**No. 367**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Tollner Minister for Business and Employment, in relation to the portfolio areas within the Department of Business and Employment.

**Department of Business and Employment – Payroll Division**

**Payroll Division**

1. From 01 July 2011 to 31 March 2012, how many payroll school in takes have been conducted?
2. What is the total amount of employees who have gained permanent AO2 level for the same period through the payroll school?

* Break down by gender

1. As at Payday 20, 28 March 2012, how many employees of the payroll in takes are still employed in payroll?

* Break down by gender and level

1. From 01 July 2011 to 31 March 2012, how many employees of the payroll school have gained positions within other agencies?

* Break down by gender and level

1. From 01 July 2011 to 31 March 2012, how many employees of the payroll school have resigned from the NTG?

* Break down by gender and level

1. From 01 July 2011 to 31 March 2012, what was the turnover rate within the payroll division?

* Break down by Darwin/Casuarina/Palmerston/ by gender and level?

1. As at 31 March 2012 how many outstanding leave applications in PIPS had not been processed?

* Break down by agency eg – Health, Education etc
* What was/is the oldest leave application?
* Break down by level and application eg – recreation/long service/sick etc

1. As a result of leave applications not being processed on time, what was the financial implication of overpayments from 01 July 2011 to 31 March 2012?

* Break down by agency eg – Health, Education etc
* Break down by level and amount of overpayment
* How much of the overpayment has been recovered?
* What steps have been taken to reduce the possibility of future overpayments?

1. What is the amount of overtime and meal allowance that has been paid to payroll staff for the period 01 July 2011 to 31 March 2012 to enable the whole of NTG to be paid on time?

* Break down by level and amount paid.

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**ANSWER:**

The Department of Business and Employment is involved in a lot of work in preparing for Estimates Committee hearings and in doing so will be collating information similar to that which has been requested.

The answers to these questions will be provided prior to Estimates commencing as part of agencies’ preparation for Estimates.