



Annual Report 2005-06

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Chief Minister

In accordance with the provisions of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, I am pleased to submit to you the 2005-06 Annual Report of the Department of the Chief Minister.

Pursuant to the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, *Financial Management Act* and *Information Act*, I advise that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- (a) proper records of all transactions affecting the Department are kept and the employees under my control observe the provisions of the Act, the Financial Management Regulations and the Treasurer's Directions;
- (b) procedures within the agency afford proper internal control, and that these procedures are recorded in the Accounting and Property Manual, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act*;
- (c) there is no indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in, or omission from, the accounts and records;
- (d) the internal audit capacity available to the agency is adequate and the results of internal audits have been reported to me;
- (e) the Financial Statement included in the Annual Report has been prepared from proper accounts and records and is in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions;
- (f) all Employment Instructions issued by the Commissioner for Public Employment have been satisfied; and
- (g) the Department is working progressively towards compliance with the *Information Act*, by continuing development of thesaurus classifications and disposal schedules. A description of the type of information held, or available from the Department, is available on the Department's website.



Paul Tyrrell
Chief Executive

30 September 2006

Purpose of this Report

This report provides the Chief Minister, Parliament, Territorians and others with insights into the Department's actions and priorities that support the Government's strategic outcomes for the Northern Territory.

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Chief Executive's Overview

2005-06 has been a year of changes, challenges and important achievements for the Department of the Chief Minister. The Department has taken a lead role in coordinating a number of activities to implement the Government's priorities and to underpin the Territory's economic and social development. Some of these activities have led, directly or indirectly, to visible outcomes for Territorians such as our changing skyline. Others will be apparent in years and decades to come.

Restructure leads to new focus

One of the main changes for the Department was the shift of focus resulting from the restructure that took place soon after the June 2005 Territory election. At a ministerial level, the Chief Minister added Asian Relations and Trade to her responsibilities and Minister Marion Scrymgour took over the portfolios of Women's Policy, Young Territorians, and Senior Territorians. Minister Kon Vatskalis continued to be responsible for Multicultural Affairs.

Within the Department, the changes saw the transfer of the Economic Policy Unit to the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development. Responsibility for the operational aspects of the Domestic and Family Violence Strategy and the *Strong Families, Strong Communities* program transferred to Department of Health and Community Services, and the Asian Relations and Trade function moved to this Department from the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development as part of the new Trade and Major Projects Division.

The additional focus on trade and major projects has enabled the Department to contribute to the ongoing development of the AustralAsia Trade Route and Darwin as a supply and service base for the region. The work of the Trade and Major Projects Division helped to secure a monthly shipping service out of East Arm Port to Shanghai in China.

There was a new emphasis on bringing investors to the Territory, with the inaugural Global Freight Connect 2005 International Conference held on The Ghan in October 2005, which paved the way for the Indonesian Mining Procurement Forum in Darwin in March 2006, followed by a productive trade mission to Balikpapan in the Indonesian mining province of East Kalimantan in June 2006.

The Chief Minister's Asian Relations and Trade portfolio has given the Department responsibility for organising and hosting overseas trade missions and administering the Trade Support Scheme. The Scheme was instrumental in supporting several Territory businesses to develop new export markets during a trade delegation to Dubai led by the Department.

Closer to home, relations with our northern neighbours were brought to a new level with the first meeting between the Chief Minister and the Indonesian President, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The Department also forged closer business links within our region by hosting the 2nd Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines – East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Darwin Dialogue in May.

Petroleum high on the agenda

The arrival of gas onshore and the first shipment of LNG from Darwin's Wickham Point plant in February 2006 ushered in a new era in the Territory's economic development and established Darwin as Australia's second international gas hub. The Department was central to developing a new policy direction announced by the Chief Minister at the APPEA 2006 conference focusing on the development of gas-based manufacturing industries in Australia.

The Department led the cross-government taskforce working with Darwin Clean Fuels on its proposal to establish a \$450 million condensate processing facility at Darwin Business Park. The Department also supported the development of the agreement between Power & Water and Eni Australia for the development of the Blacktip gas field to supply the Territory's long-term energy needs.

Facilitating major projects

2005-06 was a year of strong economic growth for the Territory, fuelled by investment in major infrastructure and resources projects, such as Alcan's \$2 billion expansion of its Gove alumina refinery, the Bootu Creek manganese mine and the \$1.1 billion Darwin City Waterfront development, where construction has begun.

The Department played a facilitation role in progressing these projects both within the Department and through leadership of the Northern Territory Government's Major Projects Group, which coordinates

across agencies to support major developments. In addition, the Department had the major leadership and management role in bringing the Waterfront Project to financial close in May 2005.

The favourable economic conditions are stimulating high demand for skilled workers in many sectors. In response, the Department ramped up its ongoing National Skilled Worker Recruitment Campaign, which significantly raised awareness of employment opportunities in the Territory across Australia and New Zealand.

Indigenous Affairs

The year saw considerable activity and a renewed level of national interest in Indigenous affairs. The Department led the Government's response by developing a five-year whole-of-government comprehensive approach to addressing Indigenous disadvantage – the *Agenda for Action*, released in May 2006. The Department also assisted in laying the groundwork for a proposal before the Council of Australian Governments for a generational plan that aims to significantly close the outcomes gap between Indigenous people and other Australians over the next 20 years. In 2005-06, the Department continued to support the implementation of the *Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs* and chaired the Alice Springs Town Camps Taskforce.

The Chief Minister announced an Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse in June 2006 with Mr Mick Palmer, former head of the Australian Federal Police and Northern Territory Police Force, and Ms Pat Anderson, former Chief Executive Officer of Danila Dilba Health Service and Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory. Ms Anderson is currently the Chairperson of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health. Subsequent to the announcement Mr Palmer withdrew because of workload considerations and Mr Rex Wild, former Director of Public Prosecutions, was appointed to co-chair the inquiry with Ms Anderson.

Engaging with the community

The important Community Cabinet program, which brings Government to its constituents, equalled the previous year's record with nine visits to communities across the Northern Territory. Some Community Cabinet visits also included Women's Forums, which were held four times during the year.

The Department launched White Ribbon Day in the Northern Territory with widespread promotion of the "no to violence" message. A number of new initiatives also commenced during the year to increase the participation of seniors, young people and culturally diverse groups in the life of the community.

On the lighter side, the NT Major Events Company succeeded in raising the number of Territorians attending popular events such as the BASSINTHEGRASS and BASSINTHEDUST youth concerts and the V8 Supercars.

A year of natural disasters

For many Territorians the most significant events of the year were two major natural disasters which affected the Top End in April 2006. After the Katherine River flooded the town of Katherine for the second time in eight years, the Department appointed a government coordinator to lead the Katherine Region Recovery Taskforce, which coordinated a whole-of-government effort to quickly restore essential services and manage the recovery and reconstruction process.

Similarly, when a powerful cyclone struck the communities of Goulburn Island, Maningrida, Oenpelli and Jabiru, the Department chaired the Cyclone Monica Recovery Coordination Group to coordinate recovery operations in the affected areas. Cross-government and external communications in the post-disaster period were also handled by the Department after both events.

I would like to thank all Departmental staff for their commitment and professionalism in responding to the changes and challenges that arose during 2005-06, particularly for the proficient way the Department implemented the Government's Priorities Review. The year's achievements admirably demonstrate the effectiveness of the Departmental team and we are well placed to tackle an exciting period of dynamic growth ahead.



Paul Tyrrell
30 September 2006

2005-06 at a Glance

July 2005	<i>Common Ground</i> No. 5 published.
1 July 2005	27 th anniversary of Self-Government celebrated with fireworks and community events across the Territory.
1 July 2005	2005 Territorian of the Year Awards announced.
1-3 July 2005	Darwin Round of the 2005 V8 Supercar Championship Series at Hidden Valley.
5-7 July 2005	Estimates Committee Hearings.
6 July 2005	Land acquisition and financial close on \$77 million natural fuels biodiesel facility at East Arm announced.
8-10 July 2005	35 th NT Expo opens in Darwin.
11 July 2005	New Ministry sworn in and new Administrative Arrangements Order made following a ministerial reshuffle and changes to the Northern Territory Public Service.
13 July 2005	Alice Springs Special Events Forum for government agencies and non-government organisations to coordinate accommodation and transport services for community people visiting the town for special events.
21 July 2005	State Funeral for Mr W Rubuntja Pengarte AM in Alice Springs.
21 July 2005	Minister Vatskalis announces winners of the Charles See Kee Awards, recognising people, organisations or projects that promote multiculturalism in the community.
29 July 2005	Arrival of <i>MV Ursula</i> signals third successful trial on Shanghai-Darwin route for Hai Win Shipping.
August 2005	Seniors' Month celebrated with activities across the Northern Territory.
August 2005	Youth consultations as part of Futures Expos across the Territory in Katherine, Jabiru, Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek during August.
August 2005	Natural gas introduced into Bayu-Undan to Darwin gas pipeline for the first time.
2-12 August 2005	Top End Explorer Voyage aboard the <i>STS Leeuwin II</i> .
7-8 August 2005	Delegation from Gansu Province, China, visits the Northern Territory.
9 August 2005	Community Cabinet visit to Palmerston.
12 August 2005	Chief Minister opens 22 nd Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.
15 August 2005	Chief Minister delivers keynote address to Indonesia Culture Week Conference at Charles Darwin University.
15-18 August 2005	Chief Minister visits Indonesia, meets with President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Government Ministers to discuss the Indonesia - Northern Territory Memorandum of Understanding and the BIMP-EAGA + One Forum, and attends the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Indonesia's Independence.
23 August 2005	Site preparation work starts for Darwin City Waterfront Project.
27-28 August 2005	Third meeting of Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians for 2005.
31 August 2005	Minister Scrymgeour launches 2006 Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards.
September 2005	Office of Multicultural Affairs conducts African Consultation project with African migrants to Darwin.
2-11 September 2005	The Alice Desert Festival celebrates life in the Centre.
5-6 September 2005	Community Cabinet visit to Tiwi Islands including the Tiwi Women's Forum.
10 September 2005	BASSINTHEDUST music festival held in Alice Springs giving Territorians in Central Australia access to popular live acts.

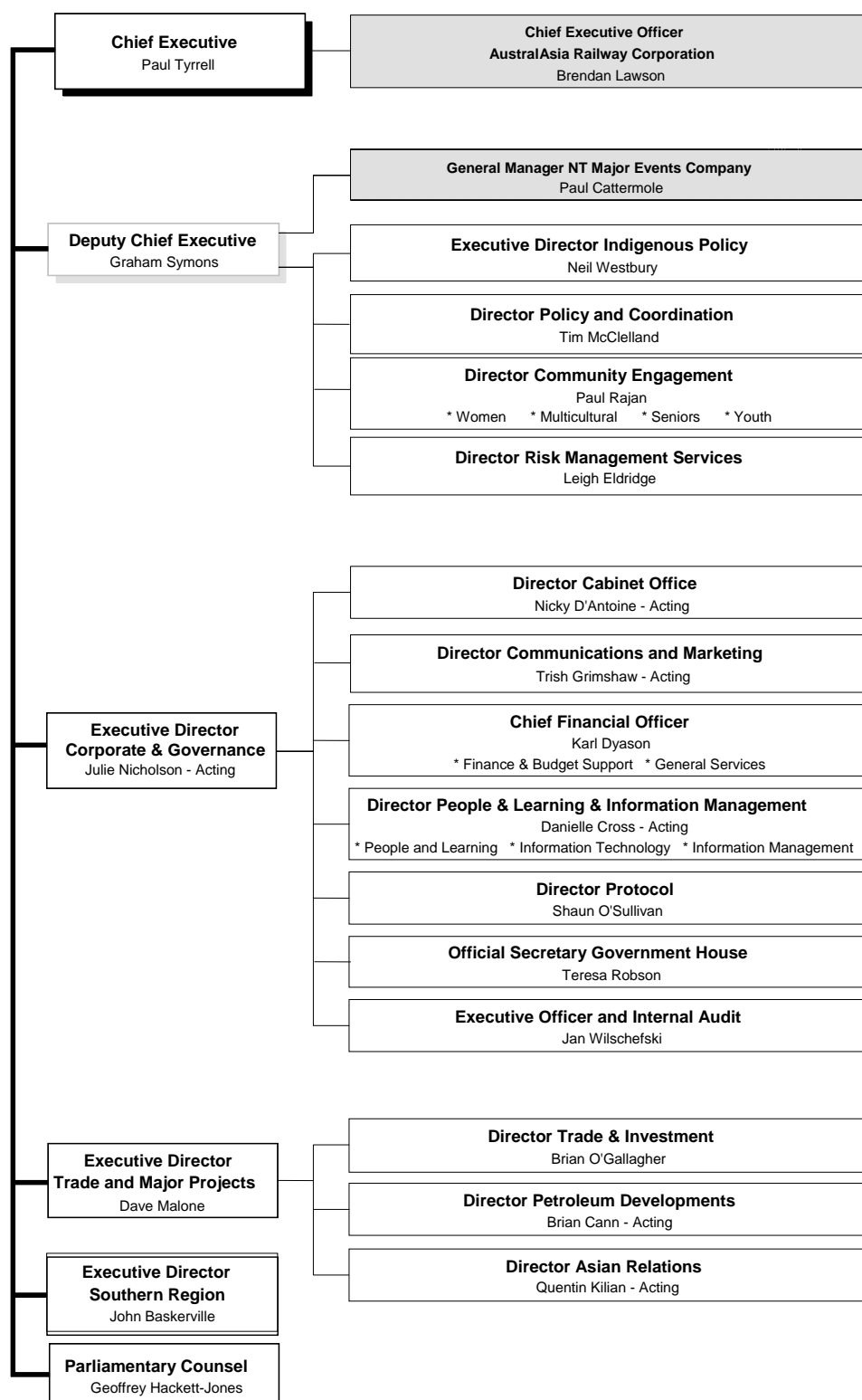
13 September 2005	The MV <i>Rui Chang Hai</i> arrives with a trial shipment of paper products from Surabaya in Indonesia, through the AustralAsia Trade Route for distribution across Australia.
15 September 2005	Chief Minister opens the \$55 million Vopak Darwin Industry Fuel Terminal at East Arm.
16 September 2005	Minister McAdam attends meeting of the Ministerial Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs in Melbourne.
16 September 2005	Construction of a \$77 million natural fuels biodiesel facility at East Arm commences.
16-19 September 2005	Chief Minister visits Malaysia to discuss tourism with business leaders, and Brunei to address the BIMP-EAGA Business Summit.
20 September 2005	Community Cabinet visit to Larrakeyah.
25 September 2005	Vehicles competing in the 8 th Panasonic World Solar Challenge depart Darwin for Adelaide.
1 October 2005	NT Government provides assistance in response to terrorist bombings in Bali.
2-4 October 2005	Community Cabinet visit to Alice Springs including the Alice Springs Women's Forum and the Alice Springs Business Round Table.
5 October 2005	Construction of first stage of the \$1.1 billion Darwin Waterfront Project commences.
11 October 2005	Housing Workshop held in Alice Springs.
13 October 2005	Chief Minister addresses national population summit in Darwin.
19 October 2005	Second progress report on the youth policy framework <i>Building a Better Future for Young Territorians</i> delivered as part of Ministerial Statement on Young Territorians.
20-21 October 2005	Central Australia Parks Infrastructure and Resourcing and Tourism Conference held in Alice Springs.
25-28 October 2005	Global Freight Connect 2005 Conference held on <i>The Ghan</i> and in Alice Springs.
31 October 2005	2005 <i>Portrait of a Senior Territorian</i> Art Award announced.
3 November 2005	First Territory Skilled Worker Campaign information evening held in Sydney.
7-8 November 2005	Community Cabinet visit to Anmatjere and Alyawarr Regions including the Ti Tree Women's Forum.
15 November 2005	Community Cabinet visit to Marrara.
16 November 2005	First Statehood Public Forum held at Charles Darwin University.
22 November 2005	Chief Minister gives welcome address to Economic Development Summit.
23-24 November 2005	<i>2015: Moving the Territory Ahead Economic Development Summit</i> held in Darwin.
25 November 2005	White Ribbon Day – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – launched in Darwin and Alice Springs.
3-4 December 2005	15 th annual Alicia Johnson Memorial Lecture delivered in Darwin and Alice Springs by Liz Ellis, captain of the Australian Netball Team.
3-4 December 2005	Final meeting of Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians for 2005.
7 December 2005	Chief Minister launches <i>Alice in Ten (2005-2015)</i> community consultation campaign.
20 December 2005	First Tiger Airways flight arrives in Darwin from Singapore, beginning four return services weekly between Darwin and Singapore.

January 2006	<i>Common Ground</i> No. 6 published.
January 2006	2006 Chief Minister's Study Award for Women announced.
1 February 2006	First shipment from LNG Plant at East Arm is loaded on to the MV <i>Kotowaka Maru</i> .
8 February 2006	Chief Minister attends Council of Australian Governments meeting in Canberra.
19 February 2006	64 th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin commemorated.
25-26 February 2006	First meeting of Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians for 2006.
27 February 2006	2006 NT National Youth Week Grants announced.
March 2006	Harmony Month celebrated with activities across the Northern Territory.
6 March 2006	Community Cabinet visit to Palmerston.
8 March 2006	Tribute to Territory Women 2006 announced for International Women's Day.
16 March 2006	Chief Minister and Prime Minister sign the <i>Boosting Indigenous Employment and Economic Development</i> bilateral schedule to the Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs.
19 March 2006	First train of the permanent twice-weekly Ghan service from Adelaide arrives in Darwin.
20-21 March 2006	Indonesian Mining Procurement Forum held in Darwin.
27 March 2006	Construction of Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre of Stage One of the Darwin City Waterfront Project commences.
29 March 2006	Release of the first annual report on the NT Government's multicultural policy <i>Building on the Territory's Diversity</i> .
1 April 2006	2006 Northern Territory Young Achievers Awards presented.
1-9 April 2006	National Youth Week celebrated with a range of activities across the Territory.
3 April 2006	Palmerston Information Centre integrated into the new Community Information Centre in Palmerston City Library.
4 April 2006	Launch of the <i>Dealing with Wheeling</i> internet site, the smart woman's guide to buying and maintaining a car in the Northern Territory.
6-8 April 2006	Katherine River floods, affecting East Katherine and nearby communities. A two-day State of Emergency declared. Katherine Region Recovery Co-ordinator appointed. Chief Minister and Minister Henderson visit affected areas.
7 April 2006	Launch of <i>Territory Quarterly</i> , the Government's new business and investment magazine.
8 and 9 April 2006	Islamic Youth Forums held in Darwin and Alice Springs.
16-21 April 2006	Chief Minister visits China and Singapore meeting with key trade, tourism and gas customers, and to address the 2 nd China summit in Shanghai, China. Chief Minister opens new Tourism NT office in Shanghai.
18 April 2006	Developing Indigenous Women's Leadership and Governance forum held in Darwin.
25-26 April 2006	Cyclone Monica causes extensive damage to the communities of Goulburn Island, Maningrida and Oenpelli. Jabiru is also affected. Chief Minister and Minister Scrymgour visit affected communities.
28-30 April 2006	Barkly May Day Muster held in Tennant Creek, supported by Major Events Company.
May 2006	The <i>Agenda for Action – A whole of government approach to Indigenous affairs in the Northern Territory 2005-2009</i> is released.
May 2006	<i>Active Ageing</i> Workshops conducted throughout the Territory.

2 May 2006	First Jetstar flight arrives, heralding an extra 732 available seats per week into Darwin.
2 May 2006	2006-07 Northern Territory Budget is handed down in Parliament.
5 May 2006	Chief Minister chairs the first meeting of the Alice Springs Alcohol Task Force set up to tackle problems caused by excessive alcohol consumption in the town.
5 May 2006	Joint \$30 million plan to improve living conditions in Alice Springs town camps announced by Chief Minister and Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
10 May 2006	Chief Minister addresses the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Conference in Queensland.
11 May 2006	2006 NT Research and Innovation Awards announced.
11 May 2006	National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame Museum receives the keys and title for new premises in the heritage-listed Old Alice Springs Gaol.
12 -13 May 2006	Chief Minister joins Australia's business leaders at Gunya Titjikala Resort to discuss challenges facing Aboriginal communities and how corporate Australia can assist.
13-19 May 2006	Central Australian Bike Challenge held in Alice Springs.
14-15 May 2006	Community Cabinet visits Katherine.
20 May 2006	Rural Young Achiever Awards presented at Freds Pass Show.
20-21 May 2006	Second meeting of Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians for 2006.
22 May 2006	Chief Minister addresses BIMP-EAGA Business Seminar in Darwin.
23-25 May 2006	Chief Minister hosts 2 nd annual BIMP-EAGA – Northern Territory Forum in Darwin.
24 May 2006	Appointment of NT Government Services Coordinator for Wadeye announced.
27 May 2005	BASSINTEGRASS music festival held in Darwin giving Territorians in the Top End access to live popular music acts.
30 May 2006	Chief Minister announces \$18 million expansion to Tiwi Gardens retirement and aged care complex.
5-6 June 2006	Community Cabinet visit to Katherine West, Timber Creek and Yarralin including the Timber Creek Women's Forum.
10-12 June 2006	31 st Finke Desert Race held in Alice Springs.
13-15 June 2006	Youth LEAD environmental leadership program held at Hamilton Downs Youth Camp.
19-21 June 2006	Chief Minister gives keynote address at the 12 th Annual SEAAOC Conference including visit by Deputy Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Sir Moi Avei, and President of ConocoPhillips Australia, Ms Laura Sugg.
22 June 2006	Chief Minister announces Government inquiry into child sexual abuse in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.
30 June 2006	Darwin Round of the 2006 V8 Supercar Championship Series starts at Hidden Valley.

About the Department

Organisation structure



* Portfolio areas

Corporate Governance Structure & Committees

Executive Management Group

Role of the Committee

To develop strategic directions to support Government.

It is the senior decision making group for the Department with responsibility for:

- monitoring performance against objectives;
- being financially accountable;
- ensuring that there are sound people management and communications practices that are fair and equitable and in support of corporate objectives.

Membership

The Executive Management Group within the Department consisted of the following membership as at 30 June 2006.

Chair:	Chief Executive
Members:	Deputy Chief Executive
	Executive Director, Trade and Major Projects
	Executive Director, Southern Region
	Executive Director, Office of Indigenous Policy
	Executive Director, Corporate and Governance
	Parliamentary Counsel
	Director, Communications and Marketing
	Director, Cabinet Office
	Chief Financial Officer

Information Management Committee

Role of the Committee

To provide advice to the Chief Executive and Executive Management Group on information management issues impacting on the Department as a whole including:

- information and communications technology systems;
- information and records management; and
- knowledge management.

Membership

Chair:	Executive Director, Corporate and Governance
Members:	Director, People and Learning and Information Management
	Director, Communications and Marketing
	Chief Financial Officer
	Director, Information Technology Service Management, Department of Corporate and Information Services

Audit Committee

Role of Committee

To provide an oversight role to assist the Chief Executive and the Executive Management Group in fulfilling their corporate governance responsibilities, particularly in relation to accountability arrangements, internal control, risk management and the internal and external audit functions.

The functions and responsibilities of the Committee are to:

- monitor the adequacy of the Department's internal control environment and related policies, practices and procedures;
- oversee the internal audit function, liaise with external auditors, and monitor the implementation of internal and external audit recommendations; and
- undertake any other functions and activities that the committee considers relevant to its primary

objective.

The committee has authority in relation to each of these functions across all areas of the Department.

Membership

Chair:	Executive Director, Corporate and Governance
Members:	Executive Director, Trade and Major Projects Division Chief Financial Officer Director, Cabinet Office
Observers:	Risk Management Services' representative Auditor-General's representative

Workplace Health and Safety Group

Role of the Committee

To respond to Departmental occupational health and safety needs and ensure that a safe workplace is maintained.

Membership

Chair:	Director, Protocol
Ex Officio:	OH&S Adviser, Department of Corporate and Information Services
Members:	Manager, General Services Property Manager, Government House People and Learning Consultant Senior Policy and Research Officer, Community Engagement

Achievements for the Year

- Raised awareness of workplace health and safety issues through the website and regular corporate communications.
- Reviewed the Partnering Agreement with the Department of Corporate and Information Services and the Work Plan that identifies workplace health and safety priorities for the Department.
- Facilitated ergonomic assessment of work stations.
- Facilitated self-assessment ergonomic training.
- Installed emergency evacuation plans on all floors.
- Facilitated fire training for building wardens and the rehearsal of building evacuations.
- Installed photographic lists of building wardens and first aid officers.
- Commenced program for electrical tagging and testing.
- Sponsored flu vaccinations for employees.
- Ensured adequate coverage of delegated first aid officers.
- Coordinated risk assessments for occupational hazards in workplaces.

Equity and Diversity Network

Role of Committee

To promote and facilitate:

- respectful workplace relationships;
- diversity;
- inclusive workplace practices and policies;
- flexible workplace practices;
- equal opportunity.

Membership

Convenor:	Official Secretary, Government House
Members:	Membership of the committee is drawn from interested staff from across the Department and reflects the diversity within the organisation.

Statutory Bodies

The following Statutory Bodies are established by legislation and administered by the Department as at 30 June 2006.

AustralAsia Railway Corporation

AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act

Purpose: To facilitate the development and monitor operations of the AustralAsia Railway.

Remuneration Tribunal

Remuneration Tribunal Act

Purpose: To conduct inquiries and report on the remuneration, allowances and entitlements payable to certain categories of person.

Legislative Framework

Acts and regulations administered by the Department on behalf of the Chief Minister.

Acts

- *Administrators Pensions Act*
- *AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act*
- *AustralAsia Railway (Special Provisions) Act*
- *AustralAsia Railway (Third Party Access) Act*
- *Commission of Inquiry (Deaths in Custody) Act*
- *Essential Goods and Services Act*
- *Flag and Emblem Act*
- *Inquiries Act*
- *Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act*
- *Parks and Reserves (Framework for the Future) Act*
- *Referendums Act*
- *Remuneration (Statutory Bodies) Act*
- *Remuneration Tribunal Act*
- *Transfer of Powers Act*
- *Transfer of Powers (Further Provisions) Act*
- *Transfer of Powers (Self-Government) Act*
- *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act*
- *Trans-Territory Pipeline and Blacktip Gas Projects (Special Provisions) Act*
- *Validation (Native Title) Act*

Regulations

- AustralAsia Railway Corporation (Investment) Regulations
- AustralAsia Railway (Special Provisions) Regulations
- Inquiries (Witnesses' Expenses) Regulations
- Parks and Reserves (Framework for the Future) Regulations
- Referendums Regulations

The Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO), made by the Administrator of the Northern Territory acting with the advice of the Executive Council, is also the responsibility of the Department. The Administrative Arrangements Order sets out the Ministries and the agencies, legislation and principal areas of Government for which Ministers have responsibility.

Our People

The Department's focus on people continued in 2005-06, with achievements in:

- encouraging a balance between work and life outside work;
- supporting and valuing our people; and
- strengthening skills now and for the future.

Encouraging a balance between work and life outside work

The Department was one of three agencies selected by Cabinet to be a pilot agency for the Managing Work Life Balance in the NTPS Policy and Implementation Plan 2004-06.

There have been a number of achievements in this area, including:

- continued growth in the uptake of flexible work practices, for example:
 - one AO7 is working a compressed week;
 - one AO8 who had changed from full time to part-time 2.5 day week is changing back to full-time, depending on mutual agreement;
 - one AO6 is working part-time (four days a week);
 - one AO6 is returning from 12 months career break to work part time;
 - one AO6 is working compressed hours;
 - one EO1 is working outside of standard core hours;
 - one AO1 has renegotiated start and finish times;
 - one AO8 is working school hours only;
 - one EO1 is working abroad with an aid agency;
 - one P4 is working a combination of part-time and full-time;
 - one AO8 has purchased additional recreation leave.
- conducted in-house workshops to promote work life balance, including:
 - 90 minute practical workshops to encourage taking stock of ourselves and provide practical solutions;
 - wellbeing workshops, which formed the basis for an assessment of the organisation's overall wellbeing.
- facilitated a successful program to vaccinate staff against influenza. Participants included the Chief Minister and Chief Executive.

Supporting and valuing our people

- Supported various community programs fundraisers such as Jeans for Genes and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.
- Continued to support and offer staff access to the Employee Assistance Program with two local service providers.

Strengthening skills now and for the future

- Sponsored leadership programs such as the Public Sector Management Program (PSMP), Springboard and Kigaruk Indigenous Men's Leadership Program. This year the Department celebrated its first participant and graduate of the Kigaruk Program. One staff member graduated from PSMP and three are currently being supported to undertake PSMP.
- Continued professional development support through study leave.
- Continued to support entry level employment programs. The Department has exceeded the JobsPlan NT quota for taking on apprentices.
- Employed six people under the graduate program. Two of the graduates also gained experience in other agencies.
- Sponsored Departmental staff to attend various Institute of Public Administration Australia policy development programs such as Developing and Writing Policy and Procedures.

- Sponsored a scholarship for a graduate to attend the 2005 Institute of Public Administration Australia National Conference in Hobart.
- Provided training in work life balance, mentoring, career management, teambuilding, clear writing, writing ministerial documents and giving and receiving feedback.
- Implemented and continued to develop the online Self Service Centre as part of the Department's intranet site.

Staffing Profile

As required under Section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, a comparison of the Department's staffing profile as at 30 June 2005 and 30 June 2006 is as follows:

Designation	Actual Staff 30 June 2005	Actual Staff 30 June 2006
Departmental Staffing		
Executive Contract Officer 6	1	1
Executive Contract Officer 5	2	2
Executive Contract Officer 4	1	2
Executive Contract Officer 3	7	5
Executive Contract Officer 2	6	5
Executive Contract Officer 1	11	9
Executive Officer 1	14	16
Professional 4	2	2
Professional 2	1	1
Professional 1	0	1
Technical 4	1	1
Technical 3	2	3
Technical 1	2	2
Administrative Officer 8	21	16
Administrative Officer 7	16	15
Administrative Officer 6	23	22
Administrative Officer 5	14	16
Administrative Officer 4	31	25
Administrative Officer 3	21	17
Administrative Officer 2	2	5
Administrative Officer 1	4	5
Physical 6	1	1
Physical 5	1	1
Physical 4	0	1
Physical 3	4	3
Physical 2	4	4
National Indigenous Cadetship Project Officer	1	0
NTPS Apprentice	6	4
Sub Total	199	185
Ministerial Staffing*	93	85
TOTAL	292	270**

* As Ministerial staff are employed under the *Contracts Act*, specific details are not included in the profile.

** Includes a total of 21 staff on recreation leave, long service leave and other employment related arrangements.

Strategic Directions 2005 – 2007

The strategic objectives of the Department of the Chief Minister are:

Providing leadership across Government

- Providing strategic advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Ensuring effective public sector implementation of Government priorities
- Developing partnerships and promoting effective communication across agencies
- Stimulating and coordinating policy initiatives across agencies
- Facilitating regional coordination
- Facilitating whole-of-government decision making
- Developing strong inter-governmental relations with the Commonwealth and States

Supporting social development

- Stimulating policy development in areas of social and Indigenous need
- Integrating and coordinating social policy initiatives across government
- Building capability to develop sustainable communities

Connecting the community with Government

- Providing a framework for effective community consultation
- Improving community participation in Government decision making
- Improving access to information about government services and initiatives

Supporting economic development

- Facilitating the development of major projects, including gas-based developments
- Positioning the Territory as a place to live, work and invest
- Facilitating private sector investment in key infrastructure projects and associated activities
- Developing business and trade opportunities
- Developing innovation and knowledge-based industries
- Coordinating policies and strategies to resolve outstanding and future land issues

Supporting the machinery of Government

- Coordinating the requirements of the Administrator, Cabinet, Parliament, Executive Council and Community Cabinet
- Improving the systems that support our business processes to make sure our people have the capacity to deliver organisational outcomes

Performance by Output

Outputs at a Glance

Output Group / Outputs Responsible Business Unit

Policy Advice and Public Sector Coordination

- Executive
- Executive Support Southern Region
- Policy and Coordination
- Risk Management Services
- Communications and Marketing
- Social Policy Development ²

- Office of Indigenous Policy

Trade and Major Projects

- Trade and Major Projects ³
- Trade and Major Projects
- NT Railway

Government Business Support (includes Ministerial Offices)

- Support to Executive, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition
- Legislation Production
- Support to Administrator & Government House
- Ministerial Offices
- Protocol
- Cabinet Office
- Office of Parliamentary Counsel
- Government House

Community Engagement

- Women's Advancement
- Youth Advancement
- Multicultural Advancement
- Seniors' Advancement
- Support to Community Organisations and Events
- Office of Women's Policy
- Office of Youth Affairs
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Office of Senior Territorians
- Community Engagement Business Support ⁴
- Support to Community Organisations and Events
 - Major Events Company
 - Australia Day Council
 - Community Support Grants

- **Inputs:**
- Corporate Support ⁵

- **Total:**

¹ The role of Economic Policy was transferred to the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development.

² The Output Policy Advice and Coordination now includes the Output of Social Policy Advancement.

³ The Output Trade and Major Projects now includes the Output of NT Railway.

2005-06 Resources		What They Do
49 Staff	\$12.02 million	
40 Staff	\$10.12 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise the Chief Minister on activities and directions of Government Provide advice on inter-government relations issues Provide policy advice on whole-of-government community engagement Provide cross-agency coordination Provide agencies with strategic and risk assessment advice Provide whole-of-government strategic policy advice on Indigenous affairs
9 Staff	\$1.9 million	
22 Staff	\$39.22 million	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract investment Develop the AustralAsia Trade Route Promote key trade relationships Facilitate major projects Establish and manage the Darwin Waterfront Corporation Develop the Territory's relationships in the region Grant monies to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation Provide promotion and policy advice
131 Staff	\$23.17 million	
104 Staff	\$19.11 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to Executive Council and Cabinet Provide support to Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and staff
8 Staff	\$1.29 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide ceremonial, protocol and hospitality services
19 Staff	\$2.77 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide legislative drafting services Provide support to the Administrator Maintain and present Government House and the Administrator's Office
26 Staff	\$8.88 million	
4 Staff	\$1.01 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs for women in the Territory
5 Staff	\$0.99 million	
5 Staff	\$2.33 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs and sponsorships for youth in the Territory
5 Staff	\$0.89 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs and sponsorships for the multicultural community
7 Staff	Costs distributed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs and sponsorships for senior Territorians Provide agencies with advice on implementing community engagement activities
0 Staff	\$3.66 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide business support to Community Engagement Provide financial support to community organisations and events
42 Staff	Costs distributed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide corporate support and advice to all business units
270 staff	\$83.29 million	

⁴ Community Engagement Business Support costs are distributed across Community Engagement Outputs.

⁵ 100% of Corporate Support expenses are distributed across all Output Groups.

Output Costs

Output Group / Output	2005-06 Final Budget \$'000	2005-06 Actuals \$'000
Policy Advice and Public Sector Coordination	11 900	12 020
Policy Advice and Coordination	10 229	10 123
Indigenous Policy	1 671	1 897
Trade and Major Projects	6 438	*39 230
Trade and Major Projects	6 438	39 230
Government Business Support	23 251	23 167
Support to Executive, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition	18 945	19 110
Legislation Production	1 460	1 290
Support to Administrator and Government House	2 846	2 767
Community Engagement	8 829	8 881
Women's Advancement	1 094	1 005
Youth Advancement	937	993
Multicultural Advancement	2 321	2 331
Seniors' Advancement	844	896
Support to Community Organisations and Events	3 633	3 656
Total Operating Expenses:	50 418	83 298

* Refer to **Financial Statement Overview** for explanation of variance.

Output Group: Policy Advice and Public Sector Coordination

Provide strategic, Indigenous, economic and social policy advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet, monitor and coordinate the implementation of Government policies, research and communications, and provide risk management, business consulting and internal audit services across the public sector.

The outcome is informed policy decisions by Government and effective implementation of priorities across government.

Policy Advice and Coordination

Provide policy advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet across a broad range of Government interests at the local, national and international level. This includes:

- advice on Cabinet submissions, through comments to agencies and advice to the Chief Minister;
- monitoring and coordinating the implementation of Government's strategic directions; and
- provision of business risk assessments, business consulting and internal audit services to agencies.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide policy advice and coordinate Government priorities	\$10.23M	\$10.12M
Risk management projects completed	70	103
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	89%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	92%
Target dates for Risk Management Services draft reports met	>80%	83%
Cost		
Average cost of risk management projects	\$30,086	\$18,168

Indigenous Policy

Provide whole-of-government strategic policy advice on Indigenous affairs including:

- coordinating the development of policies and strategies to resolve Indigenous land issues;
- improving the social wellbeing and living conditions for Indigenous Territorians;
- enabling effective Indigenous governance and capacity building to develop sustainable communities; and
- communicating the Government's policies to both the Indigenous and wider communities.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide strategic advice and policy on Indigenous affairs	\$1.67M	\$1.90M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	93%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	92%

Executive

Performance in Detail

The Executive Unit leads the Department in ensuring the public sector implements Government's priorities effectively. It provides a corporate and strategic focus for Departmental activities and promotes a whole-of-government perspective on developing and implementing policy.

The unit fosters a corporate culture across the Territory that values integrity and honesty, professionalism, commitment and dedication and recognises the importance of supporting and developing its people.

The unit also ensures effective governance measures are in place to allow the Department to weigh competing objectives, risks and opportunities and find appropriate balance and direction.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across Government	<p>Provided strategic advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Ensured public sector implementation of Government's priorities.</p> <p>Provided whole-of-government leadership and coordination.</p> <p>Represented the Northern Territory's interests on national and inter-governmental councils, committees and working groups.</p> <p>Provided representation on national security and counter-terrorism forums.</p> <p>Chaired regular meetings of the Northern Territory Coordination Committee.</p> <p>Oversaw the progress of government task groups.</p>

Highlights

- Appointed a government coordinator on 7 April 2006 to lead the Katherine Region Recovery Taskforce, after the Katherine River flooded, affecting parts of the town of Katherine and nearby communities. The Taskforce coordinated a whole-of-government effort to quickly restore essential services and manage the recovery and reconstruction process. The Taskforce's role was completed by the end of May 2006 by which time ongoing responsibility reverted to individual agencies.
- Formed a Cyclone Monica Recovery Coordination Group on 26 April 2006, chaired by the Chief Executive, to coordinate recovery operations in areas affected by Tropical Cyclone Monica which impacted on the Northern Territory on 25 April 2006, particularly the communities of Goulburn Island, Maningrida, Oenpelli and Jabiru. Cyclone response included evacuation of Goulburn Island. Recovery operations comprised a coordinated whole-of-government effort to quickly restore essential services and to manage ongoing clean up and reconstruction.
- Provided Departmental input to the evacuation of Australian and other foreign nationals from East Timor in May 2006.
- Coordinated the Northern Territory's input to the development of national initiatives under COAG: the National Reform Agenda; Health Workforce Reforms; Planning for Human Influenza Pandemic; Climate Change and Water Reform.
- With Northern Territory Treasury, coordinated the Northern Territory Government's Priorities Review exercise which involved a review of priorities across agency activities.
- Coordinated the Northern Territory contribution to and participation in achieving outcomes of the Council of Australian Governments' meeting of 29 September 2005 on counter-terrorism initiatives, including:

- amendments to Northern Territory counter-terrorism laws;
- input to the National Strategy for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security; and
- worked with the Department of Health and Community Services to coordinate across-government contributions towards the preparation of a Special Counter Disaster Plan for Human Pandemic Influenza.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Provided a secretariat service to Cabinet.
- Convened and chaired regular meetings of the Coordination Committee, comprising chief executives of major government agencies and other key executives and office holders.
- Ensured the needs of the Northern Territory are considered at a national level through the Chief Executive representing the Northern Territory at national and inter-governmental forums. These included the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), the COAG Senior Officials' Meetings and the States and Territories Senior Officials' Meetings. When appropriate, the Chief Executive also represented the Territory's interests to national and international industry, business and investors. This role is central to supporting the achievement of Government objectives.
- Provided leadership, coordination and advice in relation to major projects.
- Chaired regular meetings of the Chief Executive's Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs and provided across-agency leadership.
- Provided support for the Cabinet Budget Sub-Committee.
- Coordinated whole-of-government involvement in security and counter-terrorism across a range of initiatives and issues. The Department provides a senior officer as a member of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee and provides representation on appropriate sub-committees and working groups.

Outlook

- Continue to strengthen mechanisms to enhance cross-government coordination.
- Support the achievement of Government objectives.
- Continue to take part in national policy development and security forums with a clear focus on preserving and promoting the Territory's interests.
- Ensure that work continues across the Department to:
 - refine and develop business processes;
 - put in place measures to ensure the Department has the skills and experience to meet future needs and demands; and
 - protect the continuity of government business.

Regional Support

Performance in Detail

The Regional Support Executive is based in Alice Springs. Its role is to implement and work with other agencies to facilitate the directions and priorities of Government in the southern region of the Northern Territory. The Office also provides support to representatives of the Department in Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	Worked closely with departmental representatives to develop regional development plans and secure Government support to implement key initiatives in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.
Supporting economic development	Chaired the Regional Coordination Committee in each region to develop plans aimed at major projects and creating job opportunities for regional Territorians.
Providing leadership across Government	Coordinated and supported government agencies to develop regional programs and projects in support of regional Territorians.

Highlights

Alice Springs

- Helped finalise negotiations on funding for the construction of the Desert Peoples Centre and the Business and Innovation Centre at the Desert Knowledge Precinct.
- Facilitated the transfer of community engagement functions to the region.
- Worked with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to see the commencement of Stages One and Two of the Mereenie Loop Road, estimated at \$13.9 million.
- Instigated through the Quality of Life project funding to upgrade Stuart Lodge as a short-term accommodation facility.
- Conducted an extensive community engagement process to assess the success and future direction of Alice in Ten.
- Strengthened partnerships with Lhere Artepe through involvement with the development of cultural protocols.

Tennant Creek

- Facilitated the development the Main Street Master Plan for Tennant Creek.
- Provided input into the development of an Alcohol Management Plan for Tennant Creek (through membership of the Barkly Safer Regions Committee).

Katherine

- Finalised negotiations to allow land granted under the Borroloola No.Two Land Claim to be handed over to the traditional owners on 28 June 2006. This land claim was the first land claim lodged under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act*.
- Participated in negotiations with the Northern Land Council to allow land in Borroloola to be released for the proposed government centre and residential blocks.

Nhulunbuy

- Negotiated the construction of the Nhulunbuy Special Care Centre.
- Drafted the Groote Eylandt Liquor Management Plan.
- Facilitated the construction of 21 Government Employee Housing accommodation units in Alyangula, which were completed and officially opened in May 2006.
- Employed a government coordinator to facilitate cooperation between the Northern Territory Government and Alcan as part of the \$2 billion refinery expansion.

Outcomes and Achievements

All Regions

- Provided clear and consistent advice to the Chief Minister, Minister for Central Australia and the Chief Executive on matters impacting in regional centres.
- Conducted strategic planning workshops in Katherine and Alice for the Regional Coordination Committee to identify critical issues in both regions.
- Assisted OzGREEN with the first Youth LEAD program in the Northern Territory. Youth LEAD is a training program designed to give young people the skills they need to contribute to an environmentally sustainable future.
- Assisted with the establishment of economic committees in all regions.

Alice Springs

- Completed two regional projects through facilitating graduate placements.
- Facilitated priority projects under the Alice in Ten initiatives.
- Facilitated a Youth Forum to coincide with International Youth Day.
- Participated in the drafting of the Alcohol Management Plan for Alice Springs.
- Developed the Special Events Guidelines in consultation with stakeholders.

Tennant Creek

- Worked with other government stakeholders to develop new alcohol restrictions for Tennant Creek.

Katherine

- Transferred \$3.5 million to the Katherine Town Council to allow work to commence on the \$14 million Katherine Cultural Precinct. The regional office has been involved in all stages of the development of this major capital works project.
- Facilitated a workshop to progress the Katherine Investment Strategy.
- Coordinated the response to the flood in Katherine in April 2006 and facilitated the recovery phase.
- Participated in the preparation of a development plan for Nitmiluk and Jawoyn land.
- Investigated options and feasibility of building a government centre at Borroloola.

Nhulunbuy

- Contributed \$120,000 towards the cost of the infrastructure for a project to build, own and sublease low cost, low rental unit accommodation for the non-Alcan private sector. A Nhulunbuy consortium was awarded the contract.
- Established regular meetings with the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association to discuss priorities for road maintenance programs.
- Drafted the East Arnhem Regional Development Strategy.
- Drafted the Gove Peninsula Youth Development Action Plan.

Outlook

- Facilitate regional planning in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.
- Work with newly created Regional Economic Committees to support development initiatives for regional communities.
- Improve coordination of whole-of-government service delivery in regional and remote areas.
- Strengthen relationships with all tiers of government to ensure more effective use of available resources.
- Position regional Northern Territory more effectively as a great place to live, work and invest.
- In consultation with stakeholders, facilitate a more coordinated approach to service delivery.

Policy and Coordination

Performance in Detail

The main role of the Policy and Coordination Unit is to provide policy advice to the Chief Minister, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive and to coordinate inter-governmental relations as appropriate. The unit provides advice on Cabinet Submissions and contributes whole-of-government responses on a range of issues.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across Government	<p>Advised the Chief Minister, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive on policy matters.</p> <p>Coordinated whole-of-government responses to inter-governmental issues.</p> <p>Provided central agency input into policy development by other agencies.</p> <p>Advised other agencies on preparing submissions and facilitating inter-governmental relationships.</p>
Supporting the machinery of Government	<p>Reviewed significant legislative processes.</p> <p>Represented the Northern Territory as advisers on international treaty negotiations.</p> <p>Coordinated Northern Territory responses to submissions and inquiries.</p>

Highlights

- Coordinated the Northern Territory Government's involvement in the work of the Council of Australian Governments.
- Prepared and coordinated the Northern Territory Government's responses to Productivity Commission inquiries and research. The Unit has a representative on the Review of Government Service Steering Committee and is responsible for reporting issues raised by committee members to the National Steering Committee.
- Consulted on and coordinated Northern Territory Government responses to a range of trade agreements that are of strategic interest to States and Territories, including:
 - *Australia – China Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation);
 - *Malaysia – Australia Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation);
 - *ASEAN - NZ - Australia Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation);
 - *United Arab Emirates – Australia Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation);
 - *Australia – Thailand Free Trade Agreement* (possible amendments concerning services, investment, competition, business mobility, rules of origin and government procurement currently under negotiation – placed on hold in 2005 while Thailand observed caretaker conventions);
 - *Australia – Singapore Free Trade Agreement* (ongoing scheduled joint reviews);
 - *Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement* (ongoing joint reviews and Joint Committee activities);
 - *Australia – Gulf Cooperation Council Trade and Economic Framework* (non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to set out an action agenda on trade and investment facilitation under negotiation);
 - *Egypt: Trade and Economic Framework* (non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate economic cooperation through policy and business development initiatives under negotiation); and
 - *WTO Doha Round* (in particular Australia's services offer and requests made to Australia pursuant to the *General Agreement on Trade in Services*).

- Consulted on and coordinated Northern Territory Government responses on:
 - Draft United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (under development);
 - Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Northern Territory and Western Australia have been the nominated States/Territories representatives in the Australian Government delegations to the UN Working Group for a number of years – under development); and
 - Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (under development).
- Maintained active membership of the Cross-Jurisdictional Review (CJR) Forum, concerning the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement and the Mutual Recognition Agreement.
- Provided Northern Territory input to periodic reports by the Australian Government to United Nations Human Rights Committees.
- Participated in a review of legislation regarding environmental protection in the Territory and discussions regarding the establishment of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This included examination of effectiveness of regulatory provisions and the assessment process for development proposals.
- Developed new strategies to strengthen the Partnership Agreement between Charles Darwin University and the Northern Territory Government. As the Government contact point for the agreement, the unit actively promoted and strengthened the Partnership Agreement across agencies, the University and the broader community.
- Coordinated whole-of-government submissions and responses to the Australian Government regarding the proposed radioactive waste management facility to be constructed in the Northern Territory.
- Assisted in developing the Territory Government response to the Australian Government in relation to the operational upgrade of the immigration detention facility to detain illegal fishers located in Berrimah.
- Participated in the review and amendment of the *Information Act* and related Acts in the lead up to the termination of the sunset clause on 1 July 2006.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Worked, through the CDU/NTG Partnership Agreement Secretariat, to:
 - develop and implement a *Framework for Staff Sharing Arrangements* between Charles Darwin University and the Northern Territory Government;
 - develop a protocol to encourage Northern Territory Government agencies to sponsor CDU Work Integrated Learning Scholarships;
 - revise the *Procurement Policy under the Partnership Agreement* in line with revised Northern Territory Government Procurement Directions, effective 1 March 2006;
 - coordinate a scoping exercise for scenario planning in the Northern Territory.
- Continued discussions to resolve outstanding issues with the introduction of the new *Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Act*.
- Coordinated research and whole-of-government responses to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) on items dealing with the security of radioactive waste and the operation of a radioactive waste management facility.
- Briefed Cabinet on the ARPANSA submissions.
- Maintained effective coordination of the Northern Territory Government's Competition Impact Analysis (CIA) process and provided advice to agencies, ensuring that proposals for new or amending legislation were scrutinised for impacts on both competition and business. The CIA function was formally transferred to NT Treasury in May 2006. Prior to this, 51 legislative proposals were scrutinised.

Outlook

- Support other agencies in developing sound policy proposals for Government.
- Maintain effective coordination of the Northern Territory Government's involvement with the ongoing work of the Council of Australian Governments.
- Maintain a watching brief on a wide range of potential treaty actions and seek detailed briefs when necessary from the Australian Government through the Standing Committee on Treaties (SCOT) forum.
- Provide input to the Australian Government for its periodic reports to United Nations Human Rights Committees. For 2006-07, the Australian Government will seek further input to finalise the combined report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights.
- Commence the 2006-2011 CDU/NTG Partnership Agreement and implement recommendations from the CDU/NTG Partnership Agreement Review.
- Maintain the Northern Territory Government's inter-governmental agreements database and files.

Risk Management Services

Performance in Detail

Risk Management Services provides a centralised business consulting, risk management and internal audit service to Northern Territory Government agencies.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of Government	Provided Chief Executives with quality strategic consulting services and advice.

Highlights

- Contributed to the Government's Priorities Review by coordinating projects in a number of agencies and taking carriage of the Review of Corporate Services.
- Completed a major review of the Partnership Agreement between Charles Darwin University and the Northern Territory Government.
- Conducted risk assessments for Department of Employment, Education and Training's Building Better Schools initiative, including the new Middle Years program.
- Acted as a catalyst for agencies to increase their expertise in business continuity planning to address matters such as major disaster and human pandemic.
- Conducted a risk assessment review of the popular Finke Desert Race.
- Assisted with implementing changes involved with the realignment of agency responsibilities and formation of new agencies.
- Provided significant support to the operations of the Arafura Games by:
 - assessing future risks associated with staging the event;
 - compiling an economic and participant assessment of the event; and
 - developing a series of recommendations to improve the management of knowledge about Games operations.
- Increased recognition by agencies of the value of strategic interventions conducted by Risk Management Services staff.
- Contributed to the implementation of the new procurement directions by providing a grievance and investigation service.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Increased the level of acceptance in agencies of the benefits of integrating risk management into their decision making.
- Completed 103 projects with a client satisfaction level greater than 80 per cent.
- Conducted 15 Strategic Business Risk Assessments for agencies, ten Operational Risk Assessments and four Project Management Risk Assessments at unit level within agencies using our proprietary Risk Mat[®] toolset.
- Conducted 74 reviews for government agencies. Of these, 23 per cent were carried out with in-house consultants and 62 per cent by local contractors, while 15 per cent utilised expertise sourced from interstate.
- Contributed to 15 agencies achieving their outcomes by conducting Strategic Business Risk Assessments, Operational Risk Assessments and reviews of financial management, governance systems, corporate support processes, information management and business systems.
- Commissioned a range of probity audits for major Government contracts.
- Managed two fraud investigations.
- Commenced a range of Operational Risk Assessments in several Northern Territory Parks.

- Provided advice to 13 audit committees.
- Supported two staff members in becoming qualified as Government Investigators.
- Developed tools for agencies to use to assess information security and internal governance processes.

Outlook

- Continue to provide high-quality services to Chief Executives and their agencies.
- Maintain sound and proactive relationships with clients.
- Improve and diversify the skills and knowledge of internal consultants.
- Add to the suite of corporate business tools that can be used to assess and manage risk.

Communications and Marketing

Performance in Detail

The Communications and Marketing Unit provides corporate communication and marketing services to the Department of the Chief Minister as well as strategic communication policy and coordination at a whole-of-government level.

The unit works with the Trade and Major Projects Division to position the Northern Territory nationally and internationally as a great place to live, work and invest.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across Government	Coordinated communications issues with a whole-of-government impact. Developed whole-of-government policies and procedures in marketing and communications. Delivered marketing and communications support to other government agencies.
Supporting economic development	Positioned the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest.

Highlights

- Marketed the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest.
- Conducted the Skilled Worker Recruitment Campaign.
- Created and published a new business magazine, *Territory Q*.
- Developed the common Northern Territory Government brand.

Outcomes and Achievements

Territory Marketing and Investment Attraction

- Produced a comprehensive range of promotional materials to promote the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest, not only for government agencies, but also for Territory businesses. Some of these materials are also sent to interstate applicants for government and private sector positions. The materials included:
 - *Fresh Lifestyles* – promotes the Territory lifestyle to attract people to the Territory;
 - *Major Developments* – promotes major NT projects to support the attraction of business, investment and skilled labour to the Territory;
 - *AustralAsia Trade Route* – promotes the trade route to importers and exporters to ultimately increasing their use of the route;
 - *Timor Sea Gas* – informs on and promotes the Timor Sea gas province to attract exploration and investment;
 - *At A Glance* – provides a wide-ranging snapshot of the Territory and its economy through useful statistics;
 - *Investor Infosheets* – economic data for business and investors;
 - *Fresh Territory* – supports the skilled worker attraction campaign.
 - *Business Territory* – provides a weekly snapshot of major news from the Territory economy;
 - *Life at the Top* - promotes the Top End Darwin lifestyle in a 13-minute DVD to help attract residents to NT;
 - *Territory Showcase* – promotes the Territory in a two-minute DVD providing a quick visual snapshot;

- *Territory Fact Sheets* – a suite of fact sheets providing general information on the Territory;
- *Territory Presentation* – A PowerPoint introduction to the Territory, focusing on the economy and industry sectors; and
- *www.theterritory.com.au* – a website promoting the Territory as a place to live, work, invest and do business.
- Created and produced the first two issues of a new quarterly full-colour magazine, *Territory Q*, which aims to:
 - keep our own business community up to date with what is happening across the Territory's economic landscape; and
 - alert a wider national and international business audience to the many business and investment opportunities available in the Northern Territory.

The subscription list for the magazine grew quickly following its launch. Almost five thousand copies of each of the first two editions have been distributed.

Skilled Worker Recruitment Campaign

- Conducted Stage Two of the campaign, which ran from June to August 2005 and attracted 2031 enquiries. It included:
 - running a national print advertising campaign in selected magazines and journals and a national radio advertising campaign;
 - distributing a new Territory magazine, *Resident*, and the monthly newsletter, *Fresh Territory*;
 - working with employers and national recruitment agencies;
 - holding discussions with members of the Business Council about interstate information evenings;
 - distributing information packs for guests at selected hotels and motels across the Territory;
 - consulting and coordinating with other government agencies; and
 - conducting market research analysis.
- Commenced Stage Three of the campaign, which ran from November 2005 to June 2006. Stage Three did not include significant print advertising, however 620 new enquiries have been received. It included:
 - an information evening held in Sydney to promote work and lifestyle opportunities in the Territory;
 - a competition for new residents designed to provide quantitative and qualitative information to be used for planning future marketing activities;
 - an online information campaign;
 - an advertising feature in the Daily Telegraph highlighting opportunities in mining and exploration; and
 - working with national recruitment agencies.

Policy and Coordination

- Supported and managed the creation of two committees established by Cabinet to achieve effective and consistent communication of government programs and activities:
 - the Cabinet Communications Committee ensures a planned, coordinated and strategic approach to the Northern Territory Government's communication strategies and programs; and
 - the Communications Advisory Committee advises to the Cabinet Communications Committee.
- Developed the Northern Territory common brand and processes to apply the brand across the whole-of-government. Jurisdictions across Australia are moving to a single logo and style policy, leading to considerable savings on developing standard corporate materials such as stationery, corporate documents and plans, major reports and websites.

Outlook

- Conduct Stage Four of the skilled worker recruitment campaign from July 2006, with elements including:
 - publishing targeted advertisements in a number of high-profile magazines: *Reader's Digest*, *Woman's Weekly*, *Wheels*, *Woman's Day*, *Super Food Ideas*, *Ralph*, *That's Life*, *FHM*, *Modern Fishing*, *New Idea*, New Zealand's *Woman's Weekly* and New Zealand's *Woman's Day*;
 - attendance at careers expos in Brisbane and Sydney; and
 - hosting an information evening in Newcastle.
- Further develop the processes for application of the Northern Territory Government common brand across agencies.
- Capitalise on the Northern Territory Government website as a marketing tool, with a particular focus on developing appropriate front page content.

Indigenous Policy

Performance in Detail

The Office of Indigenous Policy provides high level whole-of-government strategic policy advice on Indigenous affairs, including:

- ensuring Indigenous issues are a fundamental consideration across government, and building capacity across the Northern Territory Public Sector to address Indigenous issues, including systems issues;
- working with agencies across government to develop and implement strategic and targeted interventions in areas such as governance, housing and infrastructure, health, education, safer communities and economic development;
- coordinating the development of policies and strategies to resolve outstanding and future land issues;
- communicating the Government's policies to the Indigenous and the wider community; and
- monitoring progress in overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across Government	<p>Facilitated whole-of-government and whole-of-community approaches to Indigenous service delivery and to progressing inter-governmental agreements.</p> <p>Supported ministerial councils such as the Ministerial Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and the Council of Australian Governments.</p> <p>Improved Northern Territory Public Sector policy capacity to address Indigenous issues, including by enhancing monitoring, evaluation and research capability.</p>
Supporting social development	<p>Worked with the Australian Government to improve bilateral arrangements, streamline service delivery and adopt whole-of-government approaches to delivering services.</p> <p>Worked with the Australian Government and in consultation with stakeholders to support community development activities across Northern Territory communities, including setting targets for comprehensive improvement in several priority communities.</p>
Connecting the community with Government	<p>Communicated Government policies and programs on Indigenous affairs to Indigenous Territorians and the wider community.</p> <p>Promoted community consultation and understanding on a range of issues, including through field visits, community forums and evidence-based policy making.</p>
Supporting economic development	<p>Promoted the development of Indigenous economic opportunities, including negotiating and implementing a bilateral agreement.</p>

Highlights

- Contributed to the Northern Territory's implementation of the Eight Point Plan to address petrol sniffing, announced in September 2005 by the Australian Government.
- Supported the implementation of the *Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs* and its related schedules, including:
 - facilitating the development of a new schedule on Indigenous Economic Development;
 - overseeing and progressing the development of new schedules addressing the priorities in the agreement;
 - coordinating bilateral discussions; and
 - starting an implementation review of the Agreement to evaluate its success in achieving its objectives and to inform future work under the agreement.
- Developed a whole-of-government *Agenda for Action*, outlining a comprehensive approach to addressing Indigenous disadvantage.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Led negotiations with the Australian Government to develop plans for comprehensive bilateral support to agreed priority towns, the first of which are Alice Springs and Galiwin'ku.
- Presented important new research on Indigenous demographics to the Ministerial Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSIA).
- Assisted in laying the groundwork for a new generational plan that will set ambitious but achievable targets to address entrenched levels of disadvantage in Australia's Indigenous population over the next 20 years.
- Took the lead in negotiations over support of Indigenous environment, land and sea management in the Northern Territory.
- Produced two further editions of *Common Ground*, the news magazine for communicating the Government's policies and programs in Indigenous affairs.
- Facilitated and supported a policy review of Aboriginal Community Living Areas, including a comprehensive survey of all existing Community Living Areas.
- Continued to provide high-level policy advice to government, including through continued support of the Chief Executives' Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs.

Outlook

- Continue the development of new bilateral agreements and the implementation review of the *Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs*.
- In cooperation with the Australian Government, develop and implement further initiatives to address petrol sniffing.
- Provide guidance and support to the implementation of the Alice Springs Town Camps Taskforce report.
- Further develop a generational plan to address Indigenous disadvantage in the long term.
- Produce the first biennial report outlining the Government's efforts and outcomes.

Output Group: Trade and Major Projects (incorporating Territory Development)

Lead Government's efforts to grow the Territory's international trade and to secure new investment, particularly through the facilitation of major economic development projects, and the promotion and marketing of the Territory in the following core areas:

- Territory investment attraction and marketing;
- promoting key trade relationships;
- managing the Territory's obligations and entitlements in relation to the Alice Springs to Darwin railway and the railway corridor;
- establishing and managing the Darwin Waterfront Corporation;
- developing the AustralAsia Trade Route;
- positioning Darwin as Australia's Asian gateway;
- developing the Territory's long-term relationships in the region; and
- facilitating major projects including the development of Timor Sea gas resources for liquefied natural gas, power generation, downstream gas-based manufacturing and the national energy grid.

The outcome is stimulating ongoing economic activity by broadening the Territory's economic base, maximising local industry participation in major projects and increasing employment opportunities.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to facilitate projects and provide strategic advice	\$6.44M	\$39.23M*
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	86%
Timeliness		
Projects progressed and advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	87%

* Refer to Financial Statement Overview for explanation of variance.

Trade and Major Projects

Performance in Detail

The Trade and Major Projects Division facilitates major economic projects and resource development, works to attract business to the Territory, and promotes Territory trade and business opportunities across Australia and throughout the wider Asian region. The Division works with other Government agencies to help the private sector in developing major projects such as the \$3 billion Bayu-Undan gas field and 500km pipeline to Darwin, the \$1.6 billion Darwin Liquid Natural Gas Plant and Alcan's \$2 billion expansion of the Gove Alumina Refinery.

The Trade and Major Projects Division promotes the Territory's competitive advantages and works to build closer economic ties with our Asian neighbours. The Division works in partnership with key stakeholders, including industry, professional associations, peak bodies, investors and government counterparts, to secure economic growth and employment for the Territory.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Creating jobs for Territorians	Worked with business and industry to deliver projects that will leverage private sector investment in Territory development.
Leadership of cross-agency coordination	Provided leadership to agencies in trade, Asian relations and major project facilitation.

Highlights

- Secured a new regular monthly shipping service between Shanghai and Darwin.
- Darwin Liquid Natural Gas Plant (\$1.6 billion) - commissioning and first shipment of gas from the plant at Wickham point in February 2006.
- Delivered the Territory's Skilled Worker Recruitment Campaign, which significantly raised awareness of employment opportunities in the Territory across Australia and New Zealand.
- Signing of the Sunrise Treaty on Certain Maritime Matters on 12 January 2006. As part of this treaty the Sunrise International Unitisation Treaty has been ratified by the Government of Timor L'este.
- Signing of the Heads of Agreement by Eni Australia and the Northern Territory Power and Water Corporation in December 2005, for the development of the Blacktip field to supply gas for power generation from 2009.

Outcomes and Achievements

- In conjunction with the Land Development Corporation, helped secure contracts by a number of freight forwarders to establish facilities at the Business Park later in 2006.
- In conjunction with Darwin Port Corporation, helped deliver new bulk handling facilities to East Arm to assist in the development of new bulk mineral exports via East Arm, which commenced June 2006.
- Negotiated draft contractual arrangements to establish a Classified Goods Facility at Hidden Valley that potentially can deliver new private sector investment to support the AustralAsia Trade Route.
- Delivered the Global Freight Connect 2005 International Conference in October 2005.
- Delivered the Indonesian Mining Procurement Forum in Darwin in March 2006.
- Directly promoted the AustralAsia Trade Route, in conjunction with FreightLink and other strategic partners, at international freight and shipping conferences held in Surabaya, Bangkok and Shanghai.
- Undertook and completed supply chain studies for the retail and chemical reagents industries to support the business case for these industries to use the AustralAsia Trade Route.
- Hosted the National Investment Advisory Board meeting in Darwin in May 2006.

- Jointly hosted the Australian Industry Group's Defence Council meeting in Darwin in September 2005.
- Together with Institute for International Research, delivered the 12th South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference from 18 to 21 June 2006, northern Australia's largest and longest established petroleum conference, representing industry development in the region.
- Contributed to the Northern Territory Economic Development Summit in November 2005 including preparation of papers, and input to future directions and output papers.
- Worked with Charles Darwin University to develop the Northern Territory's gift to Indonesia on its 60th Anniversary of Independence: a vocational development program for 20 nurses. The Charles Darwin University developed the program, which has been accredited by the Nurses Registration Board. The program commenced at the Charles Darwin University in mid-May 2006.
- Hosted three delegations from the Tibetan Autonomous Region and Gansu and Anhui provinces of China. The areas of interest included the workings of the government departments, and the Northern Territory's justice system. These visits were also undertaken to strengthen bilateral relations with the Northern Territory.
- Hosted Brunei Indonesia Malaysia Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Darwin Dialogue on 23 and 24 May 2006. Topics of interest and discussion included ecotourism and issues relating to market access.
- Provided part sponsorship for a football team to participate in Kupang anniversary celebrations. The Northern Territory Government partly sponsored a female football team to participate in a tournament held as part of the tenth anniversary of the Kupang Municipality celebrations. The tournament was held from 24 to 26 April 2006.

Outlook

- Continue to promote the development of downstream gas-based manufacturing in Darwin.
- Host the APEC 2007 Energy Ministers meeting.
- Coordinate the Department's response on energy policies.
- Promote the Territory's opportunities at the Australia Investment Conference.
- Continue to promote the AustralAsia Trade Route and attract further shipping services.
- Market and promote Katherine as a regional freight hub.
- Undertake trade and business development initiatives with Indonesia, China, Vietnam and the BIMP-EAGA region.
- Promote the export potential of the Territory's services sector.
- Coordinate Northern Territory Government participation at APPEA 2007 and coordinate delivery of SEAAOC 2007.
- Achieve trilateral cooperation between the Northern Territory, the Indonesian province of Nusa Tenggara Timur and East Timor.
- Continue to build relationships with BIMP-EAGA nations.

Output Group: NT Railway

This output group is now incorporated into the Trade and Major Projects Output Group.

Output Group: Government Business Support

Provide administrative and protocol support to the Administrator, Chief Minister, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition, secretariat services to Executive Council and Cabinet, legislation drafting and publishing services, and the maintenance and upkeep of Government House.

The outcome is efficient operation of Executive Government.

Support to Executive, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition

Provide operational advice, administrative support, hospitality services and advice on protocol matters to the Chief Minister, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition, as well as secretariat services to Executive Council and Cabinet.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide support	\$18.95M	\$19.10M
Official hospitality and ceremonial events	250	192
Hosted visits	18	20
Quality		
Stakeholder satisfaction	>80%	93%
Timeliness		
Advice and support provided within required timeframes	>80%	95%

Legislation Production

Provide legislation drafting services, including the drafting of bills for Acts, subordinate legislation and statutory instruments. Provide advice about legislation to Government and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Publish legislation to meet government and community needs.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Pages of legislation drafted	3 500	2 510
Quality	>85%	93%
Client satisfaction		
Timeliness		
Deadlines met	100%	100%
Legislation available online within five working days of commencement	>85%	98%
Cost		
Average cost per page of legislation drafted	\$417	\$513

Support to Administrator and Government House

Provide administrative, secretarial, hospitality and ceremonial support to the Administrator, and maintain and upkeep Government House.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide support to the Administrator	\$2.08M	\$2.00M
Cost of maintaining Government House buildings and grounds	\$0.77M	\$0.77M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	95%
Timeliness		
Advice and support provided within required timeframes	>80%	95%

Protocol

Performance in Detail

The Protocol Unit advises Government on all aspects of ceremony, official hospitality and protocol. The Unit also arranges and supervises official hospitality and ceremonial activities for Government, coordinates arrangements for dignitary visits and manages Government's VIP vehicle fleet.

These services help Government promote the Territory as a place to live, work and invest; contribute to the growth of stronger national and international relationships; and help foster a strong community spirit through recognising achievement and celebrating important events.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of Government	<p>Provided timely and comprehensive advice on ceremonial, protocol and hospitality matters.</p> <p>Arranged and managed ceremonies and official hospitality for the Chief Minister, Ministers and guests of Government.</p> <p>Arranged and managed programs for visiting dignitaries.</p> <p>Managed the VIP vehicle fleet and VIP drivers.</p> <p>Provided a photographic service for the Department and other Northern Territory Government agencies.</p>

Highlights

- Managed more than 200 functions for the Chief Minister and Ministers including:
 - festivities for Territory Day in all major population centres with fireworks displays, flag raising and official receptions;
 - the Territory Day Award;
 - State Funeral service and reception in Alice Springs for the late Mr W Rubuntja Pengarte;
 - the Northern Territory portion of the royal visit by the King and Queen of Sweden; and
 - official luncheons, dinners and receptions for sponsors, participants and volunteers associated with Northern Territory sporting events such as AFLNT matches, V8 Supercars and the Darwin Cup.
- Coordinated with the Australian Government Department of Defence on the Proliferation of Security Initiative Exercise and for the keynote address by Federal Minister for Defence, Hon. Brendan Nelson, and a media conference and reception in Parliament House;
- Facilitated the Chief Minister's hospitality for the 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Arranged official programs for visits by foreign dignitaries and VIPs in addition to ensuring their safety and security. Visiting dignitaries include those from Chile, France, Syria, United Kingdom, Fiji, Italy, Sweden, Portugal, Finland, Denmark, Japan, Timor L'este, Switzerland, the European Union, USA, Indonesia, Iran, Philippines, Spain and the Czech Republic.
- Provided VIP transport services to the Chief Minister, Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, Supreme Court Judges and visiting dignitaries.

Outlook

- Provide planning assistance and Ministers' hospitality for Government-supported sporting activities such as Cricket Australia's July 2006 Darwin program, Alice Springs Masters Games and 2007 Arafura Games.
- Continue to implement measures to ensure more cost effective expenditure relating to overall hospitality provided to Ministers.
- Continue cross training within the unit to build staff skills involving official hospitality and visits.
- Continue to consult with stakeholders to improve budget and operational efficiency.
- Manage Government hospitality associated with APEC 2007.

Cabinet Support

Performance in Detail

The Cabinet Office provides secretariat services to the Northern Territory Cabinet, Executive Council, Department of the Chief Minister and the Remuneration Tribunal. The Office also provides assistance and produces information guides to support government agencies in managing Government boards, committees and statutory bodies. The Office advises Ministers and Northern Territory Public Sector agencies on machinery of Government matters and manages a range of whole-of-government databases including monitoring of Government commitments.

The Office manages the Community Cabinet program, through which Cabinet visits communities throughout the Territory to meet and talk directly with Territorians about the issues affecting them.

The Office is responsible for the 'In Your Parliament' newspaper feature and website, which provide information about the legislation, ministerial statements and ministerial reports dealt with by the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across Government	Effectively managed Cabinet processes to facilitate cross-agency input into the development of key policy initiatives. Monitored the implementation of Cabinet decisions and election commitments.
Supporting the machinery of Government	Provided support services that facilitate the effective operation of Cabinet, Community Cabinet and Executive Council.

Highlights

- Coordinated arrangements for the swearing-in of a new Ministry and the making of a new Administrative Arrangements Order on 11 July 2005 following a ministerial reshuffle and changes in structure to the Northern Territory Public Service.
- Implemented the recommendations of the Remuneration Tribunal in its 2004 Report on Statutory Bodies. The *Remuneration Tribunal Act* and the *Remuneration Tribunal (Statutory Bodies) Act* were repealed and the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act* was enacted on 26 April 2006.
- Implemented a website (www.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislation/boards.html) that provides information about the remuneration and administration of Government boards and committees.
- Issued a handbook of guidance materials for members of Government boards, committees and statutory bodies.
- Organised nine Community Cabinet visits to Palmerston, Tiwi Islands, Larrakeyah, Alice Springs, Marrara, Palmerston, Katherine, Anmatjere and Alyawarr Regions, and Timber Creek and Yarralin.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Managed 1,879 Ministerial correspondence items in 2005-06, compared with 2,010 in 2004-05.
- Managed 190 Cabinet Submissions in 2005-06, compared with 254 in 2004-05. These figures exclude Budget Cabinet and Executive Council Submissions considered by Cabinet.
- Managed 100 Executive Council submissions, compared with 113 in 2004-05.
- Provided secretariat services to the Remuneration Tribunal, including assistance with inquiries into the remuneration and entitlements of magistrates, and members of the Legislative Assembly.
- Re-designed databases to monitor Government commitments and the agency's ministerial correspondence.
- Developed a new reporting framework for Cabinet decision implementation across government.

- Instituted regular reporting on the Government's legislation program to Cabinet.
- Provided formal training on executive government processes for ministerial and agency staff, and Northern Territory Treasury's Finance Officers in Training.

Outlook

- Implement a new Cabinet Submission template and materials to improve the quality of proposals presented to Cabinet by government agencies.
- Implement a register of people interested in serving on Northern Territory Government boards and committees.
- Coordinate across-government training on procedures for drafting proposals for legislation.
- Coordinate forums for senior secretariat officers to meet to consider ways to improve processes, to better support Ministers and agencies.
- Further enhancement of ministerial correspondence, Government commitment, and government executive reporting databases to provide better and more timely information to Ministers and Government.

Legislation Production

Performance in Detail

The Office of the Parliamentary Counsel provides legislative drafting services for the Northern Territory Government, private members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory and statutory authorities. The Office drafts:

- Bills for introduction in the Legislative Assembly that, when passed and assented to, become Acts of the Northern Territory;
- subordinate legislation for making by the Administrator, judges and magistrates, councils and other statutory authorities; and
- statutory instruments for making by the Administrator, Ministers and statutory office holders.

The Office prepares Northern Territory legislation and related documents for publication in hard copy form, and publishes Northern Territory legislation electronically.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of Government	Produced legislation.

Highlights

- Drafted and finalised 50 Bills for introduction in the Legislative Assembly or release for public consultation, of which 42 were Government Bills and eight were private members' Bills.
- Drafted five sets of committee stage amendments.
- Drafted and settled 76 sets of subordinate legislation and 752 miscellaneous statutory instruments, of which 50 were pro-forma instruments.
- Prepared 23 legislation titles for reprinting.
- Prepared annual volumes for 2005 for printing.
- Prepared Index to Legislation for printing in July 2005 and January 2006.
- Updated the Current Northern Territory Legislation database 239 times.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Drafted a range of significant pieces of new legislation including:
 - *Youth Justice Act 2005*;
 - *Community Justice Centre Act 2005*;
 - *Alcohol Court Act 2006*;
 - *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*;
 - *Defamation Act 2006*;
 - *Victims of Crime Rights and Services Act 2006*;
 - *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006*;
 - *Terrorism (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act 2006*;
 - *Darwin Waterfront Corporation Act 2006*;
 - *Vexatious Proceedings Act 2006*; and
 - *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2006*.

Outlook

- Continue to provide a highly professional legislative drafting service that meets the demands of clients from within existing resources.

Government House

Performance in Detail

Government House supports the Administrator of the Northern Territory to enable the performance of statutory, ceremonial, representational and public duties associated with the Office, and to promote community awareness of the past and present roles of the Administrator and the historical significance of Government House.

Government House provides an official hospitality venue and service for the Administrator on behalf of the Territory, to host visits from national and international dignitaries and prominent business representatives; conduct investitures and ceremonies for the presentation of honours and awards to citizens who have been recognised for merit, bravery, services or personal achievement; and present Administrator's Medals and other awards for high achievement.

Government House is maintained at a standard appropriate to the Office and for the benefit of the people of the Territory. The property is preserved and managed in a planned way, ensuring the functional requirements of the asset are met in accordance with the Burra Charter and the Northern Territory *Heritage Conservation Act* and related conservation and heritage requirements.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of Government	<p>Fulfilled statutory, ceremonial and representational duties.</p> <p>Hosted visits from national and international dignitaries and prominent business representatives.</p> <p>Provided administrative, secretarial and hospitality support to the Administrator.</p> <p>Ensured conservation, maintenance and upkeep of Government House.</p>

Highlights

- Launched the inaugural Abala Sports Role Model Awards.
- Facilitated Administrator's participation, as National Patron, in Year of the Outback activities within the Territory and interstate.
- Conducted four investitures for recipients of Australian Honours and other awards, with a total of 24 recipients invested.
- Arranged for the Administrator to travel throughout the Northern Territory including Alice Springs, Katherine, Tiwi Islands, Groote Eylandt and interstate to Melbourne, and to South Australia and Western Australia urban and remote centres, in performing statutory, ceremonial, representational and public duties associated with the office.
- Hosted a function in honour of the King and Queen of Sweden in Alice Springs.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Supported an extensive program of activities for His Honour Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory, his spouse, Ms Nerys Evans, and the Deputy of the Administrator, Mrs Pat Miller AO, including:
 - assented to 52 proposed laws under Section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of the Commonwealth*;
 - presided at 20 Executive Council Meetings;
 - received 130 official courtesy calls from Ambassadors, Consuls, High Commissioners, Vice Regal and other VIPs to the Territory;
 - delivered 104 speeches;

- hosted the Queen's Birthday Reception at Government House with a total of 250 guests attending;
 - hosted 127 official functions at Government House including Government House Foundation activities, school tours, and other educational and historical visits;
 - hosted four public Open Days at Government House receiving a total of 3,150 visitors;
 - attended 423 official activities;
 - launched the Turtini Ceremonial Poles for the Government House Foundation; and
 - attended the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.
- Provided administrative, secretarial and hospitality support to the Administrator and spouse; and to the Government House Foundation, including three ordinary meetings, and one Annual General Meeting.

Outlook

- Continue to support the Administrator during his tenure.
- Finalise and distribute the Education Program on the role of the Administrator and the history of Government House through the Government House Foundation.
- Coordinate the third annual Administrator's Pleasure Concert with funds raised going to the Autism NT charity.

Output Group: Community Engagement

Lead, coordinate and monitor the development and implementation of whole-of-government social policy and programs, as well as initiatives designed to enhance the involvement of members of the community in Government decision-making processes and their awareness of Government policies, services and programs.

Outputs within this group (except for Support to Community Organisations and Events) are supported by a shared business support unit, which provides coordination and grant services to the group.

The outcome is a more informed community through transparent and inclusive Government policy making, plus strong participation by the community in public policy and administration processes.

Women's Advancement

Engage the community and government agencies to identify and progress women's policy priorities and advance the economic and social standing of Territory women.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for women's advancement	\$1.09M	\$1.01M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	90%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	90%

Youth Advancement

Coordinate, monitor and report on government services and programs for young Territorians, develop and deliver initiatives that improve the wellbeing of youth, and facilitate their contribution to Government decision making.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for youth advancement	\$0.78M	\$0.82M
Grants issued	71	92
Grants paid	\$0.15M	\$0.17M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	94%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	96%

Multicultural Advancement

Coordinate services and activities across government for the multicultural community, develop and deliver initiatives that promote multicultural participation in the community, and facilitate the contribution of multicultural groups to Government decision making.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for multicultural advancement	\$1.08M	\$1.09M
Grants issued	130	144
Grants and capital grants paid	\$1.24M	\$1.23M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	91%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	87%

Seniors Advancement

Engage with Territory seniors and government agencies to advance the economic and social standing of senior Territorians by implementing Government's policy priorities for seniors.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for seniors' advancement	\$0.81M	\$0.86M
Grants issued	31	30
Grants paid	\$0.03M	\$0.04M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	99%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	98%

Social Policy Advancement

This output has now been incorporated into Policy Advice and Coordination.

Support to Community Organisations and Events

Grants, donations and sponsorships to support community groups and events.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimate	2005-06 Actuals
Quantity		
Support to community event organisations	\$0.66M	\$0.69M
Grants issued	60	50
Grants paid	\$2.97M	\$2.96M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	100%	95%
Timeliness		
Grant funding provided within required timeframes	100%	96%

Women's Advancement

Performance in Detail

The Office of Women's Policy advises the Chief Minister and the Minister for Women's Policy on policy priorities for women. The Office engages with Territory women to ensure their priorities are heard.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	<p>Developed a draft framework to guide whole-of-government policy and delivery of services to women.</p> <p>Participated in women's officials' and advisors' meetings to contribute to national priorities and plans.</p> <p>Administered the Tribute to Northern Territory Women and the Chief Minister's Study Award for Women.</p>
Connect the community with Government	Engaged with women across the Northern Territory at Women's Forums in conjunction with Community Cabinets.

Highlights

- Launched White Ribbon Day in the Northern Territory with widespread coverage and promotion of "no to violence" messages from White Ribbon Day Ambassadors, His Honour Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory; AFL legend Mr Michael Long; and Commissioner of Police Paul White APM.
- Organised the Alicia Johnson Memorial Lecture, presented in Darwin and Alice Springs by Australian netball captain Ms Liz Ellis to over 400 women, promoting the participation of women in sport and increased coverage of women's sport by the media.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Held Community Cabinet Women's Forums in four locations across the Northern Territory and provided women with an opportunity to meet the Chief Minister and other women Ministers to discuss issues of relevance to women.
- Relocated a staff member to Alice Springs to improve responsiveness to Central Australian issues.
- Launched the Dealing with Wheeling website, a women's guide to buying, repairing and servicing cars.
- Held Developing Indigenous Women's Leadership and Governance Forum with representatives from across government.

Outlook

- Launch and implement the Framework for Action for Territory Women.
- Launch the six-month advertising campaign, "To family violence the Territory says no" on Imparja television.
- Implement recommendations from the Developing Indigenous Women's Leadership and Governance Forum.
- Complete review of the Family Violence Bi-lingual Education Program, including options for a new model to gain a more systematic approach to the dissemination of "no to violence" messages among the multicultural community.

Youth Advancement

Performance in Detail

The Office of Youth Affairs provides a whole-of-government approach to policy priorities for young people aged 12 to 25 years and develops effective communication links between young people, Government and the wider community.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	<p>Monitored the implementation of the Northern Territory Government's youth policy framework, <i>Building a Better Future for Young Territorians</i>.</p> <p>Represented the Territory on the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), National Youth Taskforce.</p>
Providing leadership across Government	Participated in whole-of-government initiatives in policy and service development for young Territorians.
Connect the community with Government	<p>Provided advice to non-government agencies about best practice in engaging with young people.</p> <p>Developed a Youth Engagement Strategy.</p> <p>Managed the Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians, the Northern Territory Government's youth website and undertook regular regional consultations with the community youth sector and young Territorians.</p>

Highlights

- Coordinated 106 activities in the Northern Territory for National Youth Week 2006 in partnership with local youth and community organisations (42 of these activities were funded through the Youth Grants Program).
- Developed a Youth Engagement Strategy to strengthen and maximise participation pathways for young people to increase the involvement of young people in their communities.
- Reviewed the Youth Grants Program to enhance youth engagement outcomes and enable more young people to benefit from the program resulting in an equitable grant framework.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Negotiated the transfer of the Rural Young Achiever Award to the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development to enhance sponsorship outcomes.
- Funded 92 recreational and developmental initiatives for young people through the Youth Grants Program.
- Facilitated the presentation of community-based projects to key Ministers and Chief Executives by members of the 2005 Youth Round Table.
- Sponsored the Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award as part of the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards, which were presented at the launch of National Youth Week in the Northern Territory on 1 April 2006.
- Consulted with young people at Futures Expos in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy. At the expos, 616 young people completed a survey as part of a competition run by the Office of Youth Affairs.
- Reviewed the Top End Explorer Voyage program aboard the STS *Leeuwin II* and increased the number of young people participating from 40 to 80.

- Developed a step-by-step guide presentation to consulting with young people as a resource for government and non-government agencies.
- Represented the Northern Territory on the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme Steering Committee.
- Developed a framework that fosters a positive and safe environment for young people accessing Office of Youth Affairs programs.
- Managed the Northern Territory Government's youth website ensuring that it provides youth-friendly and up-to-date information about programs and services for young people.

Outlook

- Develop youth participation handbooks for young people and organisations. The aim of these handbooks is to empower young people to be involved in community participation and to encourage organisations to involve young people in decision-making.
- Update and enhance the *Overview of the Youth Sector in the Northern Territory* resource for distribution to youth and community sector organisations, young people, schools and other Northern Territory Government agencies.
- Consult with a wide range of young Territorians and the youth sector through the regional consultations program to inform the development of youth-related policies, programs and services.
- Through membership on the National Youth Taskforce, participate in the development of cross-jurisdictional projects identified under the MCEETYA National Youth Priorities.
- Develop a third progress report on the implementation of the Northern Territory Government's youth policy framework *Building a Better Future for Young Territorians*.

Multicultural Advancement

Performance in Detail

The Office of Multicultural Affairs coordinates government services and activities for the Northern Territory's multicultural community, develops and delivers initiatives that promote multicultural participation in the community, and enables groups from diverse cultural backgrounds to have input into Government decision making.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	Continued implementing the Government's Multicultural Policy and community engagement initiatives. Managed the Multicultural Communities Facility Development Program and Interpreter and Translator Service and the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program.
Providing leadership across Government	Continued coordinating the Senior Reference Group on Multicultural Affairs involving senior members of government agencies. Participated in inter-governmental working parties on immigration and multicultural issues.

Highlights

- Released the first annual report under the Multicultural Policy.
- Coordinated a whole-of-government submission to the Australian Government on the proposed intake of refugee migrants in Darwin for 2006-07.
- Prepared a detailed submission to the Australian Government seeking the reinstatement of humanitarian settlement in Alice Springs.
- Finalised the interviewing component of the African Consultation project, which aims to improve understanding and awareness of the issues facing this community.
- Coordinated the Northern Territory Government's contribution to the National Action Plan to build on social cohesion, harmony and security.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Sponsored 111 projects totalling \$733,193 under the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program.
- Provided \$500,000 in grants under the Ethnic Communities Facilities Development Program.
- Provided 4717 interpreting and translation services to government and non-government agencies, individuals and businesses through the Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service.
- Conducted 32 cross-cultural awareness sessions attended by 540 people.
- Conducted Islamic Youth Forums in Darwin and Alice Springs.
- Increased office visits to Alice Springs to build capacity in community organisations through training in preparing grants applications, recruitment of interpreters and undertaking community engagement activities.
- Published the Multicultural Information Directory, 2006 Calendar of Multicultural Events on the Office of Multicultural Affairs website and four editions of the Office's quarterly newsletter.
- Assisted and advised 49 overseas skilled workers and trained people from 29 countries, through the Overseas Qualifications Unit.
- Liaised with and engaged with various ethnic communities.

- Continued to coordinate the Senior Reference Group on Multicultural Affairs involving senior members of government agencies.

Outlook

- Develop a three-year plan on humanitarian migration in the Northern Territory.
- Finalise and publish the African Consultation Project.
- Review and launch the Language Services Policy for Northern Territory government agencies.
- Review grants programs provided by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Seniors' Advancement

Performance in Detail

The Office of Senior Territorians engages with the community and government agencies to advance the economic and social standing of senior Territorians by implementing Government's policy priorities for seniors. The Office also develops and delivers initiatives that improves the wellbeing of seniors and facilitates their contribution to Government decision-making.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Connect the community with Government	<p>Implemented new terms of reference for the Advisory Council on Ageing (formerly the Seniors Advisory Council).</p> <p>Released a discussion paper on active ageing, seeking feedback from the community.</p> <p>Held Active Ageing Workshops throughout the Territory.</p>
Supporting social development	<p>Funded community activities for seniors during Seniors' Month.</p> <p>Increased wider community participation in Seniors' Month.</p>

Highlights

- Released a discussion paper on active ageing, seeking feedback from the community.
- Increased the number of Territory businesses participating in the Seniors Card Scheme.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Developed *Stay Safe*, a senior's personal safety audit program.
- Developed new funding guidelines for the Seniors' Month Grants program to reflect the ideals of active ageing.
- Increased community participation in Seniors' Month.
- Administered a grants program for Seniors' Month under which 31 community groups throughout the Territory were funded for a variety of activities.
- Reviewed the functioning of the Seniors Advisory Council to provide broader processes of community engagement.
- Developed new terms of reference for the Advisory Council, which was renamed the Advisory Council on Ageing to reflect these changes.
- Funded ArtsNT for the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Award to celebrate the contribution of seniors to the development and history of the Territory.
- Distributed Seniors Cards to around 100 new applicants each month.

Outlook

- Finalise a Framework for Active Ageing in the Northern Territory in collaboration with the Advisory Council on Ageing, seniors groups and community organisations and in partnership with other government agencies.
- Develop a work program for the Office and the Advisory Council on Ageing resulting from the Framework on Active Ageing.
- Continue to build on the momentum of Seniors' Month to support community groups and organisations to undertake activities during the month and the rest of the year.

Support to **Community Organisations and Events**

Performance in Detail

Through the Northern Territory Major Events Company, the Government continues to support a number of high profile events and activities as well as providing support to community based organisations for activities that benefit the community. The Northern Territory Major Events Company concentrates its support on the largest events available to the Territory and those with the greatest growth potential. The company was established primarily to attract, develop and support special events that provide substantial economic and social benefits to the Northern Territory.

Strategic Objectives

Preserving and building a socially cohesive Territory

Nature of Contribution

Supported individuals and organisations through grants and sponsorship to develop a range of activities and events to celebrate the Territory lifestyle.

Highlights

- Organised and managed the Territory's round of the V8 Supercar Championship Series. Darwin has hosted the V8 Supercars since 1998. In November 2004, the Government signed an agreement that guarantees the Territory's involvement with the V8 Supercar Championship until 2012.
- Provided a high level of administration, marketing and promotional support to the Finke Desert Race, held annually on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. The event has experienced unprecedented growth and has now firmly established itself as the premier off-road event in Australia and the largest annual event in the Central Australia region.
- Organised and managed Darwin's music festival BASSINTHEGRASS and Alice Springs' BASSINTHEDUST. Both events involve well-known interstate bands as well as local talent sourced exclusively from the Territory. The events have a strong youth focus and are run in controlled environments at the Darwin Amphitheatre and Alice Springs Anzac Oval.
- Provided administration and sponsorship support to the annual Central Australian Mountain Bike Challenge. The event is owned by an Alice Springs identity who is hoping to grow the Challenge into an event of significance, which would have benefits for the Central Australia region.
- Provided administration and sponsorship support to the Tennant Creek Barkly Muster. This event is organised by the Tennant Creek community and replaced the former Go-kart Grand Prix. The Muster is run in partnership with the Barkly Rodeo Association, Tennant Creek Saddle Horse Club and Barkly Campdraft Association.

Outcomes and Achievements

- Achieved growth by continuing to promote a high level of participation and community recognition for all of the above events and activities. This has a range of benefits for Territorians including:
 - showcasing a quality event portfolio that significantly adds to lifestyle and recreation options for Territorians;
 - economic benefits;
 - boosting the Territory's tourism appeal;
 - attracting national and international media exposure; and
 - contributing significantly to the strategic social and cultural life of all Territorians.

Outlook

- Continue to manage and support the significant Territory events portfolio with continuing contributions to:
 - The annual round of the V8 Supercar Championship Series;
 - BASSINTHEGRASS music festival in Darwin, and BASSINTHEDUST music festival in Alice Springs,
 - The Finke Desert Race; and
 - The World Solar Challenge.
- Support the Barkly Day Muster in Tennant Creek and Central Australian Bike Challenge in Alice Springs.
- Assist with the Rugby World 7s event following an approach by the organising committee. This event has the potential to grow into a significant sporting event for the Darwin region, attracting national and international tourism and media exposure.
- Work cooperatively to achieve the proposed merger of the Sport and Recreation events staff with the Northern Territory Major Events Company Pty Ltd. This will involve expanding the existing Territory events portfolio responsibilities mentioned above to include the Alice Springs Masters Games, Arafura Games, Northern Territory Sports Awards, National Basketball League games, Australian Football League matches and Cricket Australia matches in the Territory.

Inputs: Management Services

Performance in Detail

Management Services works to support the capacity of the Department in delivering strategic objectives. The unit provides a broad range of corporate services and advice to ministerial offices, business units and associated entities of the Department.

The unit includes People and Learning, Information Services, Procurement and General Services, Travel and Financial Management Services. These services support the day to day operations of all business units and associated entities of the Department as well as building on capacity to support the machinery of Government.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of Government	Provided corporate services and advice to support all business units and associated entities of the Department.

Outcomes and Achievements

Management Services

- Established a rolling program of internal assessments to cover a range of compliance and information system functions.
- Streamlined and standardised procedures throughout the Department.
- Enhanced accessibility to information policies, procedures and forms on the Department's Intranet On-line Service Centre by reviewing and improving content and design.
- Identified areas for improvement and action and enhanced communication flow to business units through the Executive Information Coordinators' Group.
- Continued to ensure all staff are informed of current policies and procedures through the corporate communication system.
- Provided assistance in ensuring the Department's corporate governance obligations were met.

Information Services

- Implemented TRIM Context throughout the Department, including the provision of training for 89 staff.
- Achieved an overall increase in compliance with Northern Territory Government Records Management Standards of 7% with a greater focus on records security and access (a 10% increase).
- Implemented a quality assurance program addressing all metadata in TRIM.
- Co-ordinated Lotus Notes Email and Calendar upgrade training for Executive Information Co-ordinators.
- Improved IT reporting systems, including assets, email and internet.
- Focussed on continuous improvement through education and awareness using the on-line service centre and corporate communications.
- Conducted a hardware resource assessment resulting in cost savings.
- Established the On-line Service Centre on the Department's Intranet Site.

Procurement and General Services

- Developed an expanded contract filing system to improve access to information and monitoring of all procurement processes.
- Reviewed the Department's procurement training program in accordance with current policy and internal requirements.

- Updated policies and procedures in accordance with the new Procurement Directions introduced on 1 March 2006.
- Increased business unit awareness of the Northern Territory Government Energy Smart Buildings Policy, including the implementation of strategies to reduce energy consumption.
- Coordinated the changeover of the service provider for mobile phones.
- Streamlined the ordering of on-line stationery and office supplies.

Financial Management

- Reviewed and rationalised internal resource allocation in accordance with Government priorities.
- Strengthened and refined accounting policies and procedures.
- Managed the budget review and implementation process.
- Provided assistance and guidance to business units to facilitate the efficient and effective management of financial resources.
- Reviewed and improved the preparation process for the Estimates Committee Hearings held in June 2006.
- Following a review of systems supporting the administration of travel, the Department strengthened resources and improved processes, resulting in the withdrawal of previous adverse findings in 2005 by the Auditor-General.

People and Learning

- Continued Work Life Balance initiatives as part of the Department's responsibilities as a pilot agency.
- Introduced mobility exchange development opportunities in partnership with Department of Corporate and Information Services.
- Promoted and strengthened team building skills across the Department.
- Facilitated work teams attendance at 'Giving and Receiving Feedback' training as preparation for performance agreement discussions.
- Continued the provision of strategic advice and guidance to business units on recruitment, performance management and continued improvement in reporting on agency staffing trends.
- Increased our commitment to the New Apprenticeship program.

Outlook

- Continue to strengthen internal communications, promote Departmental policies and practices, recommend strategies for improvement and work positively to provide solutions.
- Conduct an assessment of the Department's corporate governance framework.
- Review the current consultancy and service contract reporting system with a view to improve the collection and reconciliation of data from business units.
- Improve agency outcomes through strengthened procurement planning processes designed to increase the agency's strategic capacity to deliver on outcomes.
- Review and improve financial and human resource management information systems.
- Build on current achievements through improved application of the *Information Act*.
- Increasing usage of on-line systems, including MyHR, ePASS, ICMS to improve efficiencies and realise savings.
- Continue to monitor and improve security within the information technology environment.
- Examine the Indigenous Policy Capacity Building Program with a view to partnering with other agencies.

Financial Statements

Financial Statement Overview

For the Year Ended 30 June 2006

Operating Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2006, the Department recorded a net deficit of \$17.44 million, in comparison to a budgeted net deficit of \$0.54 million.

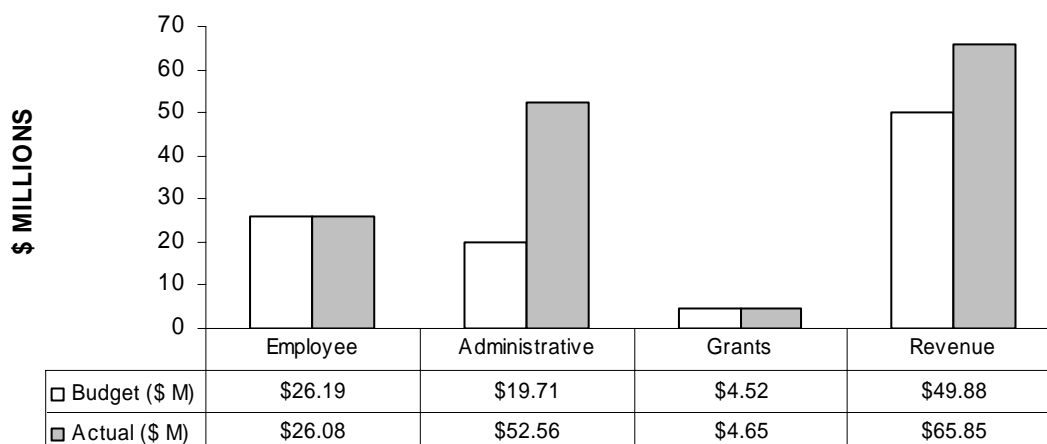
The Northern Territory Government, through this Department, holds investments in the AustralAsia Railway project. The Australian Government has contributed 50% of the funding for these investments and is entitled to a 50% return on any investments recovered by the Northern Territory Government. As a result of actions by other investors, a decision was taken to create a provision in the event that investments in the project will not be recovered. This provision has also been applied to the liability to repay the Australian Government's contribution to the project. These actions have resulted in a net expense of \$16.35 million.

The year end result also included an expense of \$0.23 million for the accrual of employee on-costs which have not previously been brought to account and an unfunded depreciation expense of \$0.54 million.

Total Operating Revenue for the year was \$65.86 million, of which Output Revenue of \$44.08 million was the largest component. The creation of a doubtful liability allowance for a Commonwealth Government advance related to the railway resulted in a gain of \$16.35 million. The balance of \$5.43 million consisted of a notional revenue of \$3.24 million for services received free of charge from the Department of Corporate and Information Services and \$2.19 million in departmental revenue largely relating to cost recoveries.

Total Expenses of \$83.29 million consisted of a \$32.70 million provision related to the AustralAsia Railway project, \$26.08 million for employee costs, \$19.86 million for administrative expenditure (which includes a notional amount of \$3.24 million for services received free of charge) and the balance of \$4.65 million was expenditure of grant funding.

BUDGET v's ACTUAL PERFORMANCE



Balance Sheet

The net assets position of the Department at 30 June 2006 was \$35.06 million compared to a net position of \$51.41 million at 30 June 2005. A net reduction of \$16.35 million is attributable to the provision of \$32.70 million related to investments and a corresponding doubtful liability allowance for advances from the Commonwealth Government of \$16.35 million.

Other movements in assets during the year included an increase, as a result of a revaluation, in the value of Land and Buildings, principally Government House and the reduction of Cash on Hand due to payment for the acquisition of Work in Progress related the railway corridor.

The Administrative Restructure of 11 July 2005 resulted in the transfer of functions to and from this Agency, further details can be found at Note 2(t).

Certification of the Financial Statements

We certify that the attached financial statements for the Department of the Chief Minister have been prepared from proper accounts and records in accordance with the prescribed format, the *Financial Management Act* and Treasurer's Directions.

We further state that the information set out in the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2006 and the financial position on that date.

At the time of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Paul Tyrrell
Chief Executive
27 September 2006



Karl Dyason
Chief Financial Officer
27 September 2006

Department of the Chief Minister

Operating Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
INCOME			
Taxation Revenue			
<i>Grants and Subsidies Revenue</i>			
Current		121	641
Output Revenue		44,083	44,524
Sales of Goods and Services		2,056	2,407
Gain on Doubtful Advances	12	16,350	-
Goods and Services Received Free of Charge	4	3,243	3,509
Gain on Disposal of Assets	5	-	11
Other Income		5	25
TOTAL INCOME	3	65,858	51,117
EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses		26,085	26,243
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>			
Purchases of Goods and Services	6	15,849	15,963
Repairs and Maintenance		200	182
Depreciation and Amortisation	10	560	588
Doubtful Advance Expense	9	32,700	-
Other Administrative Expenses ¹		3,248	3,509
<i>Grants and Subsidies Expenses</i>			
Current		4,147	5,501
Capital		500	500
Loss on Disposal of Assets	5	9	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	3	83,298	52,486
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	15	(17,440)	(1,369)

¹ Includes DCIS service charges.

The Operating Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Department of the Chief Minister

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Deposits	7	810	2,258
Receivables	8	853	897
Prepayments		28	419
Total Current Assets		1,691	3,574
Non-Current Assets			
Advances and Investments	9	10,117	42,817
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	33,232	30,546
Total Non-Current Assets		43,349	73,363
TOTAL ASSETS		45,040	76,937
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Held		3	-
Payables	11	1,002	1,338
Provisions	13	2,739	3,088
Total Current Liabilities		3,744	4,426
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings and Advances	12	5,050	21,400
Provisions	13	1,189	983
Other Liabilities	14	1	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		6,240	22,383
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,984	26,809
NET ASSETS		35,056	50,128
EQUITY			
Capital	15	51,982	51,553
Reserves		2,061	123
Accumulated Funds		(18,987)	(1,548)
TOTAL EQUITY		35,056	50,128

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Department of the Chief Minister

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 1 JULY	24	50,128	45,229
Capital	15		
Balance at 1 July		51,553	46,627
Equity Injections		661	8,149
Equity Withdrawals		(232)	(3,223)
Balance at 30 June		51,982	51,553
Reserves	15		
Balance at 1 July		123	123
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset	10	1,938	-
Revaluation Reserve			
Balance at 30 June		2,061	123
Accumulated Funds	15		
Balance at 1 July		(1,548)	(1,521)
Net Adjustment on Transition to IFRS	24	-	-
Changes in Accounting Policies		-	(68)
Correction of Prior Period Errors		-	1,410
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period		(17,440)	(1,369)
Balance at 30 June		(18,988)	(1,548)
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 30 JUNE		35,056	50,128
Total Income and Expense Recognised Directly to Equity		-	-

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Department of the Chief Minister

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$'000 (Outflows)/Inflow	2005 \$'000 (Outflows)/Inflows
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating Receipts			
<i>Grants and Subsidies Received</i>			
Current		121	641
Output Revenue Received		44,083	44,524
Receipts From Sales of Goods And Services		3,983	2,472
GST Receipts		-	2,151
Total Operating Receipts		48,187	49,788
Operating Payments			
Payments to Employees		(26,158)	(23,737)
Payments for Goods and Services		(17,933)	(16,968)
Superannuation Benefits Paid		-	(2,031)
<i>Grants and Subsidies Paid</i>			
Current		(4,147)	(5,351)
Capital		(500)	(500)
GST Paid		-	(1,946)
Total Operating Payments		(48,738)	(50,533)
Net Cash From/(Used In) Operating Activities	16	(551)	(745)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investing Receipts			
Proceeds from Asset Sales	5	3	-
Repayment of Advances		-	10,000
Total Investing Receipts		3	10,000
Investing Payments			
Purchases of Assets	10	(1,231)	(1,995)
Advances and Investing Payments		-	(25,017)
Total Investing Payments		(1,231)	(27,012)
Net Cash From/(Used In) Investing Activities		(1,228)	(17,012)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Financing Receipts			
Proceeds of Borrowings		-	12,500
Deposits Received		3	(34)
<i>Equity Injections</i>			
Capital Appropriation	15	398	454
Other Equity Injections		162	7,500
Total Financing Receipts		563	20,420
Financing Payments			
Repayment of Borrowings		-	(5,000)
Finance Lease Payments	18	-	(6)
Equity Withdrawals	15	(232)	(3,223)
Total Financing Payments		(232)	(8,229)
Net Cash From/(Used In) Financing Activities		331	12,191
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		(1,448)	(5,566)
Cash at Beginning of Financial Year		2,258	7,824
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	7	810	2,258

The Cash Flow Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Objectives and Funding

As a central agency, the Department of the Chief Minister develops frameworks to support the Government's social, economic and development policies and investment facilitation and ensures Government's priorities are implemented effectively across the Northern Territory Public Sector.

The Department provides leadership in attracting investment and development to the Northern Territory and in coordinating whole-of-government approaches to issues across the Northern Territory Public Sector.

The Department is predominantly funded by Parliamentary appropriations. The Financial Statements encompasses all funds through which the Department controls resources to carry on its functions.

In the process of reporting on the Department as a single agency, all intra-agency transactions and balances have been eliminated.

A listing of Agency Output Groups and their functions can be found in the Performance by Output section of the Annual Report.

2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act* and related Treasurer's Directions. The *Financial Management Act* requires the Department to prepare financial statements for the year ended 30 June based on the form determined by the Treasurer. The form of Agency financial statements is to include:

- (i) a Certification of the Financial Statements;
- (ii) an Operating Statement;
- (iii) a Balance Sheet;
- (iv) a Statement of Changes in Equity;
- (v) a Cash Flow Statement; and
- (vi) applicable explanatory notes to the financial statements.

The form of Agency financial statements is consistent with the accrual budget format and the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, including AASB 101, AASB 107 and AAS 29. The format also requires additional disclosures specific to Territory Government entities.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognises the effect of financial transactions and events when they occur, rather than when cash is paid out or received.

Except where stated, the financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

This is the Department's first financial report prepared following the adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS has resulted in minor adjustments to the Agency's financial statements. Further information in relation to the Agency's adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS may be found in note 24 – Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to IFRS.

(b) Agency and Territory Items

The financial statements of the Department include income, expenses, assets, liabilities and equity over which the Department has control (Agency items). Certain items, while managed by the Agency, are controlled and recorded by the Territory rather than the Agency (Territory items). Territory items are recognised and recorded in the Central Holding Authority as discussed below.

Central Holding Authority

The Central Holding Authority is the 'parent body' that represents the Government's ownership interest in Government-controlled entities.

The Central Holding Authority also records all Territory items, such as income, expenses, assets and liabilities controlled by the Government and managed by agencies on behalf of the Government. The main Territory item is Territory income, which includes taxation and royalty revenue, Commonwealth general purpose funding (such as GST revenue), fines, and statutory fees and charges.

The Central Holding Authority also holds certain Territory assets not assigned to agencies as well as certain Territory liabilities that are not practical or effective to assign to individual agencies such as unfunded superannuation and long service leave.

The Central Holding Authority recognises and records all Territory items, and as such, these items are not included in the Agency's financial statements. However, as the Agency is accountable for certain Territory items managed on behalf of Government, these items have been separately disclosed in note 23 - Schedule of Territory Items.

The Department did not administer or manage any Territory items on behalf of Government.

(c) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information for the 2004-05 financial year has been reclassified to provide consistency with current year disclosures.

In accordance with AASB 1: First Time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to IFRS, comparative information, with the exception of that relating to financial instruments, has been adjusted for the adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS. Where changes to financial instruments are required as a result of the adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS, any adjustments will occur as at 1 July 2005 (the 2005-06 financial year).

(d) Presentation and Rounding of Amounts

Amounts in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, with amounts of \$500 or less being rounded down to zero.

(e) Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes to accounting policies adopted in 2005-06 as a result of management decisions. Any changes to accounting policies that have been required as a result of the adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS are not accounting policy changes for the purposes of AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors. Note 24 provides information in relation to changes in accounting policies required following the adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS.

(f) Goods and Services Tax

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the Balance Sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable or payable unless otherwise specified.

(g) Income Recognition

Income encompasses both revenue and gains.

Income is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, exclusive of the amount of GST. Exchanges of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration being exchanged are not recognised as income.

Output Revenue

Output revenue represents Government funding for Agency operations and is calculated as the net cost of Agency outputs after taking into account funding from Agency income. The net cost of Agency outputs for Output Appropriation purposes does not include any allowance for major non-cash costs such as depreciation.

Revenue in respect of this funding is recognised in the period in which the Agency gains control of the funds.

Grants and Other Contributions

Grants, donations, gifts and other non-reciprocal contributions are recognised as revenue when the Agency obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control is normally obtained upon receipt.

Contributions are recognised at their fair value. Contributions of services are only recognised when a fair value can be reliably determined and the services would be purchased if not donated.

Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised (net of returns, discounts and allowances) when control of the goods passes to the customer and specified conditions associated with the sale have been satisfied.

Rendering of Services

Revenue from rendering services is recognised on a stage of completion basis.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, taking into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

Disposal of Assets

A gain or loss on disposal of assets is included as a gain or loss on the date control of the asset passes to the buyer, usually when an unconditional contract of sale is signed. The gain or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the net proceeds on disposal. Refer also to note 5.

Contributions of Assets

Contributions of assets and contributions to assist in the acquisition of assets, being non-reciprocal transfers, are recognised, unless otherwise determined by Government, as gains when the Agency obtains control of the asset or contribution. Contributions are recognised at the fair value received or receivable.

(h) Repairs and Maintenance Expenses

Funding is received for repairs and maintenance works associated with Agency assets as part of Output Revenue. Costs associated with repairs and maintenance works on Agency assets are expensed as incurred.

(i) Interest Expenses

Interest expenses include interest and finance lease charges. Interest expenses are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

(j) Cash and Deposits

For the purposes of the Balance Sheet and the Cash Flow Statement, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are highly liquid short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash. Cash at bank includes monies held in the Accountable Officer's Trust Account (AOTA) that are ultimately payable to the beneficial owner. Refer also to note 21.

(k) Inventories

General inventories are all inventories other than those held for distribution and are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventories includes all costs associated with bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. When inventories are acquired at no or nominal consideration, the cost will be the current replacement cost at date of acquisition.

Inventories held for distribution are those inventories distributed at no or nominal consideration, and are carried at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

(l) Receivables

Receivables include accounts receivable and other receivables and are recognised at fair value less any allowance for uncollectible amounts. The collectibility of receivables is reviewed regularly, and part of this process is to assess, at reporting date, whether an allowance for doubtful debts is required.

Accounts receivable are to be settled within 30 days.

(m) Property, Plant and Equipment***Acquisitions***

All items of property, plant and equipment with a cost, or other value, equal to or greater than \$5,000 are recognised in the year of acquisition and depreciated as outlined below. Items of property, plant and equipment below the \$5,000 threshold are expensed in the year of acquisition.

The construction cost of property, plant and equipment includes the cost of materials and direct labour, and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Complex Assets

Major items of plant and equipment comprising a number of components that have different useful lives, are accounted for as separate assets. The components may be replaced during the useful life of the complex asset.

Subsequent Additional Costs

Costs incurred on property, plant and equipment subsequent to initial acquisition are capitalised when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed performance of the asset will flow to the Agency in future years. Where these costs represent separate components of a complex asset, they are accounted for as separate assets and are separately depreciated over their expected useful lives.

Construction (Work in Progress)

As part of *Working for Outcomes*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is responsible for managing general government capital works projects on a whole-of-government basis. Therefore appropriation for most capital works is provided directly to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the cost of construction work in progress is recognised as an asset of that Department. Once completed, capital works assets are transferred to the Agency.

Revaluations

Subsequent to initial recognition, assets belonging to the following classes of non-current assets are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date:

- Land;
- Buildings;
- Infrastructure Assets;
- Heritage and Cultural Assets;
- Biological Assets; and
- Intangibles.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arms length transaction. Other classes of non-current assets are not subject to revaluation and are measured at cost.

The unique nature of some of the heritage and cultural assets may preclude reliable measurement. Such assets have not been recognised in the financial statements.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Items of property, plant and equipment, including buildings but excluding land, have limited useful lives and are depreciated or amortised using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Amortisation applies in relation to intangible non-current assets with limited useful lives and is calculated and accounted for in a similar manner to depreciation.

The estimated useful lives for each class of asset are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions and are determined as follows:

	2006	2005
Buildings	50 Years	50 Years
Infrastructure Assets	50 Years	50 Years
Plant and Equipment	5 Years	5 Years
Leased Plant and Equipment	5 Years	5 Years
Heritage and Cultural Assets	100 Years	100 Years
Intangibles	3 Years	3 Years

Assets are depreciated or amortised from the date of acquisition or from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

Impairment of Assets

An asset is said to be impaired when the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Non-current physical and intangible Agency assets are assessed for indicators of impairment on an annual basis. If an indicator of impairment exists, the Agency determines the asset's recoverable amount. The asset's recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the asset's depreciated replacement cost and fair value less costs to sell. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Operating Statement unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. Where the asset is measured at a revalued amount, the impairment loss is offset against the Asset Revaluation Reserve for that class of asset to the extent that an available balance exists in the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

In certain situations, an impairment loss may subsequently be reversed. Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the Operating Statement as income, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment reversal results in an increase in the Asset Revaluation Reserve. Note 15 provides additional information in relation to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

(n) Leased Assets

Leases under which the Agency assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset are classified as finance leases. Other leases are classified as operating leases.

Finance Leases

Finance leases are capitalised. A leased asset and a lease liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments are recognised at the inception of the lease.

Lease payments are allocated between the principal component of the lease liability and the interest expense.

Operating Leases

Operating lease payments made at regular intervals throughout the term are expensed when the payments are due, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased property.

(o) Payables

Liabilities for accounts payable and other amounts payable are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Agency. Accounts payable are normally settled within 30 days.

(p) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries and recreation leave. Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries and recreation leave and other employee benefit liabilities that fall due within twelve months of reporting date are classified as current liabilities and are measured at amounts expected to be paid. Non-current employee benefit liabilities that fall due after twelve months of the reporting date are measured at present value, calculated using the Government long term bond rate.

No provision is made for sick leave, which is non-vesting, as the anticipated pattern of future sick leave to be taken is less than the entitlement accruing in each reporting period.

Employee benefit expenses are recognised on a net basis in respect of the following categories:

- wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, recreation leave, sick leave and other leave entitlements; and
- other types of employee benefits.

As part of the introduction of *Working for Outcomes*, the Central Holding Authority assumed the long service leave liabilities of government agencies, including the Department of the Chief Minister and as such no long service leave liability is recognised in Agency financial statements.

(q) Superannuation

Employees' superannuation entitlements are provided through the:

- NT Government and Public Authorities Superannuation Scheme (NTGPASS);
- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS); or
- non-government employee nominated schemes for those employees commencing on or after 10 August 1999.

The Agency makes superannuation contributions on behalf of its employees to the Central Holding Authority or non-government employee nominated schemes. Superannuation liabilities related to government superannuation schemes are held by the Central Holding Authority and as such are not recognised in Agency financial statements.

(r) Contributions by and Distributions to Government

The Agency may receive contributions from Government where the Government is acting as owner of the Agency. Conversely, the Agency may make distributions to Government. In accordance with the *Financial Management Act* and Treasurer's Directions, certain types of contributions and distributions, including those relating to administrative restructures, have been designated as contributions by, and distributions to, Government. These designated contributions and distributions are treated by the Agency as adjustments to equity.

The Statement of Changes in Equity and note 15 provide additional information in relation to contributions by, and distributions to, Government.

(s) Commitments

Disclosures in relation to capital and other commitments, including lease commitments are shown at note 18 and are consistent with the requirements contained in AASB 101, AASB 117 and AAS 29.

Commitments are those contracted as at 30 June where the amount of the future commitment can be reliably measured.

(t) Administrative Restructure

The Department of the Chief Minister was restructured following the Administrative Restructure of 11 July 2005.

As a result of the restructure, the Department of the Chief Minister became responsible for Asian Relations and Trade previously undertaken by the Department of Business, Industries and Resource Development.

The Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development became responsible for Economic Development Strategy, Innovation and Knowledge Economy and Tourism Infrastructure which was previously undertaken by the Department of the Chief Minister.

The financial effect of the restructure resulted in the Department recognising \$95,000 of liabilities and \$4,000 of assets for functions assumed and transferring \$212,000 of liabilities and \$44,000 of assets for functions relinquished. The net effect of the restructure on the Agency was a \$78,000 decrease in liabilities.

In accordance with Treasurer's Directions, the recognition of net liabilities was treated as an equity adjustment as shown in the Statement of Changes in Equity and related note disclosures.

3. Operating Statement by Output Groups

Note	Policy Advice & Public Sector Coordination		Trade & Major Projects		Government Business Support		Community Engagement		Total	
	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
INCOME										
<i>Grants and Subsidies Revenue</i>										
Current	-	510	100	102	-	13	21	16	121	641
Gain on Doubtful Advances	-	-	16 350	-	-	-	-	-	16 350	-
<i>Sales of Goods and Services</i>										
Output Revenue	9 809	10 395	5 696	6 208	20 833	19 591	7 745	8 330	44 083	44 524
Other Agency Revenue	1 202	1 042	86	662	68	72	700	631	2 056	2 407
Miscellaneous Revenue	1	5	2	1	2	2	-	17	5	25
Goods & Services Received Free of Charge	710	901	312	299	1 864	1 971	357	338	3 243	3 509
Gain on Disposal of Assets	5	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	11
TOTAL INCOME	11 722	12 853	22 546	7 272	22 767	21 660	8 823	9 332	65 858	51 117
EXPENSES										
Employee Expenses	6 800	7 210	2 618	2 673	14 046	13 939	2 621	2 421	26 085	26 243
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>										
Purchases of Goods and Services	6	4 352	4 782	3 307	2 402	6 794	7 355	1 396	1 424	15 849
Repairs and Maintenance		11	19	2	2	180	157	7	4	200
Depreciation and Amortisation	10	85	54	181	264	271	247	23	23	560
Doubtful Advances Expense	9	-	-	32 700	-	-	-	-	-	32 700
Other Administrative Expenses ¹		712	901	312	299	1 867	1 971	357	338	3 248
<i>Grants and Subsidies Expenses</i>										
Current		60	-	110	1 120	-	6	3 977	4 375	4 147
Capital		-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500	500
Loss on Disposal of Assets	5	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	9	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		12 020	12 966	39 320	6 760	23 167	23 695	8 881	9 085	83 298
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	15	(298)	(113)	(16 684)	512	(400)	(2015)	(58)	247	(17 440)

¹ Includes DCIS service charges.

This Operating Statement by Output Group is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
4. Goods and Services Received Free of Charge		
Corporate and Information Services	3,243	3,509
	<u>3,243</u>	<u>3,509</u>
5. Gain/Loss on Disposal of Assets		
Net proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets	3	11
Less: Carrying value of non-current assets disposed	(12)	-
Gain/(Loss) on the disposal of non-current assets	<u>(9)</u>	<u>11</u>
6. Purchases of Goods and Services		
The net surplus/(deficit) has been arrived at after charging the following expenses:		
Goods and Services Expenses:		
Consultants ¹	837	2,264
Advertising ²	2	4
Marketing and Promotion ³	2,596	1,520
Document Production	259	444
Legal Expenses ⁴	18	200
Recruitment ⁵	204	344
Training and Study	245	323
Official Duty Fares	1,680	1,512
Travelling Allowance	233	272
7. Cash and Deposits		
Cash on Hand	12	12
Cash at Bank	798	2,246
On Call or Short Term Deposits	-	-
	<u>810</u>	<u>2,258</u>

¹ Includes marketing, promotion and IT consultants.

² Does not include recruitment advertising or marketing and promotion advertising.

³ Includes advertising for marketing and promotion but excludes marketing and promotion consultants' expenses, which are incorporated in the consultants' category.

⁴ Includes legal fees, claim and settlement costs.

⁵ Includes recruitment related advertising costs.

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
8. Receivables		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	459	494
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Receivable	(1)	(2)
	<u>458</u>	<u>492</u>
Interest Receivables		
GST Receivables	244	200
Other Receivables	151	205
	<u>395</u>	<u>405</u>
Non-Current		
Other Receivables	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receivables	<u><u>853</u></u>	<u><u>897</u></u>
9. Advances and Investments		
Railway Project Investments	42,817	42,817
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Advances	32,700	-
	<u>10,117</u>	<u>42,817</u>
Total Advances and Investments	<u><u>10,117</u></u>	<u><u>42,817</u></u>

	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
10. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land		
At Fair Value	4,800	2,900
Buildings		
At Fair Value	9,300	8,845
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,983)</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>
	6,317	6,345
Infrastructure		
At Fair Value	16,495	16,290
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(414)</u>	<u>(258)</u>
	16,081	16,032
Construction (Work in Progress)		
At Capitalised Cost	<u>4,981</u>	<u>4,141</u>
	4,981	4,141
Plant and Equipment		
At Cost	1,770	1,675
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(838)</u>	<u>(671)</u>
	932	1,004
Leased Plant and Equipment		
At Capitalised Cost	117	117
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(117)</u>	<u>(117)</u>
	-	-
Heritage and Cultural Assets		
At Fair Value	260	260
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(139)</u>	<u>(136)</u>
	121	124
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u><u>33,232</u></u>	<u><u>30,546</u></u>

Property, Plant and Equipment Valuations

An independent valuation of Land Lot 5220 was undertaken by the Australian Valuation Office (AVO) as at 30 June 2006. The fair value of these assets was determined based on any existing restrictions on asset use. Where reliable market values were not available, the fair value of Agency assets was based on their depreciated replacement cost.

Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment

Agency property, plant and equipment assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2006. No impairment adjustments were required as a result of this review.

10. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)***Property, Plant and Equipment Reconciliations***

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of 2005-06 is set out below:

	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (Work in Progress)	Plant & Equipment	Leased Plant & Equipment	Heritage & Cultural Assets	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying Amount as at 1 July 2005	2,900	6,345	16,032	4,141	1,004	-	124	30,546
Additions			205	840	186			1,231
Disposals					(11)			(11)
Depreciation and Amortisation		(157)	(156)		(244)		(3)	(560)
Additions/ (Disposals) from Administrative Restructuring								
Additions/ (Disposals) from Asset Transfers		61	29		(3)			87
Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements)	1,900	68	(29)					1,939
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2006	4,800	6,317	16,081	4,981	932	-	121	33,232

10. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)***Property, Plant and Equipment Reconciliations***

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of 2005-06 is set out below:

	Land \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Infrastructure \$'000	Construction (Work in Progress) \$'000	Plant & Equipment \$'000	Leased Plant & Equipment \$'000	Heritage & Cultural Assets \$'000	Total \$'000
Carrying Amount as at 1 July 2005	2,900	6,483	8,591	8,743	841	-	127	27,685
Additions			240	1,442	156			1,838
Disposals					1			1
Depreciation and Amortisation		(138)	(258)		(189)		(3)	(588)
Additions/(Disposals) from Administrative Restructuring								
Additions/(Disposals) from Asset Transfers			7,459	(6,044)	195			1,610
Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements)								
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2006	2,900	6,345	16,032	4,141	1,004	-	124	30,546

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
11. Payables		
Accounts Payable	603	548
Accrued Expenses	150	78
Other Payables	249	712
	<u>1,002</u>	<u>1,338</u>
12. Borrowings and Advances		
Current	-	-
Non-Current		
Commonwealth Advances – Railway Project Investments	21,400	21,400
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Advances	16,350	-
	<u>5,050</u>	<u>21,400</u>
Total Borrowings and Advances	<u>5,050</u>	<u>21,400</u>
13. Provisions		
Current		
<i>Employee Benefits</i>		
Annual Leave and Airfares	1,992	2,476
Leave Loading	222	238
	<u>2,214</u>	<u>2,714</u>
Other Current Provisions		
<i>Fringe Benefit Tax</i>	181	190
<i>Payroll Tax</i>	344	184
	<u>525</u>	<u>374</u>
Total Current Provisions	<u>2,739</u>	<u>3,088</u>
Non-Current		
<i>Employee Benefits</i>		
Annual Leave	1,189	983
	<u>1,189</u>	<u>983</u>
Total Non-Current Provisions	<u>1,189</u>	<u>983</u>
Total Provisions	<u>3,928</u>	<u>4,071</u>
Reconciliations of Provisions - Current		
Annual Leave and Airfares		
Balance at beginning of year	2,476	3,008
Additional Provisions Recognised	2,114	2,578
Reductions Arising from Payments	(2,598)	(3,110)
Balance at end of year	<u>1,992</u>	<u>2,476</u>
Leave Loading		
Balance at beginning of year	238	258
Additional Provisions Recognised	178	222
Reductions Arising from Payments	(194)	(242)
Balance at end of year	<u>222</u>	<u>238</u>
Fringe Benefits Tax		
Balance at beginning of year	190	181
Additional Provisions Recognised	730	772
Reductions Arising from Payments	(739)	(763)
Balance at end of year	<u>181</u>	<u>190</u>

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
13. Provisions (Continued)		
Payroll Tax		
Balance at beginning of year	184	164
Additional Provisions Recognised	1,770	1,529
Reductions Arising from Payments	(1,610)	(1,509)
Balance at end of year	344	184
Reconciliations of Provisions – Non-Current		
Annual Leave		
Balance at beginning of year	983	-
Additional Provisions Recognised	206	983
Reductions Arising from Payments	-	-
Balance at end of year	1,189	983
The Agency employed 270 employees as at 30 June 2006 (292 employees as at 30 June 2005).		
14. Other Liabilities		
Current		
Other Liabilities	-	-
Non-Current		
Other Liabilities – Unearned Revenue	1	-
	1	-
15. Equity		
Equity represents the residual interest in the net assets of the Department of the Chief Minister. The Government's ownership interest in the Department is held in the Central Holding Authority as described in note 2(b).		
Capital		
Balance as at 1 July	51,553	46,627
Equity Injections		
Capital Appropriation	398	454
Equity Transfers In	93	7,500
Equity Withdrawals		
Capital Withdrawal	(141)	(3,223)
Equity Transfers Out	1	195
Net Effect of Administrative Restructure	78	-
Balance as at 30 June	51,982	51,553
Reserves		
Asset Revaluation Reserve		
(i) Nature and Purpose of the Asset Revaluation Reserve		
The asset revaluation reserve includes the net revaluation increments and decrements arising from the revaluation of non-current assets. Impairment adjustments may also be recognised in the Asset Revaluation Reserve.		
(ii) Movements in the Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Balance as at 1 July	123	123
Increment/(Decrement) - Land	1,900	-
Increment/(Decrement) - Buildings	38	-
Balance as at 30 June	2,061	123

	2006 \$'000	2005 '000
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 July	(1,548)	(1,521)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	(17,440)	(1,369)
Net Adjustment on Transition to IFRS	-	1,342
Balance as at 30 June	(18,988)	(1,548)

16. Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of Cash

The total of Agency Cash and Deposits of \$810,000 recorded in the Balance Sheet is consistent with that recorded as 'cash' in the Cash Flow Statement.

Reconciliation of Net Surplus/(Deficit) to Net Cash From Operating Activities

Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,090)	(1,369)
<i>Non-Cash Items:</i>		
Depreciation and Amortisation	560	588
Asset Write-Offs/Write-Downs	3	-
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Assets	9	(11)
Other Administrative Expenditure	11	(34)
<i>Changes in Assets and Liabilities:</i>		
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	44	259
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories	-	6
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	390	(113)
(Decrease)/Increase in Payables	(336)	(490)
(Decrease)/Increase in Provision for Employee Benefits	(294)	405
(Decrease)/Increase in Other Provisions	151	29
(Decrease)/Increase in Other Unearned Revenue	1	(15)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	(551)	(745)

17. Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial instruments held by the Department of the Chief Minister include cash and deposits, receivables, payables and finance leases. The Department has limited exposure to financial risks as discussed below.

(a) Credit Risk

The Agency has limited credit risk exposure (risk of default). In respect of any dealings with organisations external to government, the Agency has adopted a policy of only dealing with credit worthy organisations and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the Agency's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

(b) Net Fair Value

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements approximates their respective net fair values. Where differences exist, these are not material.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

The Department is not exposed to interest rate risk as Agency financial assets and financial liabilities are non-interest bearing.

17. Financial Instruments (Continued)

	Weighted Average interest rate %	Variable Interest \$'000	Fixed Interest Maturity			Non- Interest Bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			Under 1 year \$'000	1 to 5 ^(a) years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000		
2006 Financial Assets							
Cash and Deposits						810	810
Receivables						854	854
Advances and Investments						-	-
Total Financial Assets:						1 664	1 664
Financial Liabilities							
Deposits Held						-	-
Payables						1 002	1 002
Borrowings and Advances						5 050	5 050
Finance Lease Liabilities						-	-
Total Financial Liabilities:						6 052	6 052
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities):						(4 388)	(4 388)

	Weighted Average interest rate %	Variable Interest \$'000	Fixed Interest Maturity			Non- Interest Bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			Under 1 year \$'000	1 to 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000		
2005 Financial Assets							
Cash and Deposits						2 258	2 258
Receivables						897	897
Advances and Investments						-	-
Total Financial Assets:						3 155	3 155
Financial Liabilities							
Deposits Held						-	-
Payables						1 337	1 337
Borrowings and Advances						21 400	21 400
Finance Lease Liabilities						-	-
Total Financial Liabilities:						22 737	22 737
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities):						(19 582)	(19 582)

18. Commitments

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
(i) Operating Lease Commitments		
The Agency leases property under non-cancellable operating leases expiring in 5 years. Leases generally provide the Agency with a right of renewal at which time all lease terms are renegotiated. The Agency also leases items of plant and equipment under non-cancellable operating leases. Future operating lease commitments not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows:		
Within one year	9	-
Later than one year and not later than five years	36	-
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>45</u>	<u>-</u>
(ii) Finance Lease Commitments		
The Agency has no current finance leases.		

19. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

a) Contingent liabilities

Several indemnities and guarantees have been provided in support of the Adelaide to Darwin Railway Project.

The AustralAsia Railway Corporation (AARC) and the Northern Territory and South Australian Governments have entered into a concession arrangement for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway on a Build Own Operate and Transfer Back basis.

Unquantifiable contingent liabilities of the Territory, and possibly this Department, in relation to the Project arise from the following:

- Joint guarantee of the obligations of the AARC;
- Indemnities granted in relation to title over the railway corridor (title is secure but the indemnity continues);
- Agreement to compensate in the case of early termination of the Project (where a termination event is caused by the Territory); and
- Indemnities in favour of the Commonwealth for the Commonwealth's financial contribution.

For all of the events that would give rise to the liabilities, there are comprehensive risk management procedures in place.

Several other minor indemnities have been provided by the Department, however none of these are considered significantly material.

b) Contingent assets

The Department of the Chief Minister had no contingent assets as at 30 June 2006 or 30 June 2005.

20. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

No events have arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report that require adjustment to, or disclosure in these financial statements.

21. Accountable Officer's Trust Account

In accordance with section 7 of the *Financial Management Act*, an Accountable Officer's Trust Account has been established for the receipt of money to be held in trust. A summary of activity is shown below:

Nature of Trust Money	Opening Balance 1 July 2005	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance 30 June 2006
Retention money				
Bond money				
Security deposits				
Unpresented cheques		3		3
		3		3

22. Write-Offs, Postponements and Waivers

	Agency		Agency		Territory Items		Territory Items	
	2006 \$'000	No. of Trans.	2005 \$'000	No. of Trans.	2006 \$'000	No. of Trans.	2005 \$'000	No. of Trans.
Write-offs, Postponements and Waivers Under the <i>Financial Management Act</i>								
Represented by:								
<u>Amounts written off, waived and postponed by Delegates</u>								
Irrecoverable amounts payable to the Territory or an Agency written off								
Losses or deficiencies of money written off	2	3	-	-				
Public property written off	3	1						
Waiver or postponement of right to receive or recover money or property								
Total written off, waived and postponed by Delegates	5	4	-	-				
<u>Amounts written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer</u>								
Irrecoverable amounts payable to the Territory or an Agency written off								
Losses or deficiencies of money written off								
Public property written off								
Waiver or postponement of right to receive or recover money or property								
Total written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer								
Write-offs, Postponements and Waivers Authorised								
Under Other Legislation								

23. Schedule of Territory Items

The Department does not manage any Territory items.

24. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

As discussed at note 2(b), this is the first financial report prepared following the adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The transition to IFRS has resulted in adjustments to the Agency's financial performance and financial position. The Agency's cash flows were not impacted. In accordance with AASB 1, the Agency was required to separately adjust 1 July 2004 opening balances and 2004-05 comparative financial information as shown in the following reconciliations.

Specific adjustments were made as follows:

- Agency employee benefit liabilities that are not expected to be paid within 12 months are now required to be recognised as non-current liabilities and measured at present value. As a result of this change, \$0.88 million of recreation leave liabilities were reclassified from current to non-current as at 1 July 2004 (with an additional \$0.13 million reclassified as at 30 June 2005). Measuring the non-current portion of these liabilities at present value resulted in a \$0.03 million reduction in non-current recreation leave liabilities being charged to equity as at 1 July 2004 (with an additional \$0.04 million reduction to Employee Expenses as at 30 June 2005).

An adjustment of a prior period error relating to repairs and maintenance for the NT Railway resulted in \$1.41 million increase in expenses and corresponding decrease in equity as at 1 July 2004.

24. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (Continued)

Reconciliation of Agency Balance Sheet – as at 1 July 2004:

	Note	Pre-IFRS 1 July 2004 \$'000	Impact of IFRS \$'000	IFRS 1 July 2004 \$'000
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Deposits		7,824		7,824
Receivables		1,157		1,157
Inventories		6		6
Advances and Investments		-		-
Prepayments		305		305
Other Assets		-		-
Total Current Assets		<u>9,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,292</u>
Non-Current Assets				
Receivables		-		-
Advances and Investments		27,800		27,800
Property, Plant and Equipment		27,685		27,685
Prepayments		-		-
Other Assets		-		-
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>55,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,485</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>64,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,777</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Deposits Held		34		34
Payables		1,998		1,998
Borrowings and Advances		5		5
Provisions		3,266		3,266
Other Liabilities		345		345
Total Current Liabilities		<u>5,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,648</u>
Non-Current Liabilities				
Borrowings and Advances		13,900		13,900
Provisions		-		-
Other Liabilities		-		-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>13,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,900</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>19,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,548</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,229</u>
EQUITY				
Capital		46,627		46,627
Reserves		123		123
Accumulated Funds		(1,521)		(1,521)
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>45,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,229</u>

24. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (Continued)

Reconciliation of Agency Operating Statement – for the year ended 30 June 2005:

	Note	Pre-IFRS 30 June 2005 \$'000	Impact of IFRS \$'000	IFRS 30 June 2005 \$'000
INCOME				
Taxation Revenue				
<i>Grants and Subsidies Revenue</i>				
Current		641		641
Capital		-		-
Output Revenue		44,524		44,524
Sales of Goods and Services		2,407		2,407
Interest Revenue		-		-
Goods and Services Received Free of Charge		3,509		3,509
Gain on Disposal of Assets		11		11
Other Income		25		25
TOTAL INCOME		<u>51,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,117</u>
EXPENSES				
Employee Expenses		26,283	(40)	26,243
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>				
Purchases of Goods and Services		15,963		15,963
Repairs and Maintenance		182		182
Depreciation and Amortisation		588		588
Other Administrative Expenses		2,099	1,410	3,509
<i>Grants and Subsidies Expenses</i>				
Current		5,501		5,501
Capital		500		500
Community Service Obligations		-		-
Interest Expenses		-		-
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>51,116</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>52,486</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>1</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>(1,369)</u>

24. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (Continued)

Reconciliation of Agency Balance Sheet – as at 30 June 2005:

	Note	Pre-IFRS 30 June 2005 \$'000	Impact of IFRS \$'000	IFRS 30 June 2005 \$'000
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Deposits		2,258		2,258
Receivables		897		897
Inventories		-		-
Advances and Investments		-		-
Prepayments		419		419
Other Assets		-		-
Total Current Assets		3,574	-	3,574
Non-Current Assets				
Receivables		-		-
Advances and Investments		42,817		42,817
Property, Plant and Equipment		30,546		30,546
Prepayments		-		-
Other Assets		-		-
Total Non-Current Assets		73,363	-	73,363
TOTAL ASSETS		76,937	-	76,937
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Deposits Held		-		-
Payables		1,338		1,338
Borrowings and Advances		-		-
Provisions		3,669	(955)	2,714
Other Liabilities		374		374
Total Current Liabilities		5,381	(955)	4,426
Non-Current Liabilities				
Borrowings and Advances		21,400		21,400
Provisions		-	983	983
Other Liabilities		-		-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		21,400	983	22,383
TOTAL LIABILITIES		26,781	28	26,809
NET ASSETS		50,156		50,128
EQUITY				
Capital		51,553		51,553
Reserves		123		123
Accumulated Funds		(1,520)	(28)	(1,548)
TOTAL EQUITY		50,156	(28)	50,128

Grant Programs

Youth Affairs Grants Program

The Office of Youth Affairs (OYA) administers the Youth Grants Program. The Program aims to assist young Territorians to access a variety of youth initiated events, personal development programs and activities and is a very successful way of involving young people in the planning, staging and evaluating of activities which reflect their needs and interests.

For the 2005-06 financial year a total of \$168,303 was provided for grants. \$117,263 was allocated for the Youth Grants Program, which included \$11,000 received from the Australian Government for activities held in the Northern Territory as part of National Youth Week 2006. \$51,040 was for the provision of other youth sponsorships and award programs.

For 2005-06 there were two categories of grants available:

- Drug and Alcohol Free Entertainment
- Youth Development/Leadership

Youth Development/Leadership

This category provides for young people's development in leadership, peer skills, self-esteem, team building, role modelling, communication skills and community service. In 2005-06 grants totalling \$55,050 were allocated to this category.

Remote Communities

Jabiru Town Council	Dance, Drama and Twirling Fire	\$1,950
Pine Creek Community Government Council	Kids Christmas Disco	\$500
Ali Curung Council Association	Youthful and Useful	\$2,000
Ntaria Community Council	Cricket Camp Hermannsburg	\$1,000
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Hayes Creek Adventure for Boys	\$1,000
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Hayes Creek Adventure for Girls	\$1,000
Elliott District Community Government Council	Mural at Elliott Youth Centre	\$1,200
Walungurru Community Council	Walungurru Youth Mural Project	\$2,000
Ali Curung Council Association	Youthful and Useful Women at Ali Curung	\$1,500
Errol Zanos	The Unicorn XIII and World Championships	\$500
Jabiru Town Council	Fire Twirling and Street Dance	\$1,500
Australian Red Cross – NT Division	Save a Mate in Maningrida	\$1,000
	Total for Remote Communities	\$15,150

Darwin

Carers NT Incorporated	Young Carers vs the Machines	\$500
Kevin Kadirgamar	Evatt Trophy	\$235
Alison Woodger	Evatt Trophy	\$235
Australian Red Cross - NT Division	Training Camp	\$1,000
Darwin City Council	Technology for Teens	\$750
RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch	Puppy Love Workshops	\$1,500
Darwin City Council	Tha Big Gig	\$2,000
Buddhist Society of the NT	Youth and Faith Seminar	\$1,800
Ngaree Ah Kit	Youth Leadership Forum	\$500
NT Skateboarding, Blading and Biking Association Inc	The Great SK8 Boards, Bikes and Blades	\$1,300
Guides NT Incorporated	Empower Yourself - Your Money - Your Choices - Your Future	\$1,000
Nitro Youth Ministries	The RISE - Youth Leadership Conference	\$2,000
OzKidz NT	The OzKidz Northern Territory Leadership Conference	\$1,200
Total Recreation NT Inc	Nutrition and Cooking	\$500
Anne Harkin	African Dance for Young Women	\$1,180
Balunu Development Aboriginal Corporation	Pilot Cultural Healing for Indigenous Young People	\$500
	Total for Darwin	\$16,200

Palmerston

Palmerston City Council	Regional Coordination Committee for National Youth Week	\$2,000
Mission Australia	My Future My Choice	\$1,500
Scout Association of Australia - NT Branch	Leadership Development Course	\$1,000
Top End Lutheran Group	The Christian Life Week Camp	\$500
NT Quarter Horse Association	Camp Quarter Horse	\$1,200
United Nations Youth Association NT Division	The United Nations Youth Conference 2006	\$1,000
	Total for Palmerston	\$7,200

Nhulunbuy

Anglicare NT	Youth Committee	\$2,000
	Total for Nhulunbuy	\$2,000

Katherine

Katherine Regional Arts	Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam	\$1,000
NT Friendship and Support	Cruising Along Together	\$1,500
	Total for Katherine	\$2,500

Tennant Creek

Anglicare NT	All Round Youth Workshops	\$1,500
Tennant Creek Town Council	Regional Coordination Committee for National Youth Week	\$2,000
Tennant Creek Town Council	Bicycle Maintenance Workshop	\$1,500
Anglicare NT	The Young Girls Personal Development, Life Skills, Friendship, Fun and Cultural Exchange Program	\$1,500
	Total for Tennant Creek	\$6,500

Alice Springs

Tangentyere Council Inc	The Mighty Musclemis	\$1,500
Alice Springs Town Council	Battle of the Cans Art Competition	\$2,000
Christian Community Centre	C.C.C. Uproar Winter Camp	\$2,000
	Total for Alice Springs	\$5,500

Drug and Alcohol Free Entertainment

This category is for an event or activity where there is no alcohol or drugs. The aim of this type of entertainment is to promote a healthy lifestyle with a drug and alcohol free message.

In 2005-06 grants totaling \$62,213 were allocated to this category.

Remote Communities

Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprise Aboriginal Corporation	Groote Eylandt Youth Arts Festival	\$2,000
Coomalie Community Government Council	The Batchelor Amazing Race	\$1,985
Alawa Aboriginal Corporation	A Cracker of a Christmas	\$900
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association	It's Christmas Time	\$2,000
Malabam Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	Maningrida Youth Festival	\$1,500
Milingimbi Community Inc	Band Together	\$500
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association	Little Day Out	\$1,500
Jabiru Town Council	Dancing Out Loud	\$2,000
Areyonga Community Incorporated	Battle of the Bush Bands and Sports Carnival	\$2,000
Areyonga Community Incorporated	Areyonga Idol	\$1,500
Groote Eylandt and Milyakburra Youth Development Unit	Hip Hop Workshops	\$2,000
Sunrise Health Service	Us Mob Mini Youth Festival	\$1,500
Alawa Community Development Program	A Sporting Chance	\$1,500
Batchelor Youth Group	The Jungle Art Exhibition and Workshop	\$1,200
	Total for Remote Communities	\$22,085

Darwin

Australian Red Cross - NT Division	No Snow Here Holiday Program	\$2,000
NT AIDS and Hepatitis Council Inc	AIDS Awareness Week Youth Dance Party	\$1,000
Total Recreation	Weekend in Style	\$2,000
Deafness Association of the NT	Strike Me Lucky	\$500
Life. Be In It. NT	Life Games Team Challenge	\$1,500
	Total for Darwin	\$7,000

Palmerston

Mission Australia	High on Life	\$1,775
Cheer NT Association Inc	Come and Try Cheerleading	\$1,500
Danila Dilba Youth Service	Hot Shots, Hoops n Hip Hop Youth Fest	\$1,500
Apex Club of Litchfield Inc	Palmerston Youth Festival	\$1,500
Palmerston City Council	Launch of Youth Space	\$500
	Total for Palmerston	\$6,775

Nhulunbuy

Nhulunbuy Corporation	Youth Affairs Xmas Night	\$1,733
Gove Junior Soccer Club Incorporated	Wet Season Indoor Soccer Competition	\$500
Nhulunbuy Corporation	Gove Peninsula Basketball Challenge 2006	\$1,500
	Total for Nhulunbuy	\$3,733

Katherine

Mission Australia	Battle of the Bands by the Pool	\$1,500
Somerville Community Services	Cinema Night	\$500
Somerville Community Services	Somerville Annual Sk8D8 2006	\$1,500
Mission Australia	Youth Week Basketball Competition	\$1,500
YMCA of Katherine	Active Activities	\$1,500
	Total for Katherine	\$6,500

Tennant Creek

Tennant Creek Town Council	Tennant Grind	\$1,000
Centacare NT	Youth Week 2006 Disco	\$1,500
Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre	Tennant Creek Youth Community Performance Spectacular	\$2,000
	Total for Tennant Creek	\$4,500

Alice Springs

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc	Blue Light Disco	\$1,000
Christian Community Centre Inc	Triple C Uproar	\$1,000
Irrkerlantye Learning Centre	Disco for Youth	\$500
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc	Celebrate Youth Week Disco	\$1,500
Incite Youth Arts Inc	NYW Dance, Drama and Storytelling Workshops	\$2,000
Alice Springs Youth Centre	House and NuJazz Night	\$1,800
Red Centre Knights Alice Springs High School Chess Club	The Chess Challenge	\$1,320
Family Planning Welfare Association Inc	The Safe Relationships Art Project	\$1,500
Gap Youth Centre Aboriginal Corp	The Blue Light Disco	\$1,000
	Total for Alice Springs	\$11,620

Other Youth Sponsorships and Awards Programs

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Ltd	STS Leeuwin II Top End Explorer Voyages	\$29,040
Awards Australia Pty Ltd	NT Young Achievers Awards 2006	\$10,000
Awards Australia Pty Ltd	NT Young Achievers Awards 2007	\$11,000
Freds Pass Reserve Management Board	Rural Young Achiever Awards	\$1,000

Senior Territorian Grants

The Office of Senior Territorians administers a small grants program to promote a positive understanding of ageing in the community, to encourage seniors to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle, and to enable community groups and organisation to work together to organise events and activities that can be enjoyed by all Territorians over 50 years of age.

Thirty one applicants received funding to conduct activities and events for Seniors Month, totalling \$38,928.

Seniors Month

Alice Springs

Frontier Services	Field Events – Shot Put, Javelin, Boula, Soccer etc	\$1,300
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia Inc	Hamilton Downs Youth Camp – workshops for drums, 'balance', naturopath, artist, walking.	\$2,000
	Total for Alice Springs	\$3,300

Darwin

Arthritis Foundation of the NT Inc	"ABC in the gym" – active strengthening, body balance and brain activity, cardiac exercise	\$1,335
Australia Day Council NT Inc	Senior Territorian of the Year tour of honour	\$1,500
Australian Red Cross Territory Division	Basic first aid and CPR	\$2,000
Browns Mart Community Arts Inc for Silver Shimmers	Belly dance and holistic health and fitness	\$1,000
Buddhist Society of the NT Inc	Parents/Grandparents day	\$1,000
COTA National Seniors/Partners in Culturally Appropriate Aged Care	Darwin Harbour Cruise	\$1,793
Darwin Aussi Masters Swimming Club Inc	Swimming sessions	\$1,150
Darwin City Council Libraries	Thai Chi, Ballroom Dancing, Bingo	\$600
Darwin Senior Citizens Inc	Seniors Expo	\$1,430
Family Planning Welfare Association of the NT Inc	Community Forum on Menopause	\$2,000
Filipiniana Senior Citizens Association Inc	Mini indoor sports festival	\$500
Guides NT Inc for Tuesday Senior Citizens Group	Luncheon and games	\$500
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	Seniors Cultural Picnic	\$1,000
Nightcliff Sports Club Inc for Nightcliff Evergreens Citizens Club	Come and try lawn bowls	\$1,000
NT Ballroom Dancing Association Inc	Dance activities social and lessons for ball room dancing	\$2,000
NT Bridge Association Inc	Social Bridge games	\$700
Pensioner's Workshop Association Inc	Picture framing and Timorese weaving	\$2,000
Playgroup Association of the NT Inc	Grandparents picnic day	\$1,300
Territory Craft Darwin Division	Tile Painting and Glass Painting	\$1,870
YWCA of Darwin Inc	Women sharing their stories luncheon	\$500
	Total for Darwin	\$25,178

Darwin Rural

Coomalie Community Government Council	Bus for residents to visit Darwin	\$1,350
Friend of the Taminmin Library Inc	Poetry	\$650
Litchfield Bowls Club Inc	Lawn bowls day	\$500
Rural Old Timers & Friends Association Inc	Bus for residents to visit Darwin	\$450
	Total for Darwin Rural	\$2,950

Katherine

Katherine Senior Citizens Association Inc	Easy going sporting activities (indoor bowls mini golf), picnics/luncheon and dances	\$2,000
	Total for Katherine	\$2,000

Palmerston

Palmerston City Council for Palmerston & Rural Seniors Week Committee	Harbour Sunset Cruise	\$2,000
Palmerston Lions Club Inc for Palmerston Senior Songsters	Concert	\$2,000
	Total for Palmerston	\$4,000

Tennant Creek

Tennant Creek Senior Citizens & Pensioners Association Inc	Various activities	\$1,500
	Total for Tennant Creek	\$1,500

Women's Grants

The Office of Women's Policy (OWP) provides grants to women and women's organisations for activities that promote the social and economic status of Territory women, and advance women's policy priorities. For the 2005-06 financial year a total of \$69,573 was paid in grants.

Chief Minister's Study Award

The Award enables two territory women to commence studies each year at tertiary and TAFE levels and is paid throughout the course of study. The Award is administered by the Office of Women's Policy on behalf of the Chief Minister.

Alice Springs

Ms Frances Turner	Tertiary Study Award	\$4,000
Ms Anna Montgomery	Vocational Study Award	\$2,700

Arnhem

Ms Wendy Butterworth	Vocational Study Award	\$4,000
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Barkly

Marlene Ball	Vocational Study Award	\$2,000
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Darwin

Melissa Compain	Tertiary Study Award	\$5,000
Ms Renae Mc Garvie	Tertiary Study Award	\$1,400

Palmerston

Ms Sarah J Debney	Tertiary Study Award	\$3,200
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Total		\$22,300
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Community Engagement: Women's Priorities

The Office supports activities that address priority issues identified by women and encourage women's participation and leadership.

Darwin

Anglicare	Provide funding for Anglicare attendance at National FGM Conference	\$2,636
Charles Darwin University	International Women's Day Colloquium	\$1,000
Darwin Basketball Association	Contribution toward Coaching Clinic for Girls	\$5,000
Assemblies of God NT	Shinegirl: Graduation Young Women's Development Program	\$909
YWCA	77 Shoes Exhibition	\$2,000

Tiwi Islands

Wangatunga Strong Women's Group	Leadership Development	\$2,727
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Wadeye

Wadeye Palngun Wurnangat Association	Partnership between Australian Government-F&CS, OWP and Association to build capacity of women to manage their own business enterprises.	\$30,000
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Total		\$44,272
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Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program

In 2005-06, 141 applications for financial assistance were assessed under the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program. The Minister for Multicultural Affairs approved 111 Grants totalling \$733,993.

A further \$499,833 was granted under the Ethnic Communities Facilities Development Program for general upgrades or urgent repairs to multicultural community facilities.

Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program

Alice Springs	\$75,239
8CCC Community Radio Inc	\$1,000
Alice Springs Islamic Society	\$1,000
Alice Springs School of the Air	\$500
Bradshaw Primary School	\$800
Centralian Senior Secondary School	\$800
InCite Youth Arts	\$1,000
Mabuhay Multicultural Association of Alice Springs Inc	\$8,450
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	\$59,689
Sadadeen Primary School	\$1,000
St Phillips College	\$1,000
Darwin	\$630,703
African Community	\$7,000
Africa-Australia Friendship Association Inc	\$7,050
Alawa Primary School	\$800
Anglicare NT	\$1,000
Australian Darwin Cantonese Opera Association (ADCOA)	\$5,950
Australian-Japanese Association of the NT	\$1,000
Bali Indonesian Incorporated "Sulawesi Utara"	\$7,000
Catholic Diocese of Darwin	\$35,005
Chinese Language & Cultural Centre of Darwin	\$2,600
Chung Wah Society Inc	\$53,199
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts	\$8,972
Council on the Ageing NT Inc (COTA)	\$20,300
Cultural Village of the Northern Territory	\$1,000
Cyprus Community of the NT Inc	\$12,000
Darwin Fringe Festival (DFF)	\$4,900
Darwin Senior Citizens	\$600
Dragon Boat Northern Territory Inc	\$300
Fijian Association Inc	\$2,500
Filipiniana Senior Citizens	\$4,500
Filipino Australian Association of the NT Inc	\$19,290
Gray School	\$600
Greek Orthodox Community of Northern Australia	\$81,380
Happy Migrant Social Club (administered by MCNT)	\$9,400
Hindu Society of the NT Inc	\$4,500
Holy Family Primary School	\$800
Indian Cultural Society of the NT	\$53,070
Islamic Society of the NT	\$4,500
Italian Centre for Scholastic Welfare Assistance	\$1,000
Italingua NT Inc	\$8,400

Kiribati (administered by CVNT)	\$1,000
Larrakeyah School	\$800
Manunda Terrace Primary School	\$1,000
Melaleuca Refugee Centre	\$20,000
Moil Primary School	\$800
Moulden Park School	\$800
Multicultural Council of the NT	\$166,612
Multilingual Broadcasting Council of the NT	\$12,300
Nightcliff Arts, Music & Culture Inc	\$2,000
NT Writers' Centre Inc	\$10,500
O'Loughlin College	\$500
Pakistan Association of the NT Inc	\$8,621
Palmerston Christian School	\$700
Palmerston City Council	\$2,550
Papua New Guinea Australia Social and Cultural Group Inc	\$1,750
Persatuan Indonesia Inc Darwin	\$12,900
Samoa Community House (administered by Cultural Village of the Northern Territory)	\$1,200
Stuart Park Primary School	\$800
Tamil Society of the Northern Territory Inc	\$600
Thai Lao Australian Association of the NT Inc	\$2,000
The Essington School Darwin	\$800
The Mediterranean Greek Cultural Dance Group of the NT Inc	\$7,854
Tunas Mekar Balinese Collective (auspiced by Ausdance)	\$13,650
Wagaman School Council	\$750
Wanguri Primary School	\$600
Wulagi Primary School	\$1,000
Darwin Rural	\$5,041
Adelaide River Primary School Council	\$450
Batchelor Area School	\$800
Berry Springs Primary School	\$700
Coomalie Community Government Council	\$875
Dundee Beach School (administered by Palmerston & Rural Group School Management Council)	\$850
Howard Springs Primary School	\$600
Jabiru Town Council	\$766
Katherine	\$3,270
Clyde Fenton School	\$800
Katherine Filipino-Australian Association of the NT Inc	\$1,800
Katherine High School	\$670
Nhulunbuy / Pine Creek / Tennant Creek	\$19,740
Nhulunbuy Corporation	\$1,000
Nhulunbuy High School	\$1,000
Tongan Association	\$14,140
Pine Creek Community Government Council	\$600

Barkly Multicultural Association (Tennant Creek Town Council)	\$3,000
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Total	\$733,993
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Ethnic Communities Facilities Development Program

Darwin

Chung Wah Society	\$80,000
Filipino Australian Association	\$55,803
Greek Orthodox Community	\$75,455
Hindu Society of the NT	\$56,000
Italian Sports and Social Club	\$33,000
Serbian Orthodox Community	\$11,090
The Islamic Society of the NT	\$159,395

Katherine

Katherine Filipino Australian Association of the NT	\$29,090
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Total	\$499,833
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Support to Community Organisations and Events

For the 2005-06 financial year a total of \$818,885 was provided for grants, donations and sponsorships to support community groups and events.

Grant Recipients	Purpose	
2006 Chief Minister Science Award	2006 Chief Minister Science Award	\$1,000
Adelaide River Show Society	31st Annual Adelaide River Show & Country Talent Quest - Chief Minister's Ball / Open Campdraft event.	\$2,500
Alice Springs Saddle Horse	Bushman's Carnival Oct 2005	\$500
Alice Springs Turf Club	Chief Minister's Cup	\$550
Australian Institute of Management	2006 Management Excellence Awards	\$8,000
Australian Red Cross	East Timor Eye Program	\$20,000
Avant (Somerville Community Services)	Golf Classic Raise Funds	\$500
Brown's Mart Community Arts	Darwin Youth and Children's Choir	\$200
Catholic Diocese of Darwin	Memorial to first bishop of Darwin	\$1,000
Charles Darwin University	Independence anniversary gift to Indonesia	\$268,182
Charles Darwin University	NTG Timor L'este Fellowship	\$55,225
Christmas in Darwin Association	2005 Carols by Candlelight & Festivities	\$7,000
Combined Lions Club	2005 Beer Can Regatta	\$10,000
Combined Schools Battle of the Bands 2005	Combined Schools Battle of the Bands 2005	\$500
Coomalie Community Government Council	2006 ANZAC Day Dawn Service	\$1,000
Darwin Community Legal Service	Human Rights Show	\$750
Darwin Festival	Darwin Festival 2005	\$1,000
Darwin Greyhound Association	2006 Chief Minister's Cup Race	\$1,650
Darwin High School	Battle of the Bands 2005	\$500
Darwin Press Club	2005 Media Awards	\$2,000
Greek Orthodox Community	Glenti – 2006	\$2,000
Litchfield Orchid Club	2006 NT Orchid Spectacular	\$1,200
Most Outstanding Student Awards	Most Outstanding Education Student	\$1,000
Most Outstanding Student Awards	Most Outstanding Indigenous Student	\$1,000
Most Outstanding Student Awards	Most Outstanding Open Education Student	\$1,000
Ms Margaret Baker	Annual Territory Dinner	\$2,000
Neighbourhood Watch	Volunteers' Christmas Party	\$500
Northern Territory Air Training Corps	Ian Davidson Flying Scholarship	\$5,500
NT Aids & Hepatitis Council	Pride Festival 2006	\$3,000
NT Major Events Company	National Transport Hall of Fame	\$10,000
NT Major Events Company	World Solar Car Challenge	\$28,500
NT Show Council Inc.	NT Show	\$220,000
NT Trades & Labour Council	2006 May Day Concert	\$20,000
Nursery & Garden Industry	2005 Garden Spectacular	\$30,000
Papua New Guinea-Australia Social & Cultural Group	PNG Hamamas/Moale Gala Night	\$500
Returned Services League of Australia	2006 ANZAC Day Events	\$1,108
Riding for the Disabled	National Conference Attendance	\$500

Royal Agricultural Society of the NT Inc.	2006 Steward of the Year	\$300
SA Tourist Commission	World Solar Challenge	\$75,000
Special Childrens Christmas Party	2005 Christmas Party	\$220
Tennant Creek St Patricks Day Race Club	2005 Tennant Creek St Patricks Day Race	\$1,000
Territory Construction Agency	Territory Construction Awards	\$3,000
Walangeri Ngumpinku Community Government Council	Yarralin Airshow	\$10,000
Young Professionals Association (NT)	Young Professionals Ball	\$1,500
	Total Support Grants	\$818,885

Appendices

Northern Territory Ministry

At 30 June 2006

Clare Majella Martin

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Minister for Tourism
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Minister for the AustralAsia Railway
Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing

Peter Howard Toyne

Minister for Justice and Attorney-General
Minister for Health
Minister for Central Australia

Paul Raymond Henderson

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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Minister for Defence Support
Minister for Essential Services

Christopher Bruce Burns

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister for Planning and Lands
Minister for Public Employment
Minister for Corporate and Information Services
Minister for Communications

Konstantine Vatskalis

Minister for Mines and Energy
Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Marion Rose Scrymgour

Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage
Minister for Parks and Wildlife
Minister for Arts and Museums
Minister for Young Territorians
Minister for Women's Policy
Minister for Senior Territorians

Elliot Arthur McAdam

Minister for Local Government
Minister for Housing
Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Indigenous Affairs

Delia Phoebe Lawrie

Minister for Family and Community Services
Minister for Sport and Recreation

2005-06 Ministerial Expenditure

Minister	Total expenses (\$'000)
Hon C Martin	2 258
Employee Expenses	1 287
Operating Expenses	971
Hon S Stirling	1 219
Employee Expenses	813
Operating Expenses	406
Hon P Toyne	1 049
Employee Expenses	703
Operating Expenses	346
Hon P Henderson	1 157
Employee Expenses	815
Operating Expenses	342
Hon C Burns	989
Employee Expenses	708
Operating Expenses	281
Hon K Vatskalis	858
Employee Expenses	549
Operating Expenses	309
Hon M Scrymgour	726
Employee Expenses	514
Operating Expenses	212
Hon E McAdam	753
Employee Expenses	482
Operating Expenses	271
Hon D Lawrie	689
Employee Expenses	494
Operating Expenses	195
Office of Central Australia	914
Employee Expenses	636
Operating Expenses	278
Ministerial Support Unit	1 304
Employee Expenses	1 094
Operating Expenses	210
Leader of the Opposition	895
Employee Expenses	475
Operating Expenses	420
Independent Members	83
Employee Expenses	70
Operating Expenses	13
Total Expenses	12 894
Employee Expenses	8 640
Operating Expenses	4 254

Note: Excludes Agency input costs (Overheads)

Response to **Safer Communities Program**

All agencies are required to provide an annual accounting of their performance against the Government's *Building Safer Communities* strategy.

Children and Young People

- In March 2006, the Northern Territory Government approved the continuation of the Youth Diversion Scheme, with NT Police managing and administering the scheme. Key features include:
 - A specialist interdepartmental team comprising representatives of NT Police and Department of Justice, Department of Health and Community Services, and Department of Employment, Education and Training is currently working under the leadership of the Department of the Chief Minister to develop the future direction of the Youth Diversion Scheme. This team will examine the best approach to a more strategic coordinated outlook to improve outcomes for all territory youth.
 - A critical aspect of the team's work is to advance the dialogue with the Australian Government regarding its involvement in the JDS both at a policy and a program level and the reinstatement of earlier funding.
 - The Youth Justice Act took effect from August 2006. The Act includes a presumption for the diversion of youth in all but the most serious of offences.
 - The Northern Territory Government will continue to fund on a recurrent basis NGO case management providers in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs providing services for at-risk youth.
 - The Northern Territory Government will maintain a recurrent contribution to Community Youth Development Units programs and support services in remote communities.

Protecting your home and business – preventing property crime

- Promoted the Personal Safety Assessment Program for seniors, which includes a web-based checklist to assess personal safety and home security.

Preventing violence – protecting Territorians

- White Ribbon Day is held on 25 November, marking the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and is the largest campaign in the world involving men in the struggle to end men's violence against women. Wearing a white ribbon signifies a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women. The Office of Women's Policy organises and coordinates events and activities for White Ribbon Day in the Territory.

Partners in crime prevention

- A White Ribbon Day organising committee has been established for 2006 with members from the media, business, Aboriginal health organisations and NT Police. The organising committee are writing to invite all Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Councils to be involved in the 2006 campaign.

People, places, systems

- Continuation of the Bi-Lingual Educators Program, established under the Northern Territory Governments' Domestic and Family Violence Strategy 2002-2007. The program provides information about family violence to ethnic and migrant refugee communities and groups in Darwin.
- Community Cabinet Women's Forums are held across the Northern Territory. These forums link Territory women with Government and allow issues and ideas for individual communities to be raised with the Chief Minister, Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Health.

Representation on Committees and Forums

National

- Australian Bravery Decorations Council
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Advisory Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics
- Australian Regulatory Review Units
- Council Of Australian Governments (COAG) Senior Officials' Meeting
- COAG Committee for Regulatory Review
- COAG Human Capital Reform: Overarching Group
- COAG Working Group on the Lockhart Review on Cloning and Embryo Research
- Council for the Order of Australia
- Commonwealth, State and Territory National Safety Taskforce
- Commonwealth, State, Territory and New Zealand Standing Committee of Women's Officials and Advisers
- Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council
- Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Research Program Advisory Committee
- Desert Knowledge Australia Board
- Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre Board
- Integrated Logistics Network
- Invest Australia National Marketing Group
- Greenhouse Strategy Steering Committee
- Ministerial Council for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- Ministerial Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Standing Committee of Officials
- Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Youth Taskforce
- Ministerial Council on the Status of Women
- Mutual Recognition Agreement/Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement Cross Jurisdictional Review Forum
- National Accreditation Authority for Interpreters and Translators
- National Counter-Terrorism Committee
- National Government Communications Forum
- National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition
- National Safety Task Force
- National Youth Affairs Research Scheme
- National Youth Week National Planning Group
- Operational Coordination Committee (NORCOM)
- Positive Ageing Taskforce of the Community Services Ministerial Council
- Reconciliation Working Group
- Standing Committee for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- Standing Committee on Treaties
- State and Territory Senior Officials Meeting
- Steering Committee for the Review of Commonwealth State Service Provision (SCRCSSP)
- SCRCSSP Indigenous Indicators Working Group

Northern Territory

- Advisory Council on Ageing
- Alcan Gove Taskforce
- Alcohol Management Plan Committee
- Alice in Ten Committee
- Alice Springs Crime Prevention Council
- Alice Springs Hospital Project Control Group
- Alice Springs Regional Economic Committee
- Alice Springs Town Camps Task Force
- AustralAsia Trade Route Taskforce
- Built Environment Committee
- Census Steering Committee
- Centrelink Youth Reference Group
- Chief Executive's Student Forum Reference Group
- Chief Executives' Task Force on Indigenous Affairs
- Child and Youth Safety Committee
- Community Harmony Interdepartmental Committee
- Community Living Areas Working Group
- Community Safety Steering Group
- Counter Disaster Council
- Crime Prevention Committee
- Daly River Expert Reference Group
- Darwin and Rural Workers with Youth Network
- Darwin City Waterfront Taskforce
- Darwin Crime Prevention Committee
- Darwin Youth Beat Reference Group
- Domestic and Family Violence Interdepartmental Committee
- Environmental Protection Agency Interdepartmental Committee
- Family Court of Australia Advisory Group
- Family Violence Advisory Council
- Health and Wellbeing of Northern Territory Women Steering Committee Meeting
- Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory
- Interdepartmental Committee on Indigenous Economic Development (IDCIED)
- IDCIED Mutitjulu Working Group
- Interdepartmental Indigenous Land Group
- Interdepartmental Women's Policy Round Table
- Intra-Territory Housing Committee
- Jabiru Region Sustainability Project
- Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Action Group
- Katherine Regional Economic Committee
- Katherine Regional Harmony Group
- Major Projects Group
- McArthur River Mine Taskforce
- Mereenie Reference Group
- Middle Years Reference Group
- MindMatters Reference Group
- Multicultural Advisory Committee

- National Disaster Mitigation Program Assessment Panel
- Nhulunbuy Regional Economic Committee
- Northern Territory Disability Advisory Council
- Northern Territory Fuel Emergency Committee
- Northern Territory Homelessness Task Force
- Northern Territory Settlement Planning Committee
- Northern Territory Transport Security Committee
- Northern Territory Freight Working Group
- Northern Territory Youth Affairs Network
- Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs Implementation Group
- Palmerston Partnership Agreement School to Work Transition Working Group
- Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network
- Parks and Conservation Masterplan Project Control Group and Interagency Advisory Committee
- Peak Group, Charles Darwin University/Northern Territory Government Partnership Agreement
- Police Ethnic Advisory Group
- Refugee and Migrant Settlement Services' Program Reference Group
- Refugee Support Network Committee
- Regional Coordination Committee
- Regional Counter Disaster Committee
- Remote Townships Land Tenure Interdepartmental Committee
- Remote Work Force Development Committee
- Review of Information Act Working Group
- Rural Aboriginal Community Planning Working Group
- Special Events Committee
- Tennant Creek Regional Economic Committee
- Todd and Charles Rivers Committee
- Trade Policy Working Group
- Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement Review Forum
- Tourism Infrastructure Taskforce
- Youth Affairs Interdepartmental Committee

Images cover from left to right

- Bootu Creek manganese demonstrates growth of freight on the AustralAsia Trade Route.
- There were many events on the Territory community calendar for seniors, women, youth and cultural groups.
- LNG carriers are a regular sight in Darwin Harbour since the first load of LNG was picked up in February 2006.
- Colleen McPherson, Phyllis Tipumantimirri and Rosanne Tipiloura enjoying the 2006 Tiwi Island Grand Final.

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