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# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.1
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

## Question

Details on progress of all CLP announcements made to Territorians in CLP election policy documents, summary snapshots, media releases and announcements, costings and savings documents, media advertisements and other printed material.

# Answer

Election Commitments	Status	Progress Summary
Review of NT finances and government waste	Completed	The Renewal Management Board has conducted an independent review and the 2012-13 Mini Budget and 2013-14 Budget incorporated relevant savings/efficiency measures.
Return Budget to surplus by end of first term then repay debt	In progress	The 2014-15 Budget is forecasting improvements to the fiscal balance and net debt position over the forward estimates with a small deficit of \$39 million projected in 2017-18
Lobby Federal Government in regard to regional tax reform and energy and fuel rebates	In progress	The Terms of Reference for the federalism and tax reviews are yet to be released by the Commonwealth. The Department of the Chief Minister has coordinated a Territory Government submission to the Northern Australia White Paper.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.2
From	Opposition Estimates Question

### Question

Explanations on all variations and discrepancies between CLP election commitments and the decisions and policies of Government since 1 July 2013.

## **Answer**

At the time of coming to office the key fiscal target was to stabilise the Territory's debt burden by targeting elimination of the fiscal deficit by 2015-16. At the time of the Mini-Budget a pathway to achieving this goal had been established with a modest deficit of \$53 million projected.

However, a combination of lower GST revenues and easing the effect of necessary budget adjustments on households and businesses to protect the Territory economy led to a prudent deferral of the target by two years to 2017-18 in the May 2013 Budget. A small deficit of \$39 million is now projected in 2017-18.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.3
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Progress on all commitments and policy announcements made within Government press releases and media statements made since 1 July 2013.

#### **Answer**

The Power and Water Corporation - Additional one-off appropriation of \$1 million over 2013-14 and 2014-15 to assist in the reform process, including recruitment of temporary resources and purchase of specialist advice.

Savings as they relate to the Department of Treasury and Finance as detailed on page 35 of Budget paper No.2 are as follows:

Administrative Efficiencies

\$0.42M

These relate to continued efficiencies in the printing of the budget papers, with online delivery being the focus and further administrative efficiencies across the department. It is not anticipated that this will involve any significant change in staffing, however where positions are no longer required, reductions will be managed through natural attrition.

The First Home Owner Grant – Savings of \$5 million aimed at targeting assistance to new homes to encourage an increase in housing supply.

Whole-of-Government Savings - \$0.019 million in expected efficiencies in the better utilisation of Multi-Function Devices, that is co-ordinated through the Department of Corporate and Information Services.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.4
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Explanations on all variations and discrepancies between commitments and policy announcements made within Government press release and the actual implementation of Government policy and funding decisions.

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Nil.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.5
From	Opposition Estimates Question

# Question

Progress on the implementation of all signed written contracts with Territory Communities.

## **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Chief Minister.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.6
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

Details on staff movements and all costs resulting from all Administrative Arrangements changes since 1 July 2013.

## **Answer**

There were no staff movements or costs resulting from changes to Administrative Arrangements.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.7
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

Details on staff movements and all costs including ministerial office relocation resulting in portfolio reshuffles since 1 July 2013.

# **Answer**

There were no portfolio reshuffles that affected the Department of Treasury and Finance.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.8
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

#### Question

Details and costs on all Government advertising and communications since 1 July 2013.

#### **Answer**

- From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, Treasury spent \$54 814 on document production and promotional material. Official publications produced include:
  - Treasurer's Annual Financial Report;
  - Mid-Year Report;
  - Annual Reports for the Territory's superannuation schemes;
  - Annual Report for the Department of Treasury and Finance;
  - Superannuation reports to members; and
  - Treasury corporate stationery such as letterhead, business cards and file covers.
- From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, Treasury spent \$8795 on advertising (not including recruitment).
- The 2014-15 Budget communications campaign runs over May and June and is estimated to cost \$86 000 (Refer to WQ 171.71). Expenses for the 2014-15 campaign are still being finalised.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	Dave Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.9
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

Full details on all government advertising breach of the Public Information Act identified by the Auditor General since 1 July 2013.

### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Auditor General.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.10
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

# Question

Full breakdown of all ministerial office expenditure since 1 July 2013.

### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Chief Minister.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.11
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

A full list of forced redundancies across all agencies. An explanation for each redundancy on why it was necessary to breach the CLP's election commitment that no public servant would be sacked.

#### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Minister for Public Employment.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.12
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

A full list of all personnel who have left the Northern Territory Public Sector and then returned since 1 July 2013, including payout and settlement details.

### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Minister for Public Employment.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.13
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

### Question

Details on all Government tenders, contracts and grants awarded or granted since 1 July 2013 including whether the recipient is a member of the Country Liberal Party. This includes full location details for companies and organisations.

#### **Answer**

 Total of 6 tenders awarded since 1 July 2013 for Department of Treasury and Finance.

Contract Description	Value	Company
Provision of Northern Territory Treasury Corporation Internal Audit Services	\$ 185 000	Ernst & Young/ Merit Partners Pty Ltd
Provision of Cleaning Services	\$ 141 137	Edna's Cleaning Service Pty Ltd
Provision of Economic, Financial and Technical Advice	\$ 2500000	CQ Partners Pty Ltd  Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Limited  Oakley Greenwood Pty Ltd  ACIL Allen Consulting Pty Ltd  Primrose and Associates Pty Ltd  MDQ Investments Pty Ltd

		NERA Economic Consulting
		RM Consulting Group
		PriceWaterhouseCoopers
		Frontier Economics
		Evans & Peck
		Ernst & Young
		Entura
		Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
		Barrie Brandt
		Sinclair Knight Merz
Consultancy - Utilities Market Reform	\$ 150 000	Armature Pty Ltd
Executive Search Consultant: Board and		
CEO Positions for the NT Government Owned Utility Companies	\$ 182 000	Engage People Pty Ltd
Consultancy - Analysis of Workers Compensation Scheme Options	\$ 45 000	Territory Insurance Office

- From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, Treasury spent \$762 124 (Attachment A) on consultancy services, including the following major consultancies:
  - $\circ$  \$305 550 on the Power and Water Corporation Structural Reform;
  - \$108 850 actuarial advice on the Government's Superannuation liabilities;
  - \$100 485 BlackTip GAS Project; and
  - o \$200 684 on Utilities Commission Power System Review
- \$46 555 was spent on a number of smaller consultancies (less than \$100 000 each) on various issues, including:
  - Mainframe (TAXAD) application enhancements;
  - valuations for stamp duty purposes;
  - whole of Government Probity Audit; and
  - PWC Price Determination.

• Tax-related subsidies granted under the home owner incentive programs for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014 were:

Grant type	Number paid	Total amount paid
Build Bonus	184	\$1 840 000
First Home Owner Grant	639	\$11 674 000
Total	823	\$13 514 000

There were no payments made under the BuildStart incentive program.

• In 2013-14, Treasury sponsored the following awards and events:

Secondary School Awards - \$2000

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.14
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

### Question

Details on the procurement processes undertaken and the employment contracts for the employment within the Northern Territory public sector since 1 July 2013 of all former CLP and Liberal party candidates and members of parliament at Territory or Federal level.

#### **Answer**

Details will not be provided; however, Government procurement and PSEMA employment processes have been followed.

A response has already been provided about procurement contracts in written question 13.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.15
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

Full details and costs of all ministerial travel, including accommodation, hospitality and flight details including flight travel class since 1 July 2013.

## **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Chief Minister.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.16
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

# Question

Full details, costs and invitation lists for all ministerial hospitality since 1 July 2013.

### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Chief Minister.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.17
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

## Question

Full details, costs and invitation lists for all public service hospitality provided since 1 July 2013.

### **Answer**

 From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, \$6 130 had been spent on entertainment and hospitality. Table 1 provides the full details of the expenditure.

# **Table 1: Hospitality and Entertainment**

Category	01.07.13 to 31.03.14
CEDA Dinner Awards for Excellence in the Public Sector	682 2 400
Breakfast Seminar Treasury Briefing Sessions	35 1 005
Mental Health Awareness Training Morning Tea	105
Utilities Commission Lunch Catering	1 848 55
Total	6 130

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.18
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

### Question

Full details and costs of all interstate or international public service travel, including accommodation, hospitality and flight details including flight travel class since 1 July 2013.

#### **Answer**

 A summary of the costs of official travel, accommodation, hospitality and flight details for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014 is provided in Table 1. Flight and costs are detailed in Attachment A.

	2013-14
Table 1: Official Interstate and Overseas Travel Expenses	YTD to 31 March 2014

Category	\$000
Accommodation	22
Overseas airfares	0
Interstate airfares	83
Intra-Territory airfares	3
Travel allowance	12
Total	120

Note: Includes airfares, accommodation and travel allowance for advisory boards. Does not include recruitment, relocation or fares which are part of employment conditions.

- Meeting and conferences attended include:
  - Ministerial Council meetings;
  - Heads of Treasuries meetings;
  - Royalty audits;
  - Utilities Commission meetings;
  - Commonwealth working group meetings and technical conferences;
  - Tax Commissioners' conferences; and
  - Superannuation funds meetings.

## **Class of Travel**

From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, 37 of 134 flights were for business class travel. The number of business class flights has reduced by 38 in comparison to the previous year. Business Class includes travel for members of Statutory Boards, such as the Utilities Commissioners.

## **Hospitality**

There has been no hospitality expenditure associated with travel for the reporting period.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.19
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

## Question

A breakdown of all water and other natural asset allocation granted by the Northern Territory Government since 26 August 2012, broken down by those granted to CLP members.

#### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Minister for Land Resource Management.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.20
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Details on all policy items, strategies, actual, estimates, budgets, forecasts, agencies outputs and funding decisions contained within the May 2014 budget.

### **Answer**

Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.21
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Details on all financial and economic data contained within Operating Statements, Balance Sheets, Cash Flow Statements in the May 2014 budget.

#### Answer

Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.22
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Full details including impact statements and implementation plans on all agency savings (sic) the May 2014 budget.

#### **Answer**

Savings as they relate to the Department of Treasury and Finance as detailed on page 35 of Budget paper No.2 are as follows:

**Administrative Efficiencies** 

\$0.42M

These relate to continued efficiencies in the printing of the budget papers, with online delivery being the focus and further administrative efficiencies across the department. It is not anticipated that this will involve any significant change in staffing, however where positions are no longer required, reductions will be managed through natural attrition.

Program Efficiencies and rationalisation \$5M

This relates to the changes to the First Home Owner Grant aimed at targeting assistance to new homes to encourage an increase in housing supply.

Whole of Government savings

\$0.019M

This relates to expected efficiencies in the better utilisation of Multi Function Devices that is co-ordinated through the Department of Corporate and Information Services.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.23
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Details on all information and data contained within the fiscal strategy, updated fiscal outlook, risks to the updated financial projections, expenses and capital investment, intergovernmental revenue and territory taxes and royalties.

#### **Answer**

The table below provides an update on the achievement of the government's fiscal strategy:

Fiscal Target/Outcome	2014-15 Budget Indicators	Assessment
By 2017-18 the fiscal imbalance in the Territory's non financial public sector is to be eliminated	- \$39M in 2017-18	Fiscal Balance trending to improvement and small deficit in 2017-18
By 2016-17, the Territory's general government sector is achieving a net operating surplus	\$69M surplus in 2016-17	The operating balance is expected to return to a surplus in 2014-15, two years ahead of the fiscal strategy target.
By 2016-17, taxation effort in the Territory's general government sector is more on par with the average of the states	84% in 2012-13	The Territory's taxation effort improved in 2012-13 (the latest year assessed by the CGC), following increases in tax collections as well as mining royalties.
By 2016-17, the Territory's government owned corporation is moving towards commercial rates of return on capital employed	5.5% in 2016-17	The latest estimate is trending closer to the minimum target of 6%
By 2020, the Territory's non financial public sector net debt as a percentage of revenue is returning towards 60 per cent	65% by 2017-18	The improved projection is consistent with the target of returning to 60 per cent by 2020.

The remainder of the information can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Papers 2 and 4. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.24
From	Opposition Estimates Question

### Question

Full details on all information and data contained within the capital works program and estimated capital expenditure across all Government agencies and corporations.

#### **Answer**

Details can be found in the 2014-15 Budget Paper 4. Specific questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasurer and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.25
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Full details of all revenue measures including new taxes and tax increases including levies and charges. Details include risk impact statements, community and industry consultation plans, economic modelling and revenue projections.

#### Answer

### <u>2014-15 Budget revenue measure (Budget Paper 2 page 61)</u>

- From 1 July 2014, the corporate bookmaker tax cap increases from 250 000 to 500 000 revenue units (500 000 revenue units is worth \$555 000 in 2014-15).
- The projected revenue increase from this measure is set out in the table below.

Measure	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Corporate Bookmaker Tax	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8

- The Department of Business met with corporate bookmakers in December 2013 to discuss regulatory and revenue issues, with bookmakers acknowledging that the Territory's taxation regime is generous.
- Bookmakers have continued to express a strong preference to operate under the Territory's regulatory regime compared to those in other states.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.26
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Full details on the operational impacts across all Government entities as a result of all Government decisions and policies.

### **Answer**

Refer to Questions 1 and 3. Specific Questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.27
From	Opposition Estimates Question

# Question

Full details on the operational impacts across all Government entities as a result of all Government's savings measures.

### Answer

Refer to Question 26.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.28
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Full details on the operational impacts across Non-Government agencies as a result of all Government funding, decisions and policies.

#### **Answer**

Non-Government Organisations are external to the Budget. This question should be posed to relevant Non-Government Organisations.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.29
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Full details on the impacts across all Government entities as a result of all increases in Government and Government corporation charges, prices and tariffs since 26 August 2012.

#### **Answer**

- This response relates to the Department of Treasury and Finance only.
- The Department of Treasury and Finance leases the Cavenagh House offices.
- As a result, the only impact on the Department of Treasury and Finance is the power tariff and the costs have been absorbed within budget.
- The increases in water consumption are not charged as they form part of the lease arrangements.
- There are no other costs directly impacting on the Department.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.30
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Full details on all information and data contained within the two most recent Reports on Government Services.

### Answer

Reports are publicly available. Specific questions will be addressed through the estimates hearing process.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.31
From	Opposition Estimates Question

## Question

Full details on all information and data contained within all Annual Reports produced by all Government entities across the last two financial years.

### **Answer**

Reports are publicly available. Specific questions will be addressed through the estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.32
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Full details on all information and data contained within any report produced by a Statutory Authority of the Northern Territory Government within the last five years and full details on any and all actions of all Government entities in response to the report or related to the report.

#### **Answer**

Data requested is too board in scope and too expensive to collate. Specific Questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.33
From	Opposition Estimates Question

### Question

Full details on all information and data contained within any report commissioned by the Northern Territory Government and produced within the last five years and full details on any and all actions of all Government entities in response to the report or related to thereport.

#### **Answer**

Data requested is too board in scope and too expensive to collate. Specific Questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.34
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Full details on all information, data and forecasts contained with reports produced in the last two years in relation to the Northern Territory from Deloitte Access Economics, CommSec, Sensis, Australian Property Monitors, Housing Industry Association, Property Council, Master Builders Association and ANZ including the response from Government entities to the reports.

#### **Answer**

Data requested is too board in scope and too expensive to collate. Specific Questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.35
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Full details on all information and data produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in relation to the Northern Territory in the last two years, including the response of Government entities to the reports.

#### **Answer**

Data requested is too board in scope and too expensive to collate. Specific Questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	-

Question Reference	WQ 171.36
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Details on all reports and data published on Northern Territory websites.

#### **Answer**

Data requested is too board in scope and too expensive to collate. Specific Questions will be addressed through the Estimates hearing process.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.37
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

What is the detailed annual power bill of each government building owned/leased/used by each department.

#### **Answer**

The answer to this question will be provided by the Minister for Corporate and Information Services.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.38
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

### Question

What is the detailed breakdown of Corporate and Governance output of each department?

#### **Answer**

Refer to 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3.

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.39
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Minister on overseas travel in 2013/14? What was the itinerary for each overseas trip undertaken by Ministers in 2013/14?

#### **Answer**

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.40
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

For each overseas trip:

- a. What was the purpose of the travel?
- b. How many advisors accompanied the Minister?
- c. How many Members of the Legislative Assembly accompanied the Minister?
- d. How many public sector employees or statutory officers accompanied the Minister?
- e. How many independent media representatives accompanied the Minister?
- f. How many private citizens accompanied the Minister?

#### Answer

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.41
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

#### Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Government Agency or Authority on overseas travel in 2013/14?

#### Answer

Refer to Question 18.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.42
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

#### Question

For each overseas trip:

- a. What was the purpose of the travel?
- b. How many public sector employees or statutory officers travelled overseas?
- c. How many Members of the Legislative Assembly travelled with the Agency/Authority?
- d. What was the itinerary for the travel?

#### **Answer**

Refer to Question 18.

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.43
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

Were any external consultants or advisors contracted by Ministers in 2013/14? If so, for each Minister:

- a. How many external advisors or consultants were contracted?
- b. Which consultants were contracted?
- c. What was the cost of each consultancy?
- d. What was the purpose of each consultancy?
- e. Were tenders or expressions of interest invited?
- f. If not, why not?

#### **Answer**

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.44
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

Were any external consultants or advisors contracted by Government Agencies or Authorities in 2013/14? If so:

- g. How many external advisors or consultants were contracted?
- h. Which consultants were contracted?
- i. What was the cost of each consultancy?
- j. What was the purpose of each consultancy?
- k. Were tenders or expressions of interest invited?
- I. If not, why not?

#### Answer

Refer to Question 13.

In all cases tenders or expressions of interested were invited.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.45
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

### Question

What was the total itemised cost to date for each Minister on official hospitality in 2013/14?

#### **Answer**

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.46(a)
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

In relation to each occasion on which official hospitality was undertaken:

- a. What was the purpose of the hospitality?
- b. How many guests attended?
- c. How many Ministers attended?
- d. What was the total cost incurred?

#### **Answer**

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.46(b)
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

What was the total itemised cost to date for each Government Agency or Authority on official hospitality in 2013/14?

#### **Answer**

Refer to Question 17.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.47
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

In relation to each occasion on which official hospitality was undertaken:

- a. What was the purpose of the hospitality?
- b. How many guests attended?
- c. How many Ministers attended?
- d. How many public sector employees attended?
- e. What was the total cost incurred?

#### **Answer**

Refer to Question 17.

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.48
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

Were any gifts received by Ministers in 2013/14? If so, for each Minister:

- a. What gifts were received?
- b. What is the estimated value of each gift received?

#### **Answer**

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.49
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

What is the total itemised cost to date for each Minister on advertising in 2013/14?

#### **Answer**

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.50
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

For each advertisement:

- a. What was the purpose/description of the advertisement?
- b. Who was the advertisement placed for?
- c. What was the production cost?
- d. What was the design cost?
- e. Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?

#### Answer

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.51 and 171.52
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

- 51. What is the total itemised cost to date for each Government Agency or Authority on advertising in 2013/14?
- 52. For each advertisement:
  - a. What was the purpose / description of the advertisement?
  - b. Who was the advertisement placed with?
  - c. What was the production cost?
  - d. What was the design cost?

#### **Answer**

 From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, the Department of Treasury and Finance spent \$8 795 on advertising.

Description of Advertisement	Advertising Outlet	Production Cost
Bereavement Notices	NT News	609
Advertising in Accordance with Statutory Requirements*	NT News	8186

Advertising design is done in-house using approved whole of government templates.

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.53
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

Has any Minister or Ministerial Advisor engaged in formal or informal communications with L and B McFarlane (or their representatives) concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:

- a. Which Ministers and Ministers Advisors have engaged in the communications?
- b. What was the substance of the communications?
- c. When did the communication take place?

#### **Answer**

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.54
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

Has any Minister or Ministerial Advisor engaged in formal or informal communications with Peter Maley (or their representatives) concerning any matter in relation to a water extraction licence? If so:

- a. Which Ministers and Ministers Advisors have engaged in the communications?
- b. What was the substance of the communications?
- c. When did the communication take place?

#### **Answer**

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.55
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

What are the details by project of revoted capital works in all Departments and Government Authorities.

### **Answer**

Refer to Question 24.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.56
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

By classification and level, how many permanent employees are currently employed in Government Agencies and Authorities?

### **Answer**

As at Pay 20:

Paid Classification	Permanent (FTE)
Graduate	1
AO1	1
AO2	
AO3	11.4
AO4	28.97
AO5	25.7
AO6	25.62
AO7	18.36
SAO1	15.5
SAO2	6
Total	133.55

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.57
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

By classification and level, how many temporary employees are currently employed in Government Agencies and Authorities?

#### **Answer**

As at Pay 20:

Paid Classification	Temporary/Contract (FTE)
Apprentice	2
Graduate	10
AO1	
AO2	1.2
AO3	
AO4	
AO5	2
AO6	
AO7	1.71
SAO1	1
SAO2	
EO1C	6
EO2C	3.6
EO3C	4
EO4C	2
EO6C	1
Total	34.51

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.58
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

How many NT Government Statutory Boards are there in the Northern Territory?

#### Answer

#### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.59
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

For each Statutory Board:

- a. Who are the current members and when were they appointed?
- b. What was the total remuneration paid on Board members in 2013/14?
- c. What was the itemised total cost incurred by the Board in 2013/14?
- d. How many times did the Board meet in 2013/14?

#### **Answer**

#### **Treasury Corporation Advisory Board**

a. Current members and appointment:

Jodie Ryan – appointed July 2013

Richard Ryan – appointed October 1994

Anthony Cole - appointed October 1994

John Montague – appointed March 2010

David Braines- Mead - appointed May 2007

b. Remuneration Paid:

Advisory Board sitting fees are payable to My Richard Ryan and Mr Anthony Cole as the two external board members. As at 31 March 2014, \$32 483 was paid during 2013/14.

c. Total cost incurred by the Board in 2013/14?

Up to 31 March 2014 - \$44 483 (sitting fees, travel expenses and superannuation)

d. How many times did the Board meet in 2013/14?

Three times

#### **Superannuation Review Board**

a. Current members and appointment:

Graham Symons – appointed November 2013

Chris Hoskings – appointed November 2013

Lynton Sherry – appointed December 2009

Rod Smith - appointed December 2009

Gowan Carter – appointed August 2013

Andrew Smith – appointed August 2013

Robert Bradshaw – appointed November 2009

Guy Riley - appointed January 2014

b. Remuneration Paid:

Nil.

c. Total cost incurred by the Board in 2013/14?

Nil

d. How many times did the Board meet in 2013/14?

Nil

#### **Superannuation Trustee Board**

a. Current members and appointment:

Kathleen Robinson – appointed March 2012

Marianne McAdie – appointed March 2012

Michael Martin - appointed May 2014

Naomi Porrovecchio – appointed February 2013

Alex Pollon – appointed April 2014

Vicky Coleman – appointed April 2014

Mark McAdie – appointed May 2012

Gowan Carter – appointed August 2013

b. Remuneration Paid 2013/14:

\$4104.

c. Total cost incurred by the Board in 2013/14?

\$52 452 (sitting fees, training and conferences, AIST membership & Governance expenses)

d. How many times did the Board meet in 2013/14?

Three times

#### **Utilities Commission**

a. Current members and appointment:

Dr Patrick Walsh - Commissioner - appointed 28 October 2011

Mr Mike Robson - Associate Commissioner - appointed 23 June 2009

Mr Peter Caldwell – appointed 30 July 2009

b. Remuneration Paid:

As at 31 March, \$141 087

c. Total cost incurred by the Board in 2013/14?

As at 31 March 2014 - Total \$165 437 (sitting fees, travel expenses and accommodation and reimbursement expenses)

d. How many times did the Board meet in 2013/14?

20 meetings (5 in person, 15 teleconferences)

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.60
From	Opposition Estimates Question

### Question

What was the total expenditure on grants to non-Government organisations in 2013/14?

#### Answer

Refer to Question 13.

# **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.61
From	Opposition Estimates Question

### Question

What was the total estimated allocation for grants to non-Government organisations in 2014/15?

#### **Answer**

Nil

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.62
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

Would you provide whole-of-Government tables showing:

- a. The amount granted to each non-Government organisation in 2013/14?
- b. The estimated grant to each non-Government organisation in 2014/15?

#### **Answer**

- a. Refer to Question 13.
- b. Nil

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.63
From	Opposition Estimates Question

### Question

Please list all reviews currently being undertaken by the agency, estimated date of release of report and costs incurred to date

### **Answer**

Nil

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.64
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

#### Question

For each Government Agency and Authority how many Certificates of Exemption were issued in 2013/14?

#### **Answer**

No Certificates of Exemption were issued until 31 March 2014.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.65
From	Opposition Estimates Questions

#### 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?
- d. Who recommended the Certificate of Exemption?
- e. Who approved the Certificate of exemption?

#### **Answer**

Refer to Question 64.

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.66
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

To each Minister re: fundraising:

- a. Have you held any CLP fundraising events in your Ministerial Office Suite?
- b. If so, how many times has your official office been used for fundraising activities?
- c. What dates did you hold these functions?
- d. Did you pay the Parliament for the use of the offices in this way?
- e. Did the CLP pay for alcohol or did the taxpayer?

Answer		
No		

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasury
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance

Question Reference	WQ 171.67
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

To each Minister in regards to Travel:

- a. How many trips overseas have you taken in the last 12 months?
- b. How many staff accompanied you?
- c. Who accompanied you?
- d. How much was the travelling allowance?
- e. What class of air travel did you take?
- f. Did you use your Ministerial phone while overseas?
- g. What was the total cost of phone calls from overseas?
- h. Did your staff use their Government issued phone?
- i. What was the total cost of their phone calls from overseas?
- j. Did your spouse accompany you on any trips?
- k. Did your children accompany you on any trips?

#### **Answer**

#### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.68
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

To each Minister in regards to cars:

- a. How much did you spend on your taxpayer funded petrol card last financial year?
- b. How much was your lease?
- c. Was any damage incurred to your car in the last financial year?
- d. If so what was the cost?
- e. Was the accident report to police?
- f. Did Police attend?
- g. Who was in the wrong?
- h. Were any charges laid?

#### **Answer**

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.69
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

To each Minister in regarding credit cards:

- a. Do you have a Ministerial credit card?
- b. How much has been spent on the credit card in the last 12 months?
- c. What do you use it for?
- d. How much has been spent on entertainment?

#### **Answer**

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.70
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

To each Minister in regarding Alcohol:

- a. How much has your office spent on alcohol in the last 12 months?
- b. What type of alcohol was purchased?
- c. Are spirits purchased?
- d. Is the alcohol used for official functions or for personal use?
- e. Who is entitled to access the office alcohol?

#### **Answer**

## **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.71
From	Opposition Estimate Questions

#### Question

For each agency please provide an itemised breakdown for spending associated with promoting the budget for the 2012 mini budget, the 2013 budget and the 2014 budget?

nswer				
	Budget 2012-13	Mini Budget 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Design total	13 382	0	2 484	3 654
Exhibitionist	13 382		2 484	3 654
Document production total	242 193	14 799	164 181	23 048
Government Printing Office	241 511	14 799	162 836	
Image Offset General Printers				21 900
Editor	682		1 345	1 148
Newspaper total	45 815	0	30 125	47 300
Alice Springs News	1 000		545	
Arafura Times	2 660		1 330	582
Centralian Advocate	8 050		6 483	5 871
Darwin Life	623			
Katherine Times	3 877		1 474	1 495
NT Business Review	4 014		3 532	
NT News/Sunday Territorian	16 080		10 993	35 005
Sun Newspapers	3 980		2 169	2 504
Tennant and District Times	3 775		1 843	1 843
Territory Regional Weekly	1 756		1 756	

Radio total	21 376	0	10 972	11 890
8НА	3 016		1 305	1 440
CAAMA	2 450		1 225	1 114
Hot 100	3 396		1 750	1 896
Mix 104.9	3 396		1 750	1 896
Sun FM	2 726		1 160	1 280
Territory FM	3 530		1 225	2 000
TEABBA	1 023		511	511
Simon Says Television (production of ads)	1 839		2 046	1 753
Other total	0	0	2 903	0
Filming and production of Budget Speech DVD			2 903	
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	322 766	14 799	210 665	85 892

### **Response to Written Questions**

Minister	David Tollner, Treasurer	
Portfolio	Treasury	
Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	

Question Reference	WQ 171.72
From	Opposition Estimates Question

#### Question

For each agency please provide a breakdown of public service staffing levels by FTE, total numbers and by employment levels for 13/14 and projected for 14/15.

#### **Answer**

Refer to Questions 56 and 57 for 2013-14. Detail for 2014-15 is not known, but not expected to be substantially different to 2013-14.