

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney

to Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

Legal Aid Grants

I would be grateful if you would provide the answers to the following questions in relation to the Justice Department's Budget for 2004-05. In order to assist you, please note that this question relates to output group: **1.0 Legal Services (1.3: Legal Policy)**.

1. Under the heading 'key variations' on page 115, grant payments of \$2.0m have been transferred from the Solicitor for the NT output to the Legal Policy output from 2003-05. On page 116 the 'grant payments' are described as "Legal Aid grants".
 - (a) What is the main purpose of the grants;
 - (b) Why were the grant payments transferred to Legal Policy; and
 - (c) Did Treasury make a recommendation to transfer the grants, or was it a decision made in the Department of Justice, or by the Attorney-General's office.

ANSWER