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Advance Question to Government
to be asked at 2016 Estimates hearings

Question No:	1a
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins, Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Government Advertising
Question:	Provide a name/description of advertising campaigns run by your agencies/authorities and the costs association with each campaign.

Answer: The following data is for the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016 and excludes GST.

The Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries spent a total of \$78,964 on advertising.

- \$66,266 spent on advertising – of this \$49,597 was externally funded as part of the National Banana Freckle Eradication Campaign.
- Other advertising includes providing the community with information about new fishing controls, the Biosecurity Strategy, the Asian Honey Bee Surveillance Campaign and Animal Welfare grants.

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Question No:	1b and 1c
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins MLA Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Government Advertising
Question:	<p>1b. Provide the details on the number and level of staff who are responsible for communications and advertising in your agencies / authorities.</p> <p>1c. Has there been an increase in the number of staff and the level of staff responsible for communication and advertising in your agency from 2013-14 to 2015-16? If so, how many and at what additional cost?</p>

Answer:

1b. and 1c.

In terms of strategic and corporate communications, the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries has a Communications and Marketing Branch which also provides services to the Department of Mines and Energy under a Shared Services delivery agreement.

The Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries also has staff employed under the National Banana Freckle Eradication Program that are not part of the core shared services team. This program is externally-funded through a national cost-sharing Deed.

The Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries does not have staff dedicated to advertising. The Communications and Marketing Branch has a role in coordinating advertising and ensuring adherence to government guidelines and procurement arrangements.

The details (numbers and levels) of staff in the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries as at 31 March 2014, 2015 and 2016 is shown below (Pay 20 data) with the personnel costs associated with that employment.

There has been an increase in the number of staff and the level of staff responsible for communications and related activities from 2013-14 to 2015-16. Figures and cost increases are incorporated into the table overleaf.

Levels, Position Titles and Personnel Costs		
Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries		
to 31 March 2014	to 31 March 2015	to 31 March 2016
AO7 Manager, Media Communications and Liaison	SAO2 Director Communications and Marketing	SAO2 Director Communications and Marketing
	SAO1 Manager Media and Communications	SAO1 Media Manager
		SAO1 Communications Manager
AO6 Communications Officer	AO6 Communications Officer	AO6 Communications Officer
AO6 Web Publishing Officer	AO6 Web Publishing Officer	AO6 Web Publishing Officer
AO5 Publications and Publishing Officer	AO5 Publications and Publishing Officer	AO5 Publications and Publishing Officer
Personnel Expenditure (NTG-funded)		
\$292,327.01	\$404,652.23	\$492,896.59
Increase on previous year	\$112,325.22	\$88,244.36
National Banana Freckle Eradication Program		
to 31 March 2014	to 31 March 2015 (part year)	to 31 March 2016
	AO7 Communications Manager	
	AO6 Communications Officer	AO6 Communications Officer
	AO5 Community Engagement Officer	AO5 Community Engagement Officer
Personnel Expenditure (externally-funded)		
\$0	\$118,605.81	\$194,462.63
Increase on previous year	N/A	\$75,856.82

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Question No:	1d
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins, Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Government Advertising
Question:	Please provide the details and costs of all government advertising that contained either the image or voice of the Minister or Chief Minister or the name of the Chief Minister or Minister.

Answer: For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016, there is nil to report.

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Question No:	2
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Tenders and Consultancies
Question:	<p>For each agency / authority, please provide the costs and number of all consultancies undertaken by the agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide details for consultancies associated with communications. • Please provide details of consultancies over \$100 000. • Please provide details on consultancies that were conducted by interstate companies

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016:

No. of Consultancies	NTG Funded (GST Exclusive)	Externally Funded (GST Exclusive)	Total (GST Exclusive)
41	\$466,103.34	\$162,888.78	\$628,992.12

Details of consultancies associated with communications:

Nil

Details of consultancies over \$100,000:

Title:	Riverbank Erosion Study of the Daly River
Consultant:	Charles Darwin University (NTG / CDU partnership arrangement)
Value of Consultancy Contract:	\$248,123.93*

*\$43,749.02 GST exclusive paid as at 31st March 2016

Details of consultancies that were conducted by interstate companies:

There were no consultancies conducted by interstate companies (for Tier 3 and above procurement).

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Question No:	3
From:	Opposition
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Question Heading:	Tenders and Consultancies
Question:	Which consultants were not selected through competitive tendering and why?

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016 the following consultants were not selected through competitive tendering:

Consultant	Requirement	Reason for not competitively tendering
Charles Darwin University	Darwin - Consultancy - Riverbank Erosion Study Of The Daly River	NTG / CDU partnership agreement
Richard John Dennis	Darwin - Consultancy - Drafting of Animal Protection Bill 2016	Advice from the NT Office of the Parliamentary Counsel (OPC) is that this is a highly specialised field and there are very few consultants available in Australia with the necessary skills and experience to undertake a major legislation drafting project. Further the OPC has advised that there are currently no contractors within the NT who are suitably qualified and experienced to provide this service. ICNNT Consultation No – 113166
TES Pty Ltd	Darwin - Consultancy - Central Australian Commercial Camel Meat Viability Study	Market research was conducted and one local, Ninti One Limited, and one interstate supplier, Mark Lethbridge, TES Pty Ltd, was identified as having the knowledge and experience to carry out the scope of works in a timely manner. This was a specialised study requiring an in depth understanding of the undefined camel industry along the entire supply chain. To conduct this study the provider required knowledge of the local conditions in Central Australia, the environmental impact of camels and behaviour of a transient camel population, the logistics around camel harvesting and farming operations through to, and with special emphasis on, local and international marketing operations, knowledge on land rights

		<p>and ownership was also a consideration. TES Pty Ltd had direct and relevant experience in the market based environment of the camel industry, bringing together scientific research and competitive practice at a competitive price.</p> <p>TES Pty Ltd was evaluated in accordance with the assessment criteria and NT Procurement Directions, and were recommended as representing best value for money.</p>
McTaggart Consulting	Darwin - Consultancy - Human Resource Services	A single select was recommended due to the confidentiality and sensitive nature of the consultancy required
University of New England	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the RIRDC Wallabies Project	Procured under executed Research Agreement
Warriner RPM PTY LTD	Consultancy - Advice and Services for the Potential Development of Donkey Farming in the Northern Territory	<p>Market research was conducted and one local supplier, Warriner RPM Pty Ltd, was identified as having the knowledge and experience to carry out the scope of works in a timely manner.</p> <p>The lead consultant, David Warriner, has extensive knowledge of the Northern Territory and farming regimes and practises that was required to determine whether donkey farming is viable in the Northern Territory.</p>
Consulting & Implementation Services	Consultancy - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Supply to Northern Territory Consumers	Due to the nature of the work involved and lack of specialist knowledge in fruit and vegetable wholesale markets in the NT, Consulting and Implementation Services was the only supplier capable of performing the requirements of the consultancy within the time frame.

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Question No:	4
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
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Question Heading:	Tenders and Consultancies
Question:	For each Government Agency and Authority how many Certificates of Exemption were issued in 2015/16?

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016 there was two Certificates of Exemption issued.

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Question No:	5
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Tenders and Consultancies
Question:	For each 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) Why was the Certificate of Exemption required?

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016 there was two Certificates of Exemption issued.

1.

Description (a)	Darwin – Consultancy – Riverbank Erosion Study of the Daly River
Certificate of Exemption Issue Date	04 November 2015
Awarded Value (b)	\$248,123.93 (Award date: 03 December 2015)
Reason Required (c)	CDU had the expertise and available personnel to undertake the requirement therefore they were engaged under NTG-CDU Partnership arrangement

2.

Description (a)	Agistment of Cattle on Manbulloo Station for a Period of 24 Months
Certificate of Exemption Issue Date	N/A
Awarded Value (b)	\$116,133.60
Reason Required (c)	NT of Australia Agreement for Agistment of Cattle dated 6 th January 2016, and signed pursuant to the Contracts Act on 20 th January 2016

Note in APRO "This requirement did not follow NTG Procurement Directions and has been recorded in APRO for reporting purposes only. This is a non-conformance procurement requirement".

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Question No:	6
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
Question Heading:	STAFFING
Question:	How many staff are in each agency / authority detailed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Full time equivalentb. Permanent part time contractc. Temporary contract.d. Frontline staff as FTE and as a percentage of the agencye. FTE and percentage of identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in the agency.

Answer:

- 6a 347 FTE**
- 6b 17 Permanent part time contract**
- 6c 91 staff are on temporary contract**
- 6d Answers should be referred to the Minister for Public Employment**
- 6e Answers should be referred to the Minister for Public Employment**

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Question No:	7
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
Question Heading:	STAFFING
Question:	How many staff are ECO1 level and above detailed by classification level

Answer:

Classification	Total
EO1C	8
EO2C	5
EO3C	1
EO4C	-
EO5C	1
Total	15

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Question No:	8
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
Question Heading:	STAFFING
Question:	How many staff resigned in 2015-16 to date, and what is that as a percentage of the agencies total staff?

Answer:

Please refer the question to the Minister for Public Employment.

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Question No:	9
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
Question Heading:	STAFFING
Question:	How many staff were made redundant in 2015-16? How many were terminated?

Answer:

One staff was terminated in 2015-16.

In respect of redundancies, there were no forced redundancies in 2015-16. In terms of other redundancies, please refer the question to the Minister for Public Employment.

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Question No:	10
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Minster for Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Agency Travel
Question:	<p>Please provide the total cost of travel in each agency or authority broken down into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. International b. Interstate c. Intrastate. <p>In the case of international travel please provide the itinerary, persons and costs involved in each international trip.</p>

Answer:

Total cost of travel for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016 as recorded in GAS:

Description	NTG Funded \$	Externally Funded \$	Total Cost of Travel \$
International	130,513	39,203	169,716
Interstate	200,122	58,269	258,391
Intrastate	379,971	52,187	432,158
Other Fees*	13,344	2,310	15,654
Total Cost of Travel (GST exclusive)	723,950	151,969	875,919

*Predominantly Booking Fees.

Details on International Travel:

Date from	Date to	Traveller Position	Destination	Reason for Travel	Cost incurred by agency* \$
8 Jul 2015	13 Jul 2015	Chief Executive	Nha Trang & Hai Phong – Vietnam	To visit key livestock markets and develop relationship with provinces.	8,566
8 Jul 2015	19 Jul 2015	1. Director – Market & Enterprise Development 2. Manager Market Development	Haikou, Guangzhou and Beijing – China	To undertake market opportunity sensing and exploration, including supply chain and production system investigation, and relationship development.	15,644
11 Jul 2015	24 Jul 2015	Beef Production System Research Officer	Florida – the USA	To attend a major international conference on animal science including beef research and study tour of the University of Florida, Animal Science Department and several leading beef breeding enterprises.	11,405
19 Jul 2015	25 Jul 2015	1. Aquaculture Research Officer 2. Aquaculture Technician	Manila – the Philippines	To attend annual Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) project planning meeting at Bolinao Marine Laboratories.	3,728
26 Jul 2015	30 Jul 2016	1. Chief Executive 2. Director – Livestock Industries Development	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan – Indonesia	A follow up to Minister's visit to demonstrate NT Government support for the live export trade with Kalimantan's livestock industry. This trip also included a return via Brisbane to negotiate a roadblock on the National Mango Breeding Program	15,726
1 Aug 2015	10 Aug 2015	Director – Plant Industries Development	Colombo – Sri Lanka	To participate in International Tropical Fruits Symposium and 6 th Session of International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) General Assembly	1,095
9 Aug 2015	15 Aug 2015	1. Chief Executive 2. Director – Market & Enterprise Development 3. Manager Market	Jakarta – Indonesia Bangkok – Thailand Manila – the Philippines	To support the Minister to further strengthen relations between Northern Australia and industry in Indonesia and Thailand; To undertake industry field trip in Thailand; To explore future opportunities for agricultural commodities to be exported from the Northern Territory.	15,604

		Development			
11 Aug 2015	16 Aug 2015	1. Director – Livestock Industries Development 2. Farm Manager	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan – Indonesia	To demonstrate NTG support for the live export trade and in particular, East Kalimantan's livestock industry development.	7,287
9 Aug 2016	16 Aug 2015	Senior Horticulturist	Davao – the Philippines	To undertake milestone activities in relation to Tropical tree fruit research project jointly funded by the NT Government and ACIAR	2,950
23 Aug 2015	31 Aug 2015	Market Development Officer	Cairo – Egypt	To deliver lecture on mango export marketing to Egyptian Horticulture Export and Improvement Association	955
7 Sept 2015	12 Sept 2015	Market Development Officer	Beijing – China	To attend the China Fruit and Vegetable Fair to support the Australian Mango Industry Association's (AMIA) market access and development effort.	565
12 Sept 2015	20 Sept 2015	1. Director – Livestock Industries Development 2. Farm Manager	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan – Indonesia	To assist with the Kalimantan Livestock Industry Development Project.	7,421
21 Sept 2015	25 Sept 2015	Director – Market & Enterprise Development	Chiang Rai – Thailand	To attend the 15 th meeting of the Thailand-Australia joint working group on Agriculture.	7,653
19 Sept 2015	10 Oct 2015	Senior Research Scientist	Copenhagen – Denmark	To attend a fisheries conference hosted by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) using the prize money from the Chief Minister's Award for "Delivering a Balanced Environment".	5,010
18 Oct 2015	22 Oct 2015	Chief Executive	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan & Jakarta – Indonesia	To attend a Support Meeting with Head of Livestock Services in East Kalimantan and Government officials in Jakarta.	7,268
12 Oct 2015	23 Oct 2015	Senior Virology Technician	Dili – Timor Leste	To participate in program activities of the Timor Leste Village Poultry Health and Biosecurity Program.	3,324
28 Oct 2015	9 Nov 2015	Director – Livestock Industries Development	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan – Indonesia	To assist with the Kalimantan Livestock Industry Development Project.	3,767
9 Oct 2015	20 Nov 2015	Principal Plant Pathologist	Salvador & Rio De Janeiro – Brazil;	To attend the 3 rd International Symposium on Fruit Culture: Quarantine Pests and Pre-Emptive Breeding, as an invited speaker;	1,719

			Santiago – Chile	To visit the nearby National Research Centre of Cassava and Tropical Fruits, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation.	
2 Nov 2015	9 Nov 2015	Beef Production Scientist	Kendari, Southeast Sulawesi & Balikpapan, East Kalimantan – Indonesia	To deliver conference presentation and continue on to Balikpapan to assist in internal project with Director – Livestock and Industries Development	1,790
1 Nov 2015	10 Nov 2015	Chief Executive	Ha Noi – Vietnam	To further develop relationships with key trading partners, meet with government officials financial institutions and industry and importers of NT livestock; and make a presentation on behalf of the Northern Territory at the Vietnam / Australia Beef and dairy round table	8,152
16 Nov 2015	21 Nov 2015	Director – Major Economic Projects	Jakarta – Indonesia	To attend the Indonesia Australia Business Week.	3,432
28 Nov 2015	7 Dec 2015	Director – Livestock Industries Development	Ha Noi & Long Xuyen – Vietnam	To attend a workshop on cattle movements through South East Asia	4,609
5 Dec 2015	12 Dec 2015	1. Research Leader 2. Principal Entomologist	Phnom Penh – Cambodia	To work on ACIAR funded mango project.	4,452
12 Dec 2015	17 Dec 2015	Principal Cattle and Buffalo Research Officer	Jakarta – Indonesia	To accompany 4 Gift Buffalo bulls to Indonesia to ensure they are well settled and appropriately handled.	2,178
11 Dec 2015	20 Dec 2015	Manager Market Development	Qingdao, Beijing & Guangzhou – China	To accompany the Chief Minister's Trade Mission to China to assist with the day-to-day organisation of the trade delegation.	215
16 Dec 2015	21 Dec 2015	Farm Manager	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan – Indonesia	To assist receipt and relocation of gifted riverine bulls.	3,178
17 Jan 2016	21 Jan 2016	Research Leader	Jakarta – Indonesia; Bangkok – Thailand	To participate in a Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries mission.	2,984
10 Jan 2016	25 Jan 2016	Market Development Officer	Los Angeles – the USA	To monitor the arrival of second season of Australian mangoes in the US market.	5,099
28 Jan 2016	4 Feb 2016	Chief Executive	Qingdao & Rizhao – China	In conjunction with CEO's from DoB, DoE, NADO and DME, undertake a targeted visit to meet with key government officials and business people in Qingdao and Rizhao, China.	7,531
7 Feb 2016	20 Feb 2016	Market Development Officer	Los Angeles – the USA	To inspect Australian mangoes on arrival and at retail in the US.	6,525
20 Feb 2016	19 Mar 2016	Fisheries Scientist	Las Vegas	To deliver presentation at World Aquaculture Conference	1,567
6 Mar	11 Mar	Director – Livestock	Balikpapan, East	To assist with the East Kalimantan Project.	2,163

2016	2016	Industries Development	Kalimantan – Indonesia		
9 Mar 2016	12 Mar 2016	Chief Executive	Ho Chi Minh – Vietnam	To accompany the Minister to meet the Vietnamese Consulate General Perth, with follow up meetings in HCM City with Provincial government, the Australian Consular office and industry group.	8,281
8 Mar 2016	16 Mar 2016	1. Principal Veterinary Officer – Virology 2. Senior Virology Technician	Port Moresby – Papua New Guinea	To facilitate setting up a sentinel herd in PNG and arrange for sample shipment to Darwin.	5,785
14 Mar 2016	18 Mar 2016	Department Liaison Officer	Auckland – New Zealand	To attend the follow up workshops and meetings in New Zealand related to 2014 Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue.	-

*Total trip cost according to TRIPS data, which may differ slightly to figures extracted from GAS in table above.

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Question No:	11
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Minster for Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Agency Travel
Question:	Please provide details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the agency or authority, including travel on charters.

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016, there was one travel undertaken by the previous Minister Willem Westra van Holthe that was paid for by the agency.

This cost was transferred to the Department of Chief Minister in early June 2016.

Details	Cost
Air charter to Nhulunbuy to observe the Maritime Training Program and the agency's work with Indigenous Marine Rangers on 8 October 2015.	\$1,110.10

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Question No:	12
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Hospitality
Question:	Provide details and costs of all hospitality expenditure in the agency or authority undertaken. Please indicate which events were held on behalf of the Minister or at events which the Minister attended.

The total hospitality expense for DPIF from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016 was \$31,536 (GST exclusive).

Details	Government Employee (subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Non-Government Employee (not subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Entertainment/ Hospitality not subject to FBT \$ exc GST	Total Cost \$ exc GST
Total – Minister Attended (internally funded)	877	2,563	1,178	4,618
Total - Internally Funded	9,870	5,731	7,675	23,276
Total - Externally Funded	114	1,092	2,436	3,642
Grand Total – Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries	10,861	9,386	11,289	31,536
Food Industry Development Group				
Australian Embassy, Bangkok - Cocktail Reception - Industry Networking Reception – April 15	335			335
Australian Embassy, Bangkok - Cocktail Reception - Industry Networking Reception – Aug 15	261	2,347		2,608
Chinese Delegation for Sino- Australia Top Beef BBQ lunch at Beatrice Hill Farm	46	122		168
Chinese Delegation for Sino-Australia Top Beef (Beijing) Lunch in Alice Springs 28 January 2016	13	43		56
Chinese Delegation for Sino-Australia Top Beef (Beijing) Lunch in Darwin 1 February 2016	210	120		330
Chinese Delegation afternoon tea		122		122
Indonesian Government Delegation lunch at Berrimah Farm	129	171		300
Lunches for Livestock Handling Course			245	245
Work Health Safety workshop Farm Managers lunch			130	130
Work Health Safety workshop morning tea			56	56

Details	Government Employee (subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Non-Government Employee (not subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Entertainment/ Hospitality not subject to FBT \$ exc GST	Total Cost \$ exc GST
Dinner / informal interview / meet and greet with prospective employee Linda Lee	24	24		48
Dinner meeting with Archer Daniels Midland Group	389	298		687
Dinner meeting with China Steel Delegates	29	129		158
Dinner meeting with Japanese Ministry of Agriculture Consultants	48	106		154
Dinner meeting with Derby Aboriginal Group coincided with the North Australian Investment Forum.	61	121		182
Japanese MAFF Delegation for Lunch.	444	573		1,017
Lunch Meeting for Qingdao Chinese Delegation	16	57		73
Lunch Meeting with NTG/NT Farmers/MAFF (Japan) / Austrade(Japan)	35	66		101
Visit by potential investors from Sara Associates, India	80	132		212
Bruce Sawyer's farewell	298			298
Lunch DDRF Meeting	165			165
Dinner PID staff & Douglas Daly Producers opportunity to meet new research and extension agronomists		178		178
Lunch Douglas Daly Research Farm meeting		165		165
Lunch for AOTG Field Day			246	246
Lunch PID development staff meeting			833	833
Mango Symposium Master Classes			46	46
Staff Mango Workshop lunch			47	47
Staff meeting morning tea – Sept			77	77
Staff meeting morning tea – Oct			23	23
Staff meeting morning tea – Feb			32	32
Staff meeting afternoon tea			43	43
Staff meeting lunch			36	36
Barkly Herd Management Forum	25	245		270
Bull Selection & Polledness Field Day Lunch/breakfast	21	87	82	174
Bull Selection & Polledness Field Day refreshments	7	98		105
Helen Springs Bull Field Day lunch	93	914		1,007
Lunch Alcoota Field Day (Main Field Day)	192	608		800
Alcoota Field Day (Overnight) dinner and breakfast		375	125	500
Lunch for KRS Bull Auction Field Day	4	109	7	120
Lunch team building and motivational activity	56			56
Indonesian Investment Delegation			48	48
KPIAC Meeting			162	162
Total Food Industry Development - Internally Funded	2,867	6,209	1,817	10,893
Total Food Industry Development - Externally Funded	114	1,001	421	1,536
Total Food Industry Development	2,981	7,210	2,238	12,429
Resource and Product Integrity Group				
Animal Welfare Functional Group Response debrief catering	123			123
2015 NT Seafood Industry Dinner	3,457			3,457
Indigenous Ranger Training		91		91
Meals for interstate applicant for SA01 position		76		76
Snacks/drinks for Indigenous trainees		19		19
AWAI Conference Alice Springs			45	45
BFMAC Meeting			253	253

Details	Government Employee (subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Non-Government Employee (not subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Entertainment/ Hospitality not subject to FBT \$ exc GST	Total Cost \$ exc GST
Gove Meeting Garngirr Fishing Aboriginal Corporation Board			325	325
Lunch – next shipment of clams to the US			96	96
Lunch for Rangers Larrakeyah Nation			68	68
Lunch for RFAC Meeting			416	416
MCFMAC Meeting			272	272
NAMRA Field trip Goulburn Island			52	52
OSFAC Meeting			244	244
Pilot study TNRM heavy metal			46	46
Sustenance for FRAB Meeting			86	86
Sustenance Sea Food Council Workshop 20 Aug			737	737
TNRM Oyster collection trials			42	42
J Inmulugulu minibar charges were incurred – paid back			62	62
Catering for Myrtle Rust workshop			697	697
Farewell morning tea for P. Zhang			42	42
ABB Annual Conference Darwin			220	220
Litchfield Council Rangers Lunch			65	65
Farewell morning tea for M. Anderson			49	49
Morning tea for Planning Meeting			35	35
Farewell for J. Thomson and S. Gillis			86	86
Vet Board lunch			79	79
Visiting OIE PVS Audit meeting			12	12
NT Quarantine meeting			255	255
1080 Review Panel meeting		162		162
Consultant R&D projects		179		179
National Banana Freckle Eradication Program Celebration			1,063	1,063
National Banana Freckle Eradication Program Celebration BBQ June 2015			260	260
National Banana Freckle Eradication Program Celebration of Regrowth Destruction			350	350
Misc.			9	
Total Resource and Product Integrity - Internally Funded	3,580	436	3,951	7,967
Total Resource and Product Integrity - Externally Funded	0	91	2,015	2,106
Total Resource and Product Integrity	3,580	527	5,966	10,073
Water Testing Services				
Labware Training morning tea	89			89
Total Water Testing Services	89			89
Corporate and Governance				
2015 Chief Minister's NT Export & Industry Awards Gala Dinner	191			191
Bruce Sawyer farewell	300			300
Chamber of Commerce & Palmerston Regional Business Association Luncheon	52			52
Chief Minister's Award Dinner	1,706	100		1,806
EMG lunch	955			955

Details	Government Employee (subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Non-Government Employee (not subject to FBT) \$ exc GST	Entertainment/ Hospitality not subject to FBT \$ exc GST	Total Cost \$ exc GST
Hosting of delegation of Thai Farmers/Department of Agricultural Extension, Thailand Government	205	1,227		1,432
Mango Symposium Dinner	120			120
Dinner meeting at Katherine 13 th October	111	61		172
NTG/QLD government lunch meeting Jakarta	94	94		188
Indonesian Delegation Visit BRF Luncheon - 9th September		83		83
Misc.		10		10
Morning Tea for Future Leaders Programme		47		47
DPIF Mental Health BBQ			346	346
National Banana Freckle Eradication Program Celebration BBQ June 2015			97	97
IPPAA Breakfast	30		110	140
Meeting at AZRI	60			60
Driving Efficiencies Forum	23			23
DME Star Awards – Darwin			464	464
DPIF Star Awards – Darwin			853	853
HBDI workshop			230	230
Key Conversation workshop			370	370
Respect in the Workplace – Alice Springs			109	109
Respect in the Workplace – Katherine			48	48
AZRI Mental Health morning tea – DPIF, DME & DLRM	150			150
DPIF Regional Christmas lunch	187			187
Whole of AZRI Christmas party – DPIF, DME, DLRM & PWCNT	27	27		54
Vet Students Field Day – DPIF & Dept of Education			52	52
Open Day – joint lunch for staff holders			77	77
Whole of AZRI meeting – morning tea			27	27
Katherine Mental Health Week			156	156
Lunch for NATA Auditors			139	139
Lunch for Pathologist training			7	7
Misc.				
Total Corporate and Governance	4,211	1,649	3,085	8,945

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Question No:	13 - 17
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Boards and Advisory Bodies
Question:	13. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your agencies 14. Please indicate Boards and advisory bodies where the Chair and/or members attract remuneration. 15. Please list the total cost of each Board and advisory bodies in your agencies. 16. Please detail how often each board or advisory body met in 2015-16. 17. Please list membership of those boards and amounts paid to members in 2015-16.

Answer:

Total expenditure for the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016 is \$31,062 exc GST.

For remuneration of statutory bodies, please refer the question to the Chief Minister.

Name	Remuneration paid to members in 2015-16	Total Cost in 2015-16 (exc GST)	How often Board/Advisory Body met in 2015-16	Membership of Boards
STATUTORY BODIES				
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Yes , but none paid to date	\$0	2	Dr Stephen Cutter Mr Scoot Anderson Dr Emma Kennedy Ms Sally Heaton Ms Alexandra Hesford Mr Tom Ryan Ms Tracey Hayes Ms Kim McCreanor Ms Kerri Ann Lawrence Ms Brett Easton Dr Joel Huang Ald Geoff Carter Ms Norene Lahring

Name	Remuneration paid to members in 2015-16	Total Cost in 2015-16 (exc GST)	How often Board/Advisory Body met in 2015-16	Membership of Boards
Veterinary Board of the Northern Territory	Yes	\$912	2	Dr Ian Gurry Dr Kevin de Witte (DPIF) Dr Marion Davey Dr Shane W Bartie Dr Elizabeth Stedman
NON-STATUTORY BODIES				
Alice Springs Pastoral Advisory Committee	No	\$0	2	Mr Alastair Bayly Ms Camilla Osborn Mr Chris Nott Mr Dick Cadzow Mr Lance Cramer Ms Nicole Hayes (Chair) Mr Pieter Conradie (DPIF) Mr Ross Stanes Mr Andy Hayes Mr Brad Seymour Ms Joella Klein
Anindilyakwa Consultative Committee	No	\$0	0	Ms Katherine Winchester Mr Keith Lambert OIC Paul Faustmann Mr Phillip Mamarkia Mr Pieter Wildekamp Mr Rob Fish
Barkly Research Advisory Committee	No	\$0	1	Mr Fred Hughes (Chair) Mr Michael Johnson Mr Ken Ford Mr Sandy Warby Mr Anthony Cox Mr Luke Evans Mr Chris Towne Mr Willy Brown Mr Luke Giblin Mr Stephen Bryce Ms Casey Collier (DPIF)
Barramundi Fishery Management Advisory Committee	No	\$1,361	1	Mr Tristan Sloan Mr Graeme Williams Snr Sgt Paul Faustmann Mr Peter Manning Mr Peter Neville Mr Jeff Newman Mr Joe Morrison

Name	Remuneration paid to members in 2015-16	Total Cost in 2015-16 (exc GST)	How often Board/Advisory Body met in 2015-16	Membership of Boards
Iwaidja Armurduk Management Committee	No	\$0	1	Mr Jimmy Marimowa Mr Joseph Manyinbula Mr Solomon Cooper Mr Darryl Cooper Mr Charlie Mungulda Mr Ronnie Naraludj Mr James Dempsey Mr Queenie Cunningham Mr Ben Cooper Mr Dwayne Cooper Mr Anderson Dudanga Cooper Mr Jonah Cooper Mr Steven Fejo Mr Jimmy Cooper Mr Sammy Cooper Mr John Christophersen <u>NTG & Industry Reps</u> Mr Bo Carne (DPIF) Mr Tristan Sloan Mrs Katherine Winchester Ms Lorrae McArthur Mr Glenn Schipp (DPIF) Mr Rob Fish Snr Sergeant Paul Faustmann Mr Dennis Sten
Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee	No	\$2,256	1	Mr Jay Mohr-Bell (Chair) Mr Keith Holzwart Mr Allan Andrews Mr Steve Petty Ms Helen Armstrong (Murphy) Ms Lisa Dyer Ms Carley Bidstrup Mr Ash Beechey Mr Neil MacDonald (DPIF) Ms Trisha Cowley (DPIF)
Manbuynga Ga Rulyapa Consultative Committee	No	\$0	0	Mr Bryan McDonald (DPIF) Ms Clely Yumbulul Mr Tristan Sloan Mr Daniel Yunipingu Mr Djawa Barawunga Mr Glenn Schipp (DPIF) Mr Ian Curnow (DPIF) Mr Jeffrey Malawa Mr Terry Yumbulul

Name	Remuneration paid to members in 2015-16	Total Cost in 2015-16 (exc GST)	How often Board/Advisory Body met in 2015-16	Membership of Boards
Northern Territory Fisheries Research Advisory Board	No	\$6,024	2	Mr Bryan McDonald (DPIF) Mr Tristan Sloan Mr David Cook Dr David Mills Ms Skye Barrett Mr Glenn Schipp (DPIF) Ms Katherine Winchester Mr Rob Fish
Northern Territory Fishing Industry Research and Development Fund Advisory Committee	No	\$0	4	Mr Bruce Young-Smith (DPIF) Mr Ian Curnow (DPIF) Mr Rob Fish Mr Ziko Illic
Northern Territory Mud Crab Fishery Management Advisory Committee	No	\$5,421	5	Mr Graeme Williams Mr Richard Stevens Mr Sherwood Thorbjorns Mr Tristan Sloan Mr Chris Calageras Mr John Christophersen Snr Sgt Paul Faustmann
Northern Territory Pearling Industry Advisory Committee	No	\$0	0	Mr Allan Garraway Mr David Jackson Dr David Mills Mr Glenn Schipp (DPIF) Mr Ian Curnow (DPIF) Mr James Paspaley Mr Mark Garraway Mr Murray Barton (DPIF) Mr Tony Theil
Offshore Net and Line Advisory Group	No	\$1,959	1	Mr Biagio Spinella Mr Bruce Lamont Mr Cameron Dixon Mr Richard Stevens Mr Tristan Sloan Mr David McKey (DPIF) Mr Graeme Williams Mr Grant Johnson (DPIF) Mr Jim Prescott Ms Jo-anne McCrea Mr Joe Morrison Mr Neil McSkimming Mr Peter Manning Mr David Hutchinson

Name	Remuneration paid to members in 2015-16	Total Cost in 2015-16 (exc GST)	How often Board/Advisory Body met in 2015-16	Membership of Boards
Offshore Snapper Fishery Advisory Committee	No	\$3,917	1	Mr Brett McCallum (Chair) <u>Members:</u> Mr Wayne Bishop Mr Horst Fischer Dr Julie Martin (DPIF) Mr David McKey (DPIF) Mr William Passey Mr Damian White (AFMA) Dr Lorrae McArthur (proxy) Sergeant John Pini (NTWPS) <u>Appointed Observers:</u> Mrs Katherine Winchester Mr Eddie Jebreen (proxy) (Qld) Mr Dennis Sten (proxy)
Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee	No	\$7,357	1	Mr Warren de With Mr Mark Spain Mr Dick Perry Mr Ronald Voukolos Ms Kristen Noble Mr Alex Julius Mr Stephen Thomas Mr Scott Hallett Mr Dennis Sten Ms Roxsean Edwards
Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Advisory Committee	No	\$0	0	Mr David McKey (DPIF) Mr Graeme Williams Mr Joe Morrison Mr Mark Farris Mr Peter Manning Mr Richard Stevens

Name	Remuneration paid to members in 2015-16	Total Cost in 2015-16 (exc GST)	How often Board/Advisory Body met in 2015-16	Membership of Boards
Wurrahaliba Resource Management Committee	No	\$1,855	1	Mr Robert Anderson (Chair) Ms Joy Finlay-Priest (Deputy Chair) Ms Norma Timothy Ms Eunice Issac Ms Dinah Norman Ms Stephanie Jupiter Ms Jemima Miller Mr David Harvey Mr Sebastian Evans Mr Lloyd Johnston Mr Billy Miller Mr Graham Friday Ms Lorrae McAthur <u>NTG & Industry Reps</u> Mrs Katherine Winchester Mr Rob Fish Mr Chris Calogeras Mr Tristan Sloan Mr Glenn Schipp (DPIF) Sergeant Roger Ilett Mr Vince Garrera Mr Dennis Sten Mr Ash Gattera Mr Thor Saunders (DPIF) Mr Will Bowman (DPIF) Mr Bo Carne (DPIF)

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Question No:	18
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Fees and Charges
Question:	Detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your agency / authority, the revenue raised and whether any of these fees or charges were increased in Budget 2016.

Answer: The following data is for the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016 and excludes GST.

No fees and charges were increased in Budget 2016.

Agency fees from regulatory services	TOTAL
Fisheries Licence Fees	196,210
Biosecurity Plant and Animal Fees	167,381
Agency Fees and Charges Total	363,591

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Question No:	19
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Internal Audits
Question:	How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in each agency in 2015/16.

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016:

One (1) internal audit was conducted by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries Risk and Audit Committee.

One (1) internal review was conducted by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries Manager Risk and Audit.

No financial investigations were conducted by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries Risk and Audit Committee.

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Question No:	20
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Internal Audits
Question:	What were the terms of reference or focus for each relevant investigation?

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016:

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
Internal audit of the work health and safety risk management processes for the remote and isolated travel.	Ascertain the current level of risk to the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries with regard to remote and isolated road travel and identify and prioritise mitigating measures to reduce the risks to an acceptable level.
Travel bookings and use of corporate travel provider as per NTG Air Travel Policy and Agency Travel Policy.	Focus on checking and reviewing Agency controls for managing airline travel bookings against agency policies, procedures and staff practices for the period 1 June 2015 to 31 December 2015.

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Question No:	21
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Internal Audits
Question:	Please provide detail of any fraud, anomalies, breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures exposed by the audits and financial investigations.

Answer:

For the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016:

Internal Audit/Investigation: Travel bookings and the use of corporate travel provider as per NTG Air Travel Policy and Agency Travel Policy

The travel review conducted for the period 01/07/2015-31/12/2015 revealed of the 299 acquitted trips, 10 were considered non-compliant relating to the mandatory use of the corporate travel provider.

Of the trips that were deemed non-compliant:

- One transaction booked directly with airline for a cheaper fare
- Four transactions experienced issues with the travel portal necessitating direct bookings
- One booking made directly with an airline outside business hours
- One booking made directly to replicate the itinerary of a travelling companion
- The three remaining bookings were due to lack of awareness to use the corporate travel provider.

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Question No:	22
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Legal Services
Question:	Please detail the cost in 2015-16 of legal services provided by private legal firms to each agency and authority for which you are responsible

Answer:

\$77,788 (exc GST) was the amount spent on legal services provided by eight private legal firms for the period 01 July 2015 – 31 March 2016.

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Question No:	23
From:	Opposition
To:	Global Question to all Ministers
	Minister Gary John Higgins Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Question Heading:	Hospitality
Question:	Would you please advise a) what grant, program, project and operational funding will be provided to non-government and external organisations, including contractors, this financial year, and b) what funding will be provided in 2016-17.

- a) The total NGO expense for DPIF from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016 was \$604,600 (GST exclusive).

Biosecurity and Animal Welfare

Grants : 1 July 2015 - 31 March 2016	Expenditure (exc GST)
Animal Welfare	
Wildcare Incorporated	\$4,850
Animal Management In Rural & Remote Indigenous Communities Incorporated	\$19,000
Aboriginal Resource & Development Services Incorporated	\$20,750
Alice Springs Animal Shelter	\$45,000
Nhulunbuy Pets and Wildlife Shelter	\$25,000
Ark Aid Incorporated	\$31,000
RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch	\$39,000
TOTAL	\$184,600

Fisheries

Grants : 1 July 2015 - 31 March 2016	Expenditure (exc GST)
Indigenous Marine Ranger Program	
Anindilyakwa Land Council	\$60,000
Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation	\$60,000
Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association Incorporated	\$60,000
Thamarrurr Development Corporation Incorporated	\$60,000
Northern Land Council	\$180,000
TOTAL	\$420,000

GRAND TOTAL	\$604,600
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- b) The funding to be provided for the Animal Welfare grants in 16/17 will be a similar amount based on applications approved.

A similar amount will be given to the Indigenous Marine Ranger Program in 16/17.