



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 79

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Mining and Energy, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

### Department of Mining and Energy Administration

#### STAFFING

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

Category	FTE	Head Count (Actual)	NT-based	Located outside NT
1. Ongoing Full Time	110.63	112	112	0
2. Ongoing Part Time	5.97	7	7	0
3. Fixed Term Full Time	29.55	30	28	2
4. Fixed Term Part Time	2.38	4	4	0
5. Casual Contract	0.00	0	0	0
6. Executive Contract	18.60	19	18	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>167.13</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3</b>

- (b) Please provide, for each of the six categories above: 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 2	1.00	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 3	7.00	7	7	0
	Administrative Officer 4	9.00	9	9	0
	Administrative Officer 5	5.50	6	6	0
	Administrative Officer 6	14.79	15	15	0
	Administrative Officer 7	10.00	10	10	0
	Executive Officer 3	1.00	1	1	0
	Professional 1	1.00	1	1	0

	Professional 2	5.00	5	5	0
	Professional 3	12.00	12	12	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	10.90	11	11	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	13.00	13	13	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2X	1.00	1	1	0
	Senior Professional Officer 1	11.50	12	12	0
	Senior Professional Officer 2	1.00	1	1	0
	Technical 2	2.94	3	3	0
	Technical 3	2.00	2	2	0
	Technical 4	1.00	1	1	0
	Technical 6	1.00	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>110.63</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
2. Ongoing Part Time	Administrative Officer 3	0.80	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 4	0.75	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 6	0.82	1	1	0
	Professional 2	0.87	1	1	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 1	0.90	1	1	0
	Senior Professional Officer 1	1.83	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>5.97</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
3. Fixed Term Full Time	Administrative Officer 2	1.00	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 4	1.00	1	1	0
	Administrative Officer 5	3.00	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 6	3.00	3	3	0
	Administrative Officer 7	2.00	2	1	1
	Graduate Trainees	1.00	1	1	0
	Professional 2	3.00	3	3	0
	Professional 3	2.00	2	2	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	3.00	3	2	1
	Senior Professional Officer 1	2.00	2	2	0
	Technical 1	4.90	5	5	0
	Technical 3	1.00	1	1	0
	Technical 4	2.65	3	3	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>29.55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
4. Fixed Term Part Time	Administrative Officer 3	1.45	2	2	0
	Administrative Officer 4	0.49	1	1	0
	Senior Administrative Officer 2	0.44	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>2.38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

Category	Classification	FTE	Head Count (Paid)	NT-based	Located outside NT
6. Executive Contract	Executive Contract Officer 1	9.61	10	9	1
	Executive Contract Officer 2	5.00	5	5	0
	Executive Contract Officer 3	2.00	2	2	0
	Executive Contract Officer 4	0.99	1	1	0
	Executive Contract Officer 6	1.00	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>18.60</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</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	17
Made Redundant	0
Terminated	0
Unattached	11
Classified Redeployee	0
Supernumerary	37 (including 7 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	105.68	63%

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

Frontline staff are employees whose principal or primary function is providing direct services to the 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 of 31 March 2025. Please use the table format presented below for your response.**

Nil.

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?**

(e) 7(a)	24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025
Positions advertised	56

7(b)	24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025
Positions advertised with Special Measures applied	56

7(c)	
Classification Level	Total Positions Advertised
Administrative Officer 4	2
Administrative Officer 5	5
Administrative Officer 6	4
Administrative Officer 7	1
Executive Contract Officer 1	2
Executive Contract Officer 2	1
Professional 2	3
Professional 2, Professional 3	3
Professional 3	6
Senior Administrative Officer 1	9
Senior Administrative Officer 2	3
Senior Professional Officer 1	9
Senior Professional Officer 2	1
Technical 2	4
Technical 4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

## 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.

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

Nil.

## 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:

- The matter(s) (designate which are finalised and which are ongoing)
- The amount paid by matter

**c) The amount paid to each outside legal firm or barrister engaged**

The Department of Mining and Energy spent \$614,952 on legal advice/services from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025:

<b>Legal Provider</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ashurst Australia	Expedited procedure objection inquiry and appeal	164,024	Ongoing
	Legal advice regarding grant of Exploration Permit 258 in the interpretation and negotiation of the Native Title Act	8,149	Finalised
	RTN Arbitral Process	4,800	Finalised
Karen Christopher	Legal advice in relation to provision of identifiable data to assist with LG Battery recall	960	Finalised
	Provision of legal advice for Multi-Dwelling Solar Scheme	1,320	Finalised
Clayton Utz (Brisbane)	Prepare summary of key changes to Jacana PPA arising from PPA/PDA structure	7,800	Ongoing
Clayton Utz (Darwin)	Provision of legal advice and governance arrangement for Darwin Renewable Energy Hub	170,111	Ongoing
Eleanor Jones	Legal advice regarding renewal of the Jabiluka Mineral Lease	5,006	Ongoing
	Legal services for a court case	19,406	Ongoing
Finlaysons	Legal services for the Rum Jungle rehabilitation project	36,916	Ongoing
Jonathan Martyn Bortoli	Legal services for a court case	5,820	Ongoing
Mills Oakley	Legal advice in relation to the development of the Remote Power System Strategy	22,764	Ongoing
	Legal services regarding the Rum Jungle project	13,779	Ongoing
	Advice and preparation of documents for remote power supply services	6,278	Ongoing
	Preparation of MOUs for Rum Jungle project	2,330	Ongoing
Minter Ellison Lawyers	Legal advice in relation to electricity market reforms	58,352	Ongoing
	Legal review and advice for NT Hydrogen Regulatory Framework	22,632	Finalised
Nicola Lucy Gollan	Legal services regarding objections to expedited procedure (Native Title)	3,084	Ongoing

Stephen Lloyd	Legal advice regarding renewal of the Jabiluka Mineral Lease	51,440	Ongoing
Stephen Wright	Provision of legal advice on application of native title act for Darwin renewable Energy Hub	4,260	Ongoing
Ward Keller	Provision of legal services for Nomination Application Fee and Skilling Australians Fund Levy	5,720	Ongoing
	<b>Total</b>	<b>614,952</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

Expenditure on reports/consultancies (excluding annual reports) obtained outside the NTPS between 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 for the Department of Mining and Energy consisted of:

<b>(a) Purpose</b>	<b>(b) Cost (\$)</b>	<b>(c) Person/Entity engaged</b>	<b>(d) Principal place of business in the NT (Y/N)</b>	<b>(d) Principal place of business if not NT</b>	<b>(g) Tenders or expressions of interest were invited prior to work (Y/N)</b>
Rum Jungle project contaminated sites auditor	240,526	AECOM Australia Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Rum Jungle project civil design for a section of Haul Road	89,900	Byrne Consultants	Y		Y
Undertaking detailed design of the Territory electricity market	235,893	Cambridge Economic Policy Associates Pty Ltd	N	NSW	Y
Analysis and advice on options and strategies to advance Minerals Industry Development	75,136	CRU International (Australia) Pty Ltd	N	NSW	Y
Drafting of legislative changes for the Territory Electricity Market reforms	26,240	Richard Dennis	N	SA	Y
Geochemical subject matter expert for the Rum Jungle project	16,443	Dr Jones Environmental Excellence	N	QLD	Y
Ongoing community engagement technical advice and support for the development of the Remote Power System Strategy (RPSS) - planning activities and business case	189,021	Ekistica Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Remediation action plan peer reviewer for the Rum Jungle project	15,300	Enviromental Earth Sciences Qld	N	QLD	Y

Northern Territory electricity supply industry transition to renewables workforce scoping study	45,546	GHD Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Ongoing consultancy to support the maintenance of the Northern Territory National Electricity Reforms	33,940	Jodi Smith	N	ACT	Y
Developing processes and procedures for Petroleum regulators	10,119	KPMG Australia	Y		Y
Provision of water treatment and pit backfill services for the Rum Jungle project	775,327	McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Renewable Energy Hub power system studies	222,961	Merz Consultancy Pty Ltd	N	WA	Y
Assessment of offshore/coastalwater environment plans	54,066	NOPSEMA	N	WA	N
Provision of a Cultural Advisory Board terms of reference for the Rum Jungle project	16,452	Rikki McCallum	Y		Y
Hydrogeological advisory for the Rum Jungle project	506,726	Robertson Geoconsultants Inc	N	Canada	Y
Rum Jungle project provision of peer review of the cost estimate	66,435	RP Infrastructure Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Ongoing economic and financial advice to develop the Remote Power System Strategy (RPSS) business case	13,797	Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Rum Jungle rehabilitation project early works remediation action plan	66,438	SLR Consulting Pty Ltd	Y		Y

EDIS (Energy Development Information System) programming support	452,120	SRA Information Technology Pty Ltd	Y		Y
Rum Jungle project advisory group and cost review	121,738	Turner & Townsend Jukestodd Pty Ltd	N	QLD	Y
Project schedule for the Rum Jungle project	172,040	Turner & Townsend Thinc	Y		Y
Rum Jungle project archaeology surveys	26,814	Wallis Heritage Consulting	N	QLD	N
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,472,979</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 31 March 2025 as follows:

Number in the NT	Number outside of the NT
13	10

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
NS24-0068	Datamine Australia	Brisbane, QLD	N/A direct contracting
NS24-0152	Australian Energy Producers	Canberra, ACT	N/A direct contracting
NS24-0139	Elsevier B.V	Amsterdam, Netherlands	N/A direct contracting
NTG24-0094	Critical Strategies Group Pty Led	Downer, ACT	Past Performance 30 Price 10 Local Content 30 Capacity 10 Scope Specific 20
24-0828	Intrepid Geophysics	Brighton, Vic	Price 20 Local Content 30 Scope Specific 50
25-0022	Harry The Hirer Pty Ltd	Richmond, VIC	Price 10 Local Content 30 Timeliness 20 Capacity 10 Innovation 15 Scope Specific 15
Q24-0278	University of Western Australia	Crawley, WA	Price 15 Local Content 30 Timeliness 15 Innovation 5 Scope Specific 35
NTG24-0115	Robertson GeoConsultants Inc	Vancouver, Canada	Price 20 Local Content 30 Scope Specific 50
Q24-0148	Cambridge Economic Policy Associates Pty Ltd trading as CEPA	Sydney, NSW	Past Performance 20 Price 5 Local Content 30 Capacity 15 Scope Specific 30
NTG24-0094	Critical Strategies Group Pty Ltd trading as Critical Strategies Group	Downer, ACT	Past Performance 30 Price 10 Local Content 30 Capacity 10 Scope Specific 20

13. For Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 procurement activities, how many public tenders were advertised during the period 24 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?

Tier	No. of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	4

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 31 March 2025?

**Answer:**

Tier	No. of Procurement Activities
Tier 3	6
Tier 4	4
Tier 5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

**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?**

For each instance identified in the question above, where a public quotation process was not undertaken, including those with a Certificate of Exemption.

<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 Discover MapInfo Pro Software Support and Maintenance for a Period of 12 Months	81,301	Direct Contracting – Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Senior Executive Director NT Geological Survey
Provision of Elsevier B.V ScienceDirect Online Subscription for a Period of 12 Months	24,765	Direct Contracting – Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Chief Executive Officer
Monitoring of Creek Flow Gauging Works for Sandy Flat Mine Site	482,771	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Senior Executive Director Mines
Darwin - Provision of Geoscientific Services for a Period of 12 Months	60,135	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Senior Executive Director NT Geological Survey
Rum Jungle Rehabilitation - Provision of Mined Land Revegetation Planning, Technical Advice, Training and Field Program Supervision for a Period of 24 Months	101,800	Other - Would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication or costs for the procuring agency	N/A	Executive Director Rum Jungle

Darwin - Provision of Advice Regarding Electricity Industry Regulation in the Northern Territory for a Period of 24 Months	194,040	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Executive Director Sustainable Energy
Batchelor - Provision of Weed Management Services and Trainee Field Program Supervision at the former Rum Jungle Mine site for a Period of 36 Months	724,500	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mining & Energy
Darwin - Provision of a Primavera Project Controller for a Period of 12 Months	217,151	Limited suppliers due to technical requirements	N/A	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mining & Energy
Supply, delivery and construction of Bores on the former Rum Jungle Mine Site	1,836,716	Exempt from Procurement Act	N/A	Chief Executive Officer
Supply, Delivery and Construction of Main Pit Water Treatment Plant on the former Rum Jungle Mine Site	7,791,052	Exempt from Procurement Act	N/A	Chief Executive Officer

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 31 March 2025.

At 31 March 2025 there were 28 credit card holders in Department of Mining and Energy.

Position Title	Actual Classification Code
LIBRARY TECHNICIAN	AO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER	AO4
EXECUTIVE SUPPORT MANAGER	AO4
SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	AO4
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	AO4
PROJECT OFFICER	AO5
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	AO6
BUSINESS MANAGER, ENERGY DIVISON	AO6
LAND ACCESS PROJ OFF, MINERALS	AO6
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	AO6
PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR	AO6
SENIOR PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR	AO7
SNR EXEC DIR NT GEOL SURVEY	EO3C
D/CEO MINING & ENERGY	EO4C
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	EO6C
MGR ABOR ENGAGE & LAND ACCESS	SAO1
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	SAO1
DIRECTOR REGIONAL GEOSCIENCE	SAO2
DIRECTOR MINING REMEDIATION	SAO2
MANAGER GOVERNANCE & SECURITES	SAO2
DIR REMOTE POWER SYSTEMS	SAO2
MANAGER BASIN GEOSCIENCE	SP1
MANAGER LEGACY REMEDIATION PRJ	SP1
MGR BASEMENT GEOSCIENCE	SP1
ASST MANAGER CORE FACILITIES	T3
SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER	T3
MANAGER CORE FACILITIES	T4
MNGR ENVIRO MONITORING UNIT	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.**
- 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.**
- 19. Please provide copies of each survey and the results of each survey.**

Nil.

## **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 Mining and Energy has provided a high-level response to total advertising, marketing and communications spend for the Department beginning 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 of \$170,241.

## 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 2024 to 31 March 2025, the total travel expense for the Department of Mining and Energy was \$493,532.

Description	Intra-territory \$	Interstate \$	International \$	Total \$
Official Duty Fares	90,291	89,343	37,590	<b>217,224</b>
Accommodation	68,402	30,047	18,518	<b>116,967</b>
Travel Allowance	89,416	15,315	3,783	<b>108,514</b>
Others	48,801	1,607	419	<b>50,827</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>296,910</b>	<b>136,312</b>	<b>60,310</b>	<b>493,532</b>

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
26/08/2024	29/08/2024	Director Industrial Ecologies Development	Malaysia	To attend the Third South East Asia CCS Accelerator Workshop in Malaysia	3,144
14/09/2024	26/09/2024	Executive Director Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project	Canada	To present at the 2024 International Conference on Acid Rock Drainage. (externally funded)	28,151
22/09/2024	29/09/2024	Director Regional Geoscience	Japan	To represent the Territory as part of a delegation to Japan and Korea to promote investment opportunities in critical minerals	6,668
26/02/2025	10/03/2025	Manager, Grants, Investment and Promotion	Canada & USA	To promote critical and strategic minerals at 'Australia Minerals' delegation to North America	10,534
26/02/2025	10/03/2025	Director Regional Geoscience	Canada & USA	To promote critical and strategic minerals at 'Australia Minerals' delegation to North America	13,350
Refund of cancelled trip/booking from previous financial year					-1,537
<b>Total</b>					<b>60,310</b>

- 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.**

Nil.

## **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:**

- a) What was the purpose of the hospitality?**
- b) How many guests attended?**
- c) How many Ministers attended?**
- d) How many Ministerial staff attended?**
- e) How many MLAs attended?**
- f) How many Public Sector employees attended?**
- g) What was the total cost incurred?**

Event Details	Sum of Amount	No. of Ministers	No. of Ministerial Staff	No. of MLAs	No. of General NTPS	No. of External (NON-NTG)	Total Attendee
Budget Breakfast with the Treasurer	440				4		4
Chamber of Commerce – Leaders Debate 2024 Ticket	159				1		1
Darwin Mining Club Lunch 2024	859				11		11
Energy Club - 2025 Back to Business in the Northern Territory Luncheon	965				9		9
Energy Club - Carbon Capture Storage Industry Dinner	215				2		2
Energy Club - Christmas in the Tropics	98				1		1
Energy Club - Inside Empire Energy's Beetaloo Vision	858				8		8
Energy Club - SunCable Australia Industry Dinner	822				8		8
INPEX March Industry Networking Sundowner	204				2		2
Minerals Council Event - Rebuilding the Economy Breakfast	386				5		5
NT News Event - Future Northern Territory 2024	405				4		4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,411</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?

### 25 and 28.

The table below details grant expenditure by the Department of Mining and Energy from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025. The total expenditure for the period was \$4.7 million.

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

Program Name	YTD Grant Expenditure (\$)
Investment Attraction Subsidies	398,771
Mineral Systems Study	60,000
Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations	977,708
Home & Business Battery Scheme	3,284,305
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,734,784</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 Mining and Energy from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025. The total expenditure for the period was \$14,000.

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Sponsorship of Minerals Council of Australia NT Gala Dinner	8,000
Sponsorship of Minerals Council of Australia Mapping our Future: STEM Careers Forum	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,000</b>

## **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 expense for 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 is as detailed below:

<b>Building/Location</b>	<b>Power Bill Total (\$)</b>
Alice Springs Core Store	7,585
Darwin Core Store	31,054
Paspalis Centrepont, Darwin	31,292
Rum Jungle Office, Batchelor	4,482
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,414</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 Questions 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 Questions 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 tables 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>
Mines and energy processing fees (licences/titles)	946,363
<b>Agency Fees and Charges Total</b>	<b>946,363</b>

\*Excludes fees and charges collected from Territory Government entities

<b>Fees and Charges received to Accountable Officer's Trust Accounts (AOTA)</b>	<b>Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST</b>
Mining remediation levy	16,518,392
Mining rents - Aboriginal Land	3,101,621
Orphan Wells levy	142,328
<b>Fees and Charges received to AOTA Total</b>	<b>19,762,341</b>

<b>Income administered for the Central Holding Authority (CHA)</b>	<b>Revenue Raised (\$) exclusive of GST</b>
<b>Fees and Regulatory Services</b>	
Mining remediation levy	4,450,000
Petroleum monitoring and compliance levy	1,461,836
<b>Royalties and Rent (Non Aboriginal Land)</b>	
Petroleum and Mining rents	13,117,680
<b>Income administered for the CHA Total</b>	<b>19,029,516</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?**

Internal audit/investigation	Terms of Reference or focus
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.**

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

## 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

Nil.

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

Nil.

## **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.**

- Nil notifiable incidents reported to NT WorkSafe under section 35 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*
- 11 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 7.

## 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
Central Australia	9
East Arnhem	1
Greater Darwin	157
Top End (Batchelor)	2
Not in the NT	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>

Mining Development – NIL

Energy Development – NIL

### Sustainable Energy Development

The Department of Mining and Energy's Sustainable Energy Development Division employs one AO6 Policy Officer in Nhulunbuy. The officer contributes to the development and implementation of energy policy and initiatives, including the Home and Business Battery Scheme (HBBS). The officer does not have location specific responsibility.

The Electricity Market Reform team employs two persons based outside of the NT; a Senior Director based in Perth WA and a Director based in regional NSW. Both Directors lead aspects of the electricity market reform program, which are highly technical in nature and require a specialist skillset. Neither of the Directors have location specific responsibilities and travel to the NT for specific activities, on an as needed basis. The Commissioner for Public Employment has approved this interstate employment arrangement on the basis that the specialist skillsets required were found to be unavailable in the NT during recruitment processes.

## Strategic Projects

Rum Jungle – the Rum Jungle Project runs an office in Batchelor which is staffed by up to 12 persons who are preparing the Rum Jungle Project site for major works to start in Q2 2025. The staff include a Works Superintendent responsible for preliminary construction works such as public road upgrades and a team of Land Management Technicians responsible for fencing, fire and ferals management, early revegetation and weed control across several land parcels. Additionally, the project's Civil Construction Trainees are based out of the Batchelor office and since 24 August 2024, they have graduated from their traineeships with some trainees graduating into work with the Rum Jungle Project team. Aboriginal employment at the Batchelor office is 80% since August 2024 with the majority of employees coming from the Coomalie local government area. Staff expenses up to close of January 2025 were approximately \$0.5M.

There is currently one temporarily employed staff member working interstate to June 2025.

## NTGS

The Northern Territory Geological Survey has 8 staff based at the Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) in Alice Springs, and has an additional 2 staff at a drillcore library and field store at Power Street in Alice Springs. The staff at AZRI include geologists from the Regional Geoscience team who are contributing to geoscience mapping projects across the Territory, especially in the southern region, as well as a geoscience data officer assisting with geological map production, and a Spatial Systems Administrator working on NTGS's information delivery systems. The geological teams in Alice Springs are currently working on finalising the Huckitta, Bloods Range and Lake Amadeus geological maps, and are undertaking fieldwork. The staff at the core store provide a service to industry and to provide access to NTGS's collection of core from drilling across the southern half of the NT.