

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Renewables, Energy and Essential Services, for all agencies falling under the Chief Minister's portfolio responsibilities:

### AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

#### Note 1:

We have submitted similar questions to those below in past years prior to the Estimates Committee Hearings. Although it appears there will not be any Estimates Committee Hearings this year; we are submitting these questions in the interests of accountability and continuity, to enable the comparison of agency information across years.

#### Note 2:

If there is to be a Whole of Government response to any of the questions, it would be appreciated if these are referred early to the Minister responsible to enable a response within the same timeframe as the remainder of the questions.

#### Note 3:

My Office would be very grateful if the question could be inserted at the beginning of each answer.

### STAFFING

1. Please provide details for the following staffing questions as at 30 June 2019, and as at 31 March 2020:
  - a) How many staff were employed in the following categories:
    - i. Full time equivalent

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 196.18
31/03/2020 - 181.07

- ii. Permanent part time contract

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 3.67
31/03/2020 – 1.47

- iii. Contract

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 51.62
31/03/2020 – 39.7

- b) Please advise the number of staff who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as at 30 June 2019, as at 31 March 2020, and as a percentage of the Agency total employment as at 31 March 2020 (all classifications);

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 2 31/03/2020 – 3 or 1.60% of total employment
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- c) Please advise the number of frontline staff as FTE as at 31 March 2020 and as a percentage of the Agency total employment (all classifications).

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 0 31/03/2020 - 0
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2. Please advise, in each category:

- a) The total number of staff on contracts (by executive and temporary employment contracts) as at 30 June 2019 and as at 31 March 2020

*Answer:*

Date	Executive	Temporary	Total
30/06/2019	22	29.62	51.62
31/02/2020	19	20.7	39.7

- b) By position, the levels at which staff are employed on executive or temporary employment contracts as at 30 June 2019 and as at 31 March 2020

*Answer:*

<b>30/06/2019</b>		<b>31/03/2020</b>	
ECM	11	ECM	10
EO1C	7	EO1C	5
EO2C	1	EO2C	1
EO3C	2	EO3C	3
EO5C	1	T1ACS	1.7
T1ACS	3.6	T2ACS	1
T2ACS	3	T3ACS	2
T3ACS	4	TGTS	2
T3PR	1	TOPER	2
T4PR		TOPMA	6
T4SMA	3	TPRG	1
TGRAD	1	TSOPE	2
TGTS	1	TSTC	1
TOPER	3	TTRAD	2
TOPMA	4.6		

TPRG	1.42	<b>Total</b>	<b>39.7</b>
TSOPE	1		
TSTC			
TSTS	1		
TTC	1		
TTRAD	1		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51.62</b>		

3. For the full financial year ending 30 June 2019 and for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020 how many staff:

a) Resigned

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 33
31/03/2020 - 18

b) Were made redundant

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 - 12
31/03/2020 - 1

c) Were terminated

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 1
31/03/2020 - 2

4. How many staff were unattached or categorized as redeployees for the full financial year ending 30 June 2019 and for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – unattached 5, redeployees - 12
31/03/2020 – unattached 3, redeployees - 1

5. How many staff were categorized as supernumerary for the full financial year ending 30 June 2019 and for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 – 59
31/03/2020 – 19

6. How many staff have been engaged through employment agency arrangements, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost for the full financial year ending 30 June 2019 and for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

1/07/2018 – 30/06/2019 – 6 staff engaged - \$110,333.39  
1/07/2019 – 31/03/2020 – 1 staff engaged - \$29,500

Labour hire has been engaged across all sectors of Territory Generation to backfill short-term vacant positions where there is no internal candidates with specialised skills or experience to ensure business continuity. Territory Generations preference is for direct appointment of candidates, at times this is not possible due to short lead notice periods to fill a vacancy.

7. How many locums have been employed, for what purpose, what duration and at what cost for the full financial year ending 30 June 2019 and for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

Not applicable

8. How many positions had Special Measures applied when advertised for the full financial year ending 30 June 2019 and for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

30/06/2019 - 0  
31/03/2020 - 0

9. How many positions that had Special Measures applied, as referred to in the question above, had to be re-advertised due to the initial process not securing suitable candidates?

*Answer:*

N/A

10. How many grievances have arisen as a direct result of the Special Measures program since 1 July 2019. Of these, how many remain unresolved?

*Answer:*

'A whole-of-government response to Question 10 will be provided by the Minister for Public Employment.'

## OUTSOURCING

11. For the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency. Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise in financial year 2020/21? If so, provide details.

*Answer:*

No functions are under consideration to be outsourced.

## LEGAL EXPENSES

12. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the financial year 2019/20? Provide details on:
- The matter(s) (designate which ones are finalised and which ones are ongoing).
  - The amount paid by matter.
  - The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged.

*Answer: a), b) and c)*

Territory Generation is a commercial operating business, and as such the details and terms of each matter are both commercial-in-confidence, and have the potential to prejudice the interests of Territory Generation, and in turn, the Northern Territory. We can, however, confirm the expenditure for the 2019/20 financial year to 31 March on legal advice and related expenses for a variety of commercial matters has been \$1,445,674.

## PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

13. For the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) that has been obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:
- Purpose
  - Cost
  - Person or entity engaged
  - Whether the person or entity has their principal place of business in the Northern Territory or elsewhere (if elsewhere, please provide the address of the principal place of business of the person or entity)
  - Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
  - Outcomes or key performance indicators for the report or consultancy

- g) Whether tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work on the report or consultancy being undertaken

Answer: Total: \$258,045

a)	RGPS Review
b)	\$35,602
c)	Advisian Pty Ltd
d)	Brisbane
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Reach findings of fact specific to RGPS
g)	Limited approach – No ICN approval

a)	Consultancy
b)	\$62,392
c)	Canaria Technologies
d)	Queensland
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Predictive heat exhaustion and extreme cognitive fatigue systems provide objective data utilising medical grade hardware and artificial intelligence removing heat and cognitive fatigue related risk.
g)	Limited approach

a)	Additional services for tax model review
b)	\$71,423
c)	Deloitte Financial
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Provision of written advice on the recognition of a deferred tax advice under AASB112
g)	Engaged through contract

a)	OSPS performance audit
b)	\$49,192
c)	Jacobs Group
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Owen Springs Power Station failure mode investigation
g)	Engaged through panel contract

a)	Owen Springs engine #2 shutdown review & lessons learnt
b)	\$15,500
c)	Omega Operations
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Review a recent shutdown that was undertaken at the Channel Island Power Station and establish key shutdown improvement areas
g)	Local tier 1 procurement

a)	Solar PV theoretical output modelling
b)	\$18,000
c)	The Weather Company
d)	New South Wales
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Provide update of historical solar trends
g)	Industry Capability Network approval

a)	Cognos Report Studio BI Reports
b)	\$3,000
c)	TMDEV
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	Development of management reports
g)	Local tier 1 procurement

a)	Provision of external investigation services
b)	\$2,936
c)	Warton Strategic
d)	Local
e)	No report tabled to legislative assembly
f)	ICAM incident investigation report by Warton Strategic
g)	Local tier 1 procurement

14. Please detail expenditure paid, or expected to be paid, to Hawker Britton and/or associated entities for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020. Outline the tasks performed.

*Answer:*

Nil – we do not use this supplier
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15. How many contracts and tenders have been awarded to business entities with their principal place of business in the Northern Territory so far, and what works have been undertaken?

*Answer:*

15 Contracts have been awarded to local businesses 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

Contracts were for the following:

- Provision of engineering and consultant services
- Recruitment for hard to fill and executive positions
- Supply and delivery of fuel for power generation
- Internal audit services for Territory Generation
- Provision of labour hire services
- Disposal by sale - scrap material from the Channel Island Power Station
- Supply and delivery of GE Multilin assorted relays
- Procurement of data centre licences
- Supply of various high and low voltage electrical services and parts
- Owen Springs Power Station reverse osmosis plant installation
- Channel Island Power Station outside operator training
- Disposal by sale - Unserviceable batteries
- Channel Island Power Station 132kv cable replacement
- Engagement of Allister Wyvill to provide legal services for Clarke Energy arbitration
- Engagement of asset engineer for a six month period

16. How many contracts have been awarded to business entities with a principal place of business outside the Northern Territory for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020? Detail the work being undertaken by each business entity and the selection criteria for the successful business entity on the applicable contract or tender.

*Answer:*

Eight (8) Contracts have been awarded to businesses outside of the Northern Territory from 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

Contracts were for the following:

- Owen Springs Power Station - CB test equipment  
– **limited tender process**
- Ron Goodin Power Station - provision of industrial relations advisor for a period of 12 months  
– **limited tender process**
- Owen Springs Power Station - repair of MAN diesel valves  
– **limited tender process**
- Silent heat exhaustion alarm project pilot  
– **limited tender process**
- Engagement of interim Chief Executive Officer  
– **limited tender process**
- Alcohol and other drug management

- **public tender process**
- Behaviour change leadership training
- **limited tender process**
- Owen Springs Power Station improvement project
- **limited tender process**

The following contracts were awarded using Territory Generations Standing Exemption:

- 10 – Renewal of ongoing software maintenance and licencing agreements
- 12 – Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)

*“Procurement activities that are exempt from the ‘Procurement Sourcing Rules’ and from obtaining Industry Capability Network NT verification are still required to be undertaken in accordance with the key procurement principles”*

- Channel Island Power Station Unit 6 #4 Heat Recovery Steam Generator, steam line and sampling line repair.
- Stores stock required for Jenbacher use in the southern region
- Procurement of brush alternator parts
- Remote Operations Centre maintenance
- Procurement of specialized transformer oil
- Termination kits for C5 and the auxiliary transformer
- Wilson transformer radiator repairs
- Energy exemplar PLEXOS licences
- Renewal of software reliance program fees

17. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public quotations were undertaken during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

11 public procurement activities were undertaken above Tier 3 (\$200k +) from 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

18. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many contracts or tenders were awarded without undertaking a public quotation process during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

Two (2) procurement activities were undertaken without public quotation above Tier 3 (\$200k +) from 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

19. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for Certificates of Exemption:
- a) What is the description of the goods and services contracted?
  - b) What is the value of the goods and services contracted?
  - c) What was the reason for not using the public quotation process or for requiring a Certificate of Exemption?
  - d) Who recommended the course of action in c) above?
  - e) Who approved the course of action in c) above?

*Answer: 19*

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| <p>1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Ron Goodin Power Station - Engagement of industrial relations service for a period of 12 months</li><li>b) \$ 477,000</li><li>c) Alkooie Pty Ltd had been providing this service for the past twelve (12) months and are experts in this field. It is critical to the corporation there is a continuation of their services to ensure a smooth transition of the Ron Goodin Power Station.</li><li>d) N/A</li><li>e) Territory Generation Chief Executive Officer approved this action.</li></ul> <p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Engagement of Allister Wyvill to provide legal services for Clarke Energy arbitration</li><li>b) \$800,000</li><li>c) Due to the complex nature and value in dispute, Territory Generation had sought to engage a Senior Counsel to obtain advice and recommendations to handle this matter which is now going through arbitration.<br/>There are very few Senior Counsel in Darwin and even fewer who are experienced in the energy and resources sector and who have handled arbitration matters previously. Alistair Wyvill provided consultant services to Territory Generation in relation to arbitration.</li><li>d) N/A</li><li>e) General Manager Major Projects approved this action.</li></ul> |
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20. Please advise the total number of NTG Corporate Credit Cards within the Agency, including the position titles and levels of the staff holding the corporate credit cards for the purchase of goods and/or services as at 31 March 2020.

Answer: 18

<b>Active Credit Cards</b>	
<b>@ 31/03/20</b>	
<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Card Holder Level</b>
Assets Manager	T4PR
GM Assets & Operations	EO3C
OMT Manager Mechanical	ECM
Lead OMT Yulara	TSTC
Lead OMT 24/7 WPS	TSTC
OSPS Station Manager	ECM
Manager Assets & Engineering	EO1C
OMT Manager Electrical	TSTC
Manager Executive Services	T3ACS
Chief Executive Officer	EO5C
General Counsel and Company Secretary	EO1C
GM Commercial	EO3C
Administrative Assistant	T1ACS
GM Finance & Corporate Services	EO3C
Business Services Officer	T2ACS
Manager Projects and Contracts	ECM
Manager Safety	ECM
A/GM Major Projects	EO2C
<b>Total Number of Credit Cards</b>	<b>18</b>

## **FOCUS GROUPS / POLLING / SURVEYS**

21. Please detail expenditure during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020 on opinion polls and focus groups, including costs and entities that conducted the work.

Answer:

Nil
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22. Please provide copies of the surveys identified in the question above and detail all surveys undertaken, their form, the cost and what inducements were provided to incentivise participation during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

Answer:

N/A
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## COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

23. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:

a) What was the purpose / description of the advertisement?

*Answer:*

Nil

b) Who was the advertisement placed with, i.e. media outlet, newspaper, and television station or similar?

*Answer:*

N/A

c) What was the total production cost, including, but not limited to, design, commissions, and placement costs?

*Answer:*

N/A

d) Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?

*Answer:*

N/A

## TRAVEL

24. Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including, but not limited to travel-related costs such as accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, car rental, meals and incidentals, in each Agency and authority for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020 broken down to:

a) International travel

*Answer:*

Flights \$2930 Accommodation \$2,744 Travel Allowance/Incidentals \$2,900

b) Interstate travel

Answer:

Flights \$116,085 Accommodation \$23,199 Travel Allowance/Incidentals \$5,522
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c) Intrastate travel

Answer:

Flights \$210,368 Accommodation \$165,118 Car Hire \$48,346 Travel Allowance/Incidentals \$66,270
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25. In the case of international travel identified in response to the question above, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip.

Travel from date	Travel to date	Traveller	Destination	Reason for Travel	Total Travel Cost to 31/03/2020
30/08/2019	09/09/2019	Isaak Richards	Berlin Germany	Observation of LMD6000PD Spare engine LPT repair	\$8,574

26. Please provide itemised details and itemisation of costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

Answer:

Nil
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## HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

27. Please provide full details of all public service hospitality provided for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

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

- What was the purpose of the hospitality?
- How many guests attended?
- How many Ministers attended?
- How many Ministerial staff attended?
- How many MLAs attended?
- How many Public Sector employees attended?
- What was the total cost incurred?

Answer:

Nil
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## GRANTS AND DONATIONS

28. Please detail expenditure on grants and donations paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each grant) during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

Answer:

Nil

29. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2020/21 financial year?

Answer:

<b>Name of Recipient</b>	<b>Actual 2019- 20</b>	<b>Anticipated 2020-21</b>
Careflight NT	250,000	Nil (sponsorship not renewed although this may change)
Engineers Australia, Northern Division	31,000	31,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>281,000</u></b>	

30. Please detail the amounts paid on grants to non-Government organisations for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?

Answer:

Nil

## MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

31. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).

Answer:

Isentia provides media monitoring services to Territory Generation.  
The contract is managed by DCM on behalf of NTG agencies.

## INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

32. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?

*Answer:*

A whole-of-government response to Question 32 will be provided by the Minister for Trade and Major Projects

33. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

*Answer:*

A whole-of-government response to Questions 33 and 34 will be provided by the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

34. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, for what purpose, the cost and why a Territory firm was not chosen.

*Answer:*

A whole-of-government response to Questions 33 and 34 will be provided by the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

## GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS

35. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by each Department for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

\$60,728.85

36. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by each Agency/authority and at what cost for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020?

*Answer:*

990 square meters at a cost of \$303,142.85

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

*Answer:*

No under-utilisation – 100% occupied

## FEES AND CHARGES

38. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2019/20 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges was increased following the passage of the 2019/20 financial year budget.

Answer:

None

## INTERNAL AUDITS

39. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020?

Answer:

One internal audit and nil financial investigations during the relevant period.

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

Answer:

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
TRIM Access Controls Internal Audit by Deloitte	To evaluate the adequacy of key policies, procedures and access management controls in place that govern individual employee's access to records, documents and information recorded within TRIM and to make recommendations for improvement where opportunities for improvement are identified.

41. 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:

Nil

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
(title)	(summary)

## BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

42. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2019/20, also providing the following information:

*Answer:*

- Territory Generation Board
- Audit and Risk Committee
- People, Safety and Environment Committee

a) The Terms of Reference, if changed from last year

*Answer:*

No change to all three TORs from last year

b) The current members and when they were appointed

*Answer:*

Dennis Bree, Christine Charles, Richard Galton. All appointed 22 December 2017

c) The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2019/20 financial year

*Answer:*

N/A

d) The itemised total cost incurred by the Board during the 2019/20 financial year

*Answer:*

Travel and vehicles \$80541 (as at 31 March 2020)  
Other Costs \$4411 (as at 31 March 2020)

e) The number of times the Board met during the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020

*Answer:*

Nine (9)

## REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

43. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced during the 2019/20 financial year, also providing the following information:

*Answer:*

Nil

- a) The Terms of Reference

*Answer:*

N/A

- b) The criteria for selection of all panel members

*Answer:*

N/A

- c) The composition, qualifications and state or territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry

*Answer:*

N/A

- d) The cost of the review/inquiry

*Answer:*

N/A

- e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry

*Answer:*

N/A

- f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly

*Answer:*

N/A

- g) If not completed when this is expected

*Answer:*

N/A

## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

44. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

*Answer:*

The total number of reportable incidents to NT Worksafe for the period of 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020 is zero.

45. Please detail the number of stress related matters and claims for the period beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 31 March 2020.

*Answer:*

Nil

## REGIONAL OFFICES

46. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved in the 2019/20 financial year. What are the locations for which they are responsible?

*Answer:*

	Operational	Administrative	Total Personnel Expenditure
Katherine	3.96		\$ 504,280.02
Tennant Creek	5.78		\$ 724,281.64
Alice Springs	39.26	3	\$ 5,730,327.67
Yulara	3.38		\$ 468,452.35