls to ensure appropriate oversight and accountability.

g) Heritage-listed buildings under the Agency's responsibility that have received, or are scheduled to receive, repairs or maintenance, including:

- a) Description of works undertaken or planned.**
- b) Total cost.**

With reference to Q79(g), a whole-of-government response will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

h) Expenditure associated with Government-hosted or Government-attended events, including:

- a) Traffic management and control costs.**
- b) Policing, security or crowd control costs.**

With reference to Q79(h), a whole-of-government response will be provided by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

80. Please detail all media enquiries received by the Agency during the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, including:

- a) The date each enquiry was received.**
- b) The media outlet or individual making the enquiry.**
- c) The subject matter of the enquiry.**
- d) The date a response was provided**

81. For each enquiry where no response was provided, please detail the reasons why no response was issued.

82. For each enquiry where a response was provided, please provide a copy of the response.

For media queries and activities undertaken by the Department of Mining and Energy, compiling a detailed response to this question would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.