

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Corporate and Information Services:

Data Centre Services

1. Please advise where will the new NTG Data Centre be located.
2. When will this relocation be completed?
3. How does the monthly cost per million instructions per second compare to other data centres, both government and non-government?

Answer:

1. The new Government Data Centre facility is located at the NT Archives Building (Millner). A public tender to lease space for back-up data centre services has been released. The site for the back-up data centre is not yet known.
2. Relocation to the Government Data Centre will be finalised by mid-2020.
3. An independent benchmark report in 2016 compared the NTG's data centre performance with these in other industries, including insurance and retail, located in the Asia/Pacific region.

The report found that overall the NTG is 4% more efficient in its costs per million instructions per second. Key cost elements, such as software and hardware costs were a 22% and 8% improvement on the peer group respectively, while operating costs of doing business in the tropics were higher than the peer group.

Performance benchmarking with the private sector was required as the reviewer determined there are no comparable government data centres that satisfied the benchmarking criteria of workload and scale.