



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 69

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

### Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Administration

#### STAFFING

1. (a) Please advise the number of staff employed in the following categories as of 31 March 2025:

Category	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	190.82	197	196	1*
2. Ongoing Part Time	17.52	22	22	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	78.45	81	81	0
4. Fixed Term Part Time	3.71	6	6	0
5. Casual Contract	2.23	6	6	0
6. Executive Contract	6.00	6	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>298.73</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1</b>

\* This employee is on an interstate flexible working agreement based 50/50 between the NT and Queensland, as approved by the Executive Remuneration Review Panel.

- (b) Please provide, for each of the six categories, the relevant position classifications and the number of staff employed against each classification:

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	Administrative Officer 3	4.00	4	4	0
	Administrative Officer 4	6.00	6	6	0
	Administrative Officer 5	12.00	12	12	0
	Administrative Officer 6	19.20	20	20	0
	Administrative Officer 7	14.00	14	14	0
	Executive Officer 2	1.00	1	1	0
	Executive Officer 3	1.00	1	1	0
	Physical 2	1.00	1	1	0
	Physical 7	1.00	1	1	0
	Professional 1	3.50	4	4	0
Professional 2	8.00	8	8	0	

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
	Professional 3	20.10	21	20	1
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	11.82	12	12	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 1X	1.00	1	1	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	4.20	6	6	0
	Senior Professional Officer 1	13.00	13	13	0
	Senior Professional Officer 2	9.00	9	9	0
	Technical 1	3.00	3	3	0
	Technical 2	7.00	7	7	0
	Technical 2 - RDO	2.00	2	2	0
	Technical 3	23.00	24	24	0
	Technical 4	19.00	20	20	0
	Technical 5	6.00	6	6	0
	Technical 6	1.00	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>190.82</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
2. Ongoing Part Time	Administrative Officer 3	0.95	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 4	1.70	2	2	0
	Administrative Officer 5	0.80	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 6	2.84	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 7	3.09	4	4	0
	Professional 2	2.74	4	4	0
	Professional 3	3.87	5	5	0
	Senior Professional Officer 2	0.93	1	1	0
	Technical 4	0.60	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>17.52</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
3. Fixed Term Full Time	Administrative Officer 3	1.00	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 4	3.00	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 5	5.00	5	5	0
	Administrative Officer 6	3.00	3	3	0
	Graduate Trainees	3.00	3	3	0
	NTPS Traineeship AQF3 Level C	1.00	1	1	0
	Professional 1	12.30	13	13	0
	Professional 2	8.05	9	9	0
	Professional 3	7.00	7	7	0
Senior Professional Officer 1	1.00	1	1	0	

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
	Technical 2	19.00	19	19	0
	Technical 3	13.90	14	14	0
	Technical 4	1.00	1	1	0
	Technical 5	0.20	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>78.45</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
4. Fixed Term Part Time	Administrative Officer 6	0.81	1	1	0
	School Based Trainee	2.40	4	4	0
	Technical 1	0.50	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>3.71</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
5. Casual	Survey Interviewer	0.24	2	2	0
	Technical 2	1.24	3	3	0
	Technical 3	0.75	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>2.23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
6. Executive Contract	Executive Contract Officer 1	1.00	1	1	0
	Executive Contract Officer 2	3.00	3	3	0
	Executive Contract Officer 3	1.00	1	1	0
	Executive Contract Officer 6	1.00	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>6.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**(c) Where there is a difference between FTE and Headcount (Actual), please provide an explanation for the difference, including any reasons for the use of part-time and casual positions within the overall workforce profile.**

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) = the proportion of an employee's salary payment to that of an equivalent full-time employee in any given fortnight.

Paid Headcount = Headcount is the count of physical people, so a part-time person would count as one.

The NT Government provides opportunities for employees to balance the demands of work with the needs of family and general health and wellbeing. Flexible work practices are used in the Northern Territory Public Service to attract and retain employees. Flexible work arrangements can include flexibility in relation to an employee's hours of work, or mode of employment such as part-time, and leave.

2. Please advise the number of staff held against the following categories as of 31 March 2025:

Category	Number
Resigned	30
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	0
Unattached	24
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	89*

\*A significant number of supernumerary employees are on time limited contracts that relate to time-limited externally funded research agreements and biosecurity responses (including 17 which are flagged as unattached).

3. Please advise the number of staff identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as of 31 March 2025.

A whole-of-government response to Question 3 will be provided by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.

4. (a) Please advise the number of Frontline staff as FTE as of 31 March 2025 and as a percentage of the Agency's total employment.

Category	Number	%age of Total Staff
Frontline	207	51.75%

- (b) Please advise how the Agency determines which staff fall under the category of Frontline.

Frontline staff with an appropriation code of "Direct to Public".

5. Please advise how many staff have been engaged through labour hire, employment agency arrangements and/or consultancy contracts, for what purpose, for what duration and at what cost as 31 March 2025. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Number Engaged	Labour Hire / Employment Agency / Consultancy	Purpose	Duration	Cost
1	Labour Hire	Biosecurity surveillance officer to assist with the National Browsing Ant Eradication Program in Jabiru	12 months	\$4,320 (GST Exclusive)

6. Please advise how many locums have been employed, for what purpose, duration, and at what cost as of 31 March 2025. Please use the table format presented below for your response.

Not applicable.

7. (a) How many positions were advertised during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?

(b) Of the total number advertised in 7(a), how many positions had Special Measures applied?

(c) Please break down the levels of positions that had Special Measures applied.

(d) How many positions that had Special Measures applied were not able to be filled against these requirements during this period and required contract or backfilling arrangements?

7(a)	24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025
Positions advertised	69

7(b)	24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025
Positions advertised with Special Measures applied	69

7(c)	
Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
Administrative Officer 3	1
Administrative Officer 4	4
Administrative Officer 5	6
Administrative Officer 6	2
Administrative Officer 7	4
Executive Contract Officer 1	2
Executive Contract Officer 1, Senior Administrative Officer 2	1
Physical 7	1
Professional 1	2
Professional 2	6
Professional 3	4
Senior Administrative Officer 1	1
Senior Administrative Officer 2	2
Senior Professional Officer 1	1
Senior Professional Officer 2	2
Survey Interviewer (SI)	1
Technical 2	11
Technical 3	15
Technical 4	2
Technical 5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

**7(d)** Most NT Government agencies have implemented special measures arrangements across the whole agency or for some roles. The process for positions that are advertised with special measures is to consider special measures applicants first; if no special measures applicants apply, or no special measures applicants are considered suitable, recruitment panels may assess all other applicants' suitability for the role.

## OUTSOURCING

**8. (a) For the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, detail any decision(s) to outsource, contract out or privatise functions that have traditionally been carried out by the Agency.**

There was no outsourcing.

**(b) Is consideration being given to outsource, contract-out or privatise in financial year 2025/26? If so, provide details.**

Not applicable.

## LEGAL EXPENSES

**9. What has been the expenditure on legal advice or related expenses for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025? Provide details on:**

- a) The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which are ongoing)
- b) The amount paid by matter
- c) The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged

Legal Provider	Details	Amount (\$)	Status
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice regarding a potential prosecution under the <i>Pastoral Land Act 1992</i>	12,938	finalised
	Preparation of a draft deed of agreement	14,264	finalised
Caroline Heske	Preparation of drafting instructions for the Livestock Act	12,875	finalised
Jonathan Martin Bortoli	Legal advice regarding prospects for a prosecution	5,250	ongoing
	Legal services regarding prosecution for offences under the <i>Animal Welfare Act 2018</i>	13,750	ongoing
Joshua Ingrames	Provision of legal advice for the Veterinary Board of the NT - Compliant Powers	2,340	finalised
	<b>Total</b>	<b>61,417</b>	

## PROCUREMENT / CONSULTANCIES

10. From 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, please detail expenditure on each report and consultancy (excluding annual reports) obtained from outside the NTPS. For each report/consultancy detail:

- a) Purpose
- b) Cost
- c) Person or entity engaged
- d) 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)
- e) Whether a report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as a result of the report or consultancy
- f) 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

(a) Purpose	(b) Cost (\$)	(c) Person/Entity engaged	(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)	(d) Principal place of business if not NT	(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)
To undertake a remote site inspection and carrying capacity assessment of the Kiana pastoral lease	7,000	3KR Consulting	Y		N
Collation of historical research projects conducted at Douglas Daly Research Farm for production of results in technical bulletins	11,000	Construction 101 Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Delivery of report on Lumpy Skin Disease prevention pre-incursion strategies	1,000	Emma White Pty Ltd T/A as Opaline Consulting	N	WA	N
Preparation of scoping paper on offshore fisheries	3,400	Ian Curnow	Y		N
Specialist advice on fisheries and marine management	300	Ian Curnow	Y		N

(a) Purpose	(b) Cost (\$)	(c) Person/Entity engaged	(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)	(d) Principal place of business if not NT	(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)
Beehive pest surveillance	8,919	NT Project Management & Consultancy	Y		N
Coordination and implementation of Exercise Raintree - Lumpy Skin Disease Mock Exercise	28,800	Three60 Consulting Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,419</b>				

11. Please advise the number of contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business in the NT and outside the NT for the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024 as follows:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
5	5

12. For each of the contracts awarded to business entities with a principal place of business outside of the Northern Territory, please advise the selection criteria on the applicable contract or tender.

Contract	Business Entity	Address	Selection Criteria
24-0550	Fields, Barry Arthur	Gordon, ACT	Past Performance 10 Price 10 Local Content 30 Timeliness 25 Scope Specific 25
Q24-0240	Three60 Consulting Pty Ltd trading as Three60 Consulting	Hawthorne, QLD	Past Performance 30 Price 15 Local Content 30 Capacity 15 Scope Specific 10
24-0687	Li-Cor Inc	Lincoln, United States	Price 20 Local Content 30 Timelines 25 Scope Specific 25
24-0747	Now Media and Events	Austinmer, NSW	Price 10 Local Content 30 Capacity 60
24-0474	Stockpro Pty Ltd	Condobolin, NSW	Price 20 Timeliness 20 Local Content 30 Scope Specific 30

**13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024?**

Nil to report.

**14. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many contracts or tenders were awarded without undertaking a public tender process during the period 24 August 2024 to 9 December 2024**

<b>Tier</b>	<b>No. of Procurement Activities</b>
Tier 3	2

**15. For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including for those with a 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) What was the reason for not using the public tender 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?

<b>Description of Goods and Services (a)</b>	<b>Awarded value (b) \$</b>	<b>Reason for Exemption (c)</b>	<b>Recommended by (d)</b>	<b>Approved by (e)</b>
Darwin - Provision of Environmental Surveillance Officers for the NT Browsing Ant Eradication Program for a Period of 12 Months	81,605	Confirmed a limited of sole supply market exists	N/A	A/Senior Executive Director Biosecurity & Animal Welfare
All of NT - Development, Coordination and Implementation of Exercise Raintree - Lumpy Skin Disease Mock Exercise	63,360	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Senior Executive Director Biosecurity & Animal Welfare

**16. 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 purchasing goods and/or services as of 9 December 2024.**

At 9 December 2024 there were 116 credit card holders in Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Actual Classification</b>
CLIENT & LICENSING SRVS OFF	A03
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	A03
RESEARCH INFO PROJECT OFFICER	A04
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	A04
FINANCE&BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFER	A04
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	A04
FACILITIES OFFICER	A04
PROJECT OFFICER	A04
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	A04
ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTOR	A05
SUPERNUMERARY	A05
SUPERNUMERARY	A05
SUPERNUMERARY	A05
SNR PLAN BIOSECURITY OFFR	A06
EXEC OFF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES	A06
EXEC OFFICER, PRMRY INDUSTRIES	A06
SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	A06
SNR ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTOR	A06
AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGER	A06
EXEC OFFCR, PASTORAL LND BOARD	A06
SUPERNUMERARY	A06
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	A06
SUPERNUMERARY	A06
LABORATORY COORDINATOR	A07
INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	A07
MANAGER ANIMAL WELFARE	A07
AQUATIC BIOSECURITY MANGER	A07
SNR REC FISHING OFFICER	A07
INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	A07
CHEMICAL COORDINATOR	A07
MANAGER AQUATIC RESOURCE MGMT	A07
CHIEF PLANT HEALTH OFFICER	E01C
CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER	E01C
S/EXEC DIRECTOR FISHERIES	E02C
DCEO AGRIC FISHERIES BIOSCRTY	E03C
LIVESTOCK BIO SURV OFFICER	P1
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES ENGMT OF	P1
SUPERNUMERARY	P1
SUPERNUMERARY	P1

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Actual Classification</b>
EXTENSION OFFICER	P1
SUPERNUMERARY	P1
RANGELAND RESEARCH OFFICER	P1
EXTENSION OFFR, PLNT INDUSTRIES	P1
PASTORAL PRODUCTION OFFICER	P2
PASTORAL EXTENSION OFFICER	P2
RESEARCH SCIENTIST, FISHERIES	P2
SUPERNUMERARY	P2
FARMING SYSTEMS RESEARCH OFF'R	P2
AQUACULTURE RESEARCH SCIENTIST	P2
FORESTRY GROUP LEADER	P3
SENIOR AGRONOMIST	P3
SENIOR RANGELAND SCIENTIST	P3
SENIOR ENTOMOLOGIST	P3
CROPPING GROUP LEADER	P3
SENIOR MOLECULAR SCIENTIST	P3
SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST	P3
SENIOR LIVESTOCK OFFICER	P3
SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST	P3
MANAGER AGRIBUSINESS INVEST	SAO1
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	SAO1
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	AO6
SUPERNUMERARY	SAO1
OPERATIONS MANAGER	SP1
PRINCIPAL PLANT PATHOLOGIST	SP1
RANGELAND PROGRAM MANAGER	SP1
SNR MGR WATER LABORATORIES	SP1
HORTICULTURE GROUP LEADER	SP1
PRINCIPAL ENTOMOLOGIST	SP1
CHIEF SCIENTIST FISHERIES	SP1
PRNCIPL MOLECULAR SCIENT	SP1
DIRECTOR RESEARCH SUPPORT	SP2
REGIONAL DIRECTOR	SP2
SNR DIRECTOR PLANT INDUSTRIES	SP2
DIRECTOR BVL	SP2
DIRECTOR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES	SP2
TECHNICAL OFFICER	T2
TECHNICAL OFFICER	T2
AQUACULTURE TECHNICIAN	T2
FISHERIES RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	T3
FISHERIES RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	T3
SNR TECHNICAL OFF PATHOLOGY	T3
LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY OFFICER	T3
ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER	T3
SUPERNUMERARY	T3
SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER	T3
SUPERNUMERARY	T3

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Actual Classification</b>
SUPERNUMERARY	T3
ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER	T3
ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER	T3
LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY OFFICER	T3
TECHNICAL OFFICER	T3
PLANT BIOSECURITY OFF KATH	T3
ASSISTANT MGR COASTAL PLN RF	T3
SUPERNUMERARY	T3
SENIOR PLANT BIOSECURITY OFF	T4
SNR RANGELANDS MONITORING OFFR	T4
SUPERNUMERARY	T3
SNR RANGELANDS MONITORING OFFR	T4
SUPERNUMERARY	T4
REG LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY OFF	T4
SUPERNUMERARY	T4
SUPERNUMERARY	T4
MEAT INDUSTRY MANAGER	T4
MANAGER DDRF	T4
REG LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY OFF	T4
BIO EMG RESP TRAINER	T4
SNR RANGELANDS MONITORING OFFR	T4
AQUATIC BIOSEC OFFICER	T4
REG LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY OFF	T4
FAC MGR-VIC RIVER RSRCH STATN	T4
SENIOR AQUACULTURE TECHN	T3
SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER	T5
REGIONAL FARM MNGR - DARWIN	T5
REGIONAL FARM MNGR - KATHERINE	T5
PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER	T5
TECHNICAL MANAGER	T6

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

**For the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025:**

**17. Please detail expenditure on opinion polls and focus groups, including costs and entities that conducted the work.**

Not applicable.

**18. Detail all surveys undertaken in relation to the focus groups and opinion polls above, including their form, the cost and the inducements that were provided to incentivise participation.**

Not applicable.

**19. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.**

Not applicable.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

**20. Please detail expenditure on advertising and communications during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

**For each advertisement for which an expense was incurred:**

- a) What was the purpose/description of the advertisement?**
- b) Who was the advertisement placed with, i.e., media outlet, newspaper, television station, digital platform, or other?**
- c) What was the total production cost, including, but not limited to, design, commissions, and placement costs?**
- d) Were tenders or expressions of interest called? If not, why not?**
- e) Did the agency enter into any separate arrangements for advertising placements or advertorials? If so, please provide details of expenditures and media outlets.**

The administrative burden to provide a detailed answer to this question has been determined to be excessive. As such, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has provided a high-level response to total advertising, marketing and communications spend for the Department beginning 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 being \$84,546.

## TRAVEL

21. 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 during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025 broken down to:

- a) International Travel
- b) Interstate Travel
- c) Intrastate Travel

For the period 1 July to 31 March 2025, the total travel expenses for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries was \$721,565.

Description	Intra-territory	Interstate	International	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Official Duty Fares	75,916	136,227	6,748	<b>218,891</b>
Accommodation	135,591	68,949	5,241	<b>209,781</b>
Travel Allowance	217,133	55,676	4,891	<b>277,700</b>
Others	7,124	5,288	2,781	<b>15,193</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>435,764</b>	<b>266,141</b>	<b>19,660</b>	<b>721,565</b>

Note: a significant portion of the interstate and international travel expenses were externally funded under research agreements with 3<sup>rd</sup> party research institutions.

**22. 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	Destinations	Reason For Travel	Total Expense
14/07/2024	27/07/2024	Veterinary Officer	Timor-Leste	To support the Surveillance Project: Timor-Leste through field surveillance activities and ongoing laboratory training.	5,510
27/08/2024	3/09/2024	Director Livestock Industries	USA	To speak at the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association convention in Puerto Rico.	696*
2/09/2024	7/09/2024	Market Development Officer	Hong Kong	To lead a horticulture delegation to Asia Fruit Logistica in Hong Kong in partnership with Horticulture Innovation Australia.	5,049
2/09/2024	7/09/2024	Manager Market Development	Hong Kong	To lead a horticulture delegation to Asia Fruit Logistica in Hong Kong in partnership with Horticulture Innovation Australia.	4,093
13/10/2024	20/10/2024	Entomologist	Indonesia	To participate in the Indonesian Ambrosia Workshop to study Ambrosia beetles.	802*
20/10/2024	26/10/2024	Director Plant Industries	Kuala Lumpur	To present at the 2024 International Symposium on Tropical Fruits and attend the 16th Session of the International Tropical Fruits Network Board of Trustees meeting.	436*
8/11/2024	17/11/2024	Director Plant Industries	New Zealand	To undertake activities relating to a project with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.	3,074
<b>Total</b>					<b>19,660</b>

\* Note: fares and accommodation paid by third party.

**23. Please provide itemised details and costs of all travel undertaken by the Minister that was paid for by the Agency or authority, including travel on charters during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

A whole of government response to Question 23 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

## **HOSPITALITY / FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS**

**24. Please provide full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

In relation to each occasion where official hospitality was provided:

- 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?**

**g) What was the total cost incurred?**

Full details of all official hospitality provided for the period 1 July to 31 March 2025 are outlined in the Table below:

<b>Event Details</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b>No. of Ministers</b>	<b>No. of Ministerial Staff</b>	<b>No. of MLAs</b>	<b>No. of General NTPS</b>	<b>No. of External (NON-NTG)</b>	<b>Total number of attendees</b>
Chamber of Commerce – 2024 Chief Minister’s Export Awards	245				2		<b>2</b>
Energy Club Dinner - Carbon Capture Storage	107				1		<b>1</b>
National Varroa Mite T2M Public Engagement - Broome	163					4	<b>4</b>
National Varroa Mite T2M Public Engagement - Derby	173					4	<b>4</b>
NTCA - NT Cattlemen's Beef Dinner Experience	484				4		<b>4</b>
OBM - Katherine Business Dinner with Pip Courtney	254				3		<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,535</b>						

**GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND INCENTIVES**

**25. Please detail expenditure on grants, sponsorships, donations and incentives paid by your Agency (including the recipient of each payment) during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, including agency budget totals to administer such programs.**

**26. Please detail the funds utilised to distribute awards and sponsorships in the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, and to what activities. Please list details of any contract periods as part of any arrangement.**

**27. Indicate which awards and sponsorships were managed by Regional Offices. What is anticipated for the 2025/26 financial year?**

**28. Please detail the amounts paid on grants, donations and incentives to non-Government organisations for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, including to which organisation and the services to be provided?**

**Answer to question nos. 25 and 28:**

The table below details grant expenditure by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries from 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2025. The total expenditure for the period was \$3.6 million.

It is too administratively onerous to detail the recipient of each payment and identify recipients that are non-government organisations.

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>YTD Grant Expenditure (\$)</b>
CRCNA Crops for Cattle	186,906
CRCNA Fundamentals of Cropping-Systems in the NT Co-Contribution	160,642
Farm Forestry	34,750
Queensland Department of Primary Industries Supply Chain II Project	126,274
Value Add Industry Program	5,000
Australian Research Council Industrial Transformation Training Centre Contribution	30,000
Bio-Security Project Co-contribution	1,026,139
NT Veterinary Student Placement Subsidy Program	18,000
Community Ranger Grant	420,000
Electronic and Vessel Monitoring Systems Assistance Grant	1,801
Marine Rangers Grant	166,846
RecFishing Futures Program	365,994
Recreational Fishing and Searanger Operational Grant	1,035,326
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,577,678</b>

27: All awards and sponsorships are centrally managed, with input from regional teams across the Territory.

26 and 28:

The table below details expenditure for awards and sponsorships made by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025. The total expenditure for the period was \$19,200.

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Sponsorship of Nuffield Farming Scholarships	16,000
Sponsorship of Centralian Beef Breeders Association Alice Springs Show	2,200
Sponsorship of Timber Creek Campdraft	1,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,200</b>

## **MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES**

**29. Provide expenditure details on media monitoring services for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025 (including entities engaged and who utilises the service).**

A whole-of-government response to Question 29 will be provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**30. How many projects have been submitted or are in the process of being submitted to Infrastructure Australia or Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to be considered for the Infrastructure Priority List?**

**31. Please provide details of newly committed projects for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

**32. Please provide details of contracts awarded to interstate firms, the purpose of the contract, the cost, and why a territory firm was not chosen.**

A whole-of-government response to Question 30 to 32 will be provided by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

## **GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS**

**33. What is the total annual power bill of each Government building owned/leased/used by each Department for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

Total power expenses for 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 is as detailed below:

<b>Building/Location</b>	<b>Power Bill Total (\$)</b>
Arid Zone Research Institute	80,305
Barkly House, Tennant Creek	4,523
Beatrice Hill Research Station	22,684
Berrimah Farm Science Precinct	656,471
Coastal Plains Research Station	20,125
Darwin Aquaculture Centre	170,476
Depot (Tennant Creek)	246
Fisheries - 33 Vaughan Street, Berrimah	29,912
Katherine Research Farm	63,419
Katherine Trucking Yards	389
Old Owen Springs Homestead and Yards	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,048,843</b>

**34. What is the total annual leased space of each Government building used by each Agency/authority and at what cost for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

A whole-of-government response to Question 34 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

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

A whole-of-government response to Question 35 will be provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

**FEES AND CHARGES**

**36. Please detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by your Agency/authority, the revenue raised in the 2024/25 financial year and whether any of these fees and charges were increased following the 2024 election.**

The table below detail the statutory or legislative fees and charges levied by the department during the period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025.

<b>Agency Fees and Charges*</b>	<b>Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST</b>
Biosecurity fees and diagnostic testing	340,611
<b>Agency Fees and Charges Total</b>	<b>340,611</b>

\*Excludes fees and charges collected from Territory Government entities.

<b>Fees and Charges receipted to Accountable Officer's Trust Accounts (AOTA)</b>	<b>Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST</b>
Fisheries licence fees and levies	369,502
Northern Territory Seafood Council levy	73,030
<b>Fees and Charges receipted to AOTA Total</b>	<b>442,532</b>

<b>Income administered for the Central Holding Authority (CHA)</b>	<b>Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST</b>
<b>Royalties and Rent (Non- Aboriginal Land)</b>	
Land rent	5,689,236
Royalties on biological resources	163,702
<b>Income administered for the CHA Total</b>	<b>5,852,938</b>

**INTERNAL AUDITS**

**37. How many internal audits and financial investigations were conducted in the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

One internal audit was completed in the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

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

<b>Internal audit/investigation</b>	<b>Terms of Reference or focus</b>
Value for Territory Audit	Assess agency compliance with the Northern Territory Government Procurement Framework and elements of the Buy Local Plan

**39. Please provide details of any fraud, anomalies, breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures exposed by the audits and financial investigations.**

No fraud, anomalies or breaches of financial legislation or Northern Territory Government policy and procedures were exposed by the Internal Audit completed.

**40. How many agencies have been referred to existing bodies, e.g. Auditor-General/Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and how?**

Agencies would not be privy to details of referrals made to Independent Statutory Officers.

**41. How many have been resolved? Please detail the agency referred to, the date of referral and the date resolved, including those with multiple referrals.**

Not applicable.

**BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES**

**42. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2024/25, also providing the following information:**

- a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election.
- b) The current members and when they were appointed

**43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

<b>BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES</b>
Alice Springs Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
Barkly Research Advisory Committee
Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee
NT Fishing Industry Research and Development Fund Advisory Committee
Pastoral Land Board
Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee
Veterinary Board of the NT

**Alice Springs Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee**

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Mr Andy Hayes	20 April 2023
Mr Ross Nowland (Regional Director)	N/A
Mr Jamie Kunze	31 July 2024
Ms Nicole Hayes	20 April 2023
Mr Ross Stanes	20 April 2023
Ms Sarah Cook	31 July 2024
Ms Tanya Brooks	20 April 2023
Mr Terry Martin	20 April 2023
Mr Steve Broad	20 April 2023
Ms Georgia Anderson (Secretary)	N/A

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Once.

## Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Dr Stephen Cutter	6 April 2023
Mr Charles Drury	12 January 2024
Kathleen Gregor	N/A
Charles Giliam	12 January 2024
Dr Michelle Jeffery	2 May 2024
Dr Alexander Hesford	23 March 2022
Mr Reece Ravlich	31 October 2024
Mr Will Evans	2 May 2024
Dr Brooke Rankmore	12 January 2024
Kristen Hay	2 May 2024

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Twice.

## Barkly Research Advisory Committee

42. a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Mr Jack Ford	8 May 2024
Mr Ross Nowland (Regional Director)	N/A
Mr Luke James	8 May 2024
Ms Mary-Colleen Vaughan	8 May 2024
Mr Matthew Barrett (Chair)	8 May 2024

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Ms Natalie Gibson	8 May 2024
Mr Rick Morrison (Deputy Chair)	8 May 2024
Mr Tom Hall	8 May 2024
Ms Mary Williams (Secretary)	N/A

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Once.

### Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Ms Susan King (Regional Director)	N/A
Mr Allan Andrews	6 April 2023
Ms Doris Baylis	31 July 2024
Ms Helen Armstrong	6 April 2023
Mr Jay Mohr-Bell	6 April 2023
Ms Kate Watts	31 July 2024
Mr Keith Holzwart	6 April 2023
Mr Kieren McCosker	15 November 2023
Ms Stacey Holzapfel (Secretary)	N/A
Ms Lisa Dyer	6 April 2023
Ms Margo Gugger	31 July 2024
Ms Peta Stockwell	31 July 2024
Mr Steve Petty	6 April 2023
Mr Tim Schatz	15 November 2023
Ms Trudi Oxley (Deputy Chair)	31 July 2024

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Once.

### NT Fishing Industry Research and Development Fund Advisory Committee

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Matthew Osborne (Ex-Officio)	N/A

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Nil.

### Pastoral Land Board

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

Name	Appointed
Mr Alastair Shields	15 June 2022
Mr Allan Andrew (Deputy Chairperson)	(Deputy Chairperson) 21 March 2024 (Member – Pastoralist) 28 August 2023
Mr Daniel Hayes	28 August 2023
Ms Gemma Lake	28 August 2023
Dr Leigh Hunt	11 October 2021
Dr Michael Wellington	28 August 2023

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Mr Paul Burke	(Chairperson) 22 November 2023  (Member) 28 August 2023
Mr Roy Chisholm	28 August 2023
Dr Susanne Fitzpatrick	28 August 2023

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Six times.

### Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Alex Julius	19 May 2016
Blane Simmonds – (NTGFIA representative)	N/A
Branden Menzies	11 July 2022
Chris O'Brien	8 February 2024
Greg Ireland	8 June 2021
Jason Elsegood	8 February 2024
Julia Christensen	11 July 2022
Kristen Noble	19 May 2016
Leigh Eldridge	8 February 2024
Roxsean Edwards	19 May 2016
Samantha Gill	8 June 2021
Warren De With – (AFANT Representative)	N/A

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Once.

### Veterinary Board of the NT

42.a) The Terms of Reference, if changed since the election:

Not applicable.

b) The current members and when they were appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Dr Rob Williams	17 October 2024
Ms Kathleen Gregor	28 April 2023
Ms Marion Davey	28 July 2022
Dr Michelle Jeffery	07 December 2022
Ms Elizabeth Stedman	27 September 2024
Ms Lauren Walter	27 September 2024

43. The number of times the Board met during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Once.

### **REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES**

**44. Details of all reviews and inquiries completed or commenced since 24 August 2024, also providing the following information:**

- a) The Terms of Reference**
- b) The criteria for selection of all panel members**
- c) The composition, qualifications and state or Territory of residence of the persons undertaking the review/inquiry**
- d) The cost of the review/inquiry**
- e) How the information was/is accumulated to contribute to the review/inquiry**
- f) If completed, when, the outcome and whether the report has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly**
- g) If not completed when this is expected**

Nil.

## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

**45. Please provide the number, nature and cost of reportable safety issues for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

- One notifiable incident reported to NT WorkSafe under section 35 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*.
- 35 total incidents reported that led to or could have led to a physical or psychological injury, illness or disease, or where property and/or equipment was damaged.

**46. Please detail the number of stress-related matters and claims for the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

- The number of total stress related claims at the end of the reporting period is 10.

## REGIONAL OFFICES

**47. Please detail expenditure on staff located in regional offices across the Territory. Include the number of staff, their functions and outcomes achieved since 24 August 2024. What are the locations for which they are responsible?**

Location	Paid Staff
Barkly	3
Big Rivers	39
Central Australia	18
East Arnhem	0
Greater Darwin	257
Top End	0
Not in the NT	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>