



Northern Territory Government

# BUDGET 2010-11

Speech  
Budget Paper No. 1



# 2010-11 Budget Papers

## No. 1 Speech

The Treasurer's speech to the Legislative Assembly describes the Northern Territory Government's Budget strategy and key features of the 2010-11 Budget, together with the Bill presented to Parliament outlining appropriations for 2010-11.

## No. 2 Fiscal and Economic Outlook

Meets the requirements of the *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act*. Includes a discussion of the Government's fiscal strategy, the fiscal and economic outlook for 2010-11 and the forward estimates period, and an overview of expenditure and revenue initiatives in the Budget. It also discusses current and topical issues in intergovernmental relations from the Territory's perspective and outlines financial arrangements with the Commonwealth for Specific Purpose Payments and National Partnership Agreements. The financial data provided meets the Territory's obligations under the Uniform Presentation Framework as agreed between governments.

## No. 3 The Budget

Detailed information about agency budgets, grouped by Ministerial portfolio. Includes agency budget highlights, appropriation amounts, output statements and accrual financial statements (Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement) for all agencies within the Northern Territory budget sector. A detailed summary of revenue information is also provided.

## No. 4 The Infrastructure Program

Presents a summary of the Government's Infrastructure Program for all budget sector agencies, as well as descriptions of 2010-11 capital projects for each agency. Expected committal dates for major projects in 2010-11 are also provided.

## Related Papers

### Budget Overview

Key features of the 2010-11 Budget.

### Northern Territory Economy

A detailed assessment of the Territory economy, including recent performance and growth prospects, employment, population, trade, and Australian and international conditions. Includes chapters on the performance and outlook for major Territory industries. An overview is also provided as a separate, self-contained document.

### Regional Highlights

Government's initiatives, programs and expenditures in the 2010-11 Budget detailed by region.

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# Speech and Appropriation Bill

2010-11



Part 1

# Speech

Delivered on

4 May 2010

by

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Treasurer

of the

Northern Territory of Australia



## Introduction

Madam Speaker, I move that the Bill be now read a second time.

I table the 2010-11 Appropriation Bill and related papers.

Budget 2010 delivers now for families and invests in the future of the Northern Territory.

Budget 2010 is a tight budget. It is a financially responsible budget and it is a focused budget.

Budget 2010 focuses on key government priorities including Territory 2030 and Working Future.

Budget 2010 focuses on growing the Territory with low taxes and a record \$1.8 billion infrastructure expenditure to create and protect jobs.

Importantly, Budget 2010 delivers critical infrastructure in the bush with a record \$980 million to support Working Future.

And Budget 2010 focuses on better hospitals, better schools and more housing.

Budget 2010 was constructed in constrained financial circumstances.

The global financial crisis dramatically slowed GST growth which has adversely affected current and future Territory revenue forecasts.

In light of this revenue reduction the formation of Budget 2010 required every potential spending initiative to undergo a rigorous assessment. Two core criteria were applied. How will this initiative deliver now for families? And how will this initiative invest in the future of the Territory?

## Strong Economy

Madam Speaker the global economy is slowly recovering from the deepest economic downturn since World War II. This recovery is expected to strengthen over 2010 with the International Monetary Fund forecasting world growth of 4.2 per cent and Australian growth of 3.0 per cent.

However, the impact of the global downturn on growth in 2008-09 and 2009-10 was considerable and neither Australia nor the Territory escaped unscathed.

Although Australia, and in particular the Territory, did prove to be remarkably resilient to the downturn, the Territory economy was affected by slower demand and tighter credit markets, resulting in lower private sector economic activity.

As the global economy continues to recover over 2010, the Territory is expected to be a major beneficiary as demand for Territory exports increases. After slowing to an estimated 0.4 per cent in 2009-10, following completion of a number of major projects, Territory economic growth is forecast to strengthen to 3.6 per cent in 2010-11, supported by a record \$1.8 billion capital investment by the Territory Government, a recovery in household spending and a strengthening trade surplus driven by higher alumina, manganese and iron ore exports.

The Territory Government's Capital Works Program, accelerated land release and strengthening residential construction activity will continue to support jobs growth across the Territory in 2010-11, with resident employment estimated to increase by 2.5 per cent.

A substantial increase in land supply and further stamp duty concessions will also enable more Territorians to enter the housing market and meet the needs of the Territory's growing population.

For the last six months the Northern Territory has enjoyed the lowest unemployment in the nation, currently at 3.2 per cent.

Importantly this has been achieved while also having the highest labour force participation in the country.

Madam Speaker, it is clear – if you want a job come to the Territory.

The Territory's low unemployment rate simply would not have occurred without the Rudd Government's stimulus package and the Henderson Government's low taxes and record infrastructure spend.

These public spending programs kept our economy strong and stable in a time of global upheaval.

The Territory's low tax regime also played an important role in assisting businesses to continue to employ and invest through the crisis.

This continues in Budget 2010 – the lowest recurrent taxes for small and medium businesses in Australia.

Since 2001 our tax cuts have saved Territory business \$291 million.

Madam Speaker a year ago we made the deliberate decision to enter a budget deficit position to protect our economy. It worked.

After having delivered seven surpluses in a row, delivering an eighth would have cost many Territorians their job. Budget 2010 maintains the strategy adopted last year to support jobs and the economy, but have a clear deficit step-out strategy to return the budget to surplus.

## Financially Responsible and Sustainable

At the time of formulating the 2010-11 Budget the national economy is in a recovery phase. However, the Territory's fiscal position continues to be affected by lower than historical revenue growth.

Declining GST revenue has affected every jurisdiction in Australia. In their mid-year financial reports every jurisdiction was forecasting a cash deficit for this financial year.

Although GST revenue has started to recover in line with the improvement in the Australian economy, total collections remain lower than pre-global financial crisis (GFC) levels. For the Territory the effect is lower GST revenue of \$154 million in 2009-10 and about \$100 million in 2011-12.

GST revenue for the Territory has been further affected by the 2010 Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) review of relativities. The CGC's new relativities resulted in a reduction in the Territory's share of GST

revenue from 5.4 per cent to 5.2 per cent, or \$77 million. This affects all forward years and has extended the deficit step-out strategy by two years.

The estimated cash deficit for 2009-10 is \$137 million, a \$59 million improvement from the estimate in the 2009-10 Budget, due to a net transfer of expenditure between years and increased revenue from the higher GST pool, offset by additional expenditure initiatives.

For 2010-11 the cash deficit is projected to be \$268 million, \$94 million higher than estimated at this time last year. The major influence on the 2010-11 Budget aggregates are substantial variations of over \$400 million, in both receipts and payments, due to the significant increase in tied Commonwealth funding. Apart from this, the increased deficit is due to:

- expenditure associated with Commonwealth revenue received in prior years;
- new expenditure initiatives supported, in part, through reprioritisation;
- a reduction in own-source revenue, largely taxes; and
- a small increase in GST revenue as a result of the Pool growth, offset by the Territory's lower relativity.

Budget 2010 meets the Territory's fiscal strategy targets through ensuring growth in operating expenditure is less than revenue growth, significant infrastructure investment, a competitive tax environment and prudent management of liabilities.

The Territory's cash position will remain in deficit over the forward estimates although trending to an improvement by 2013-14. However the operating position is in surplus over this period, providing a considerable contribution to high infrastructure spending over the forward estimates.

Budget 2010 totals \$5.1 billion, balanced appropriately between operating and capital expenditure. In this context the forecast deficits are sustainable and responsible.

The record level of infrastructure spending will increase net debt levels over the forward years.

Budget 2010 forecasts a net debt to revenue ratio for the general government sector of 26 per cent. This important indicator measures the Territory's capacity to service debt and compares extremely favourably to the 61 per cent we inherited in 2001.

Net financial liabilities to revenue of 89 per cent is projected for 2010-11, rising to 108 per cent by 2013-14, also lower than the 133 per cent in 2001-02.

Madam Speaker, the Henderson Government has a strong record of cutting stamp duty through providing higher concessions to home buyers.

Budget 2010 increases the stamp duty concession for first home buyers. From today, the stamp duty concession for first home buyers increases to the first \$540 000 of the value of the home, up from \$385 000. This increases the maximum stamp duty savings for first home buyers from \$15 515 to \$26 730.

Budget 2010 delivers an innovative new concession to assist senior Territorians buy a home, slashing stamp duty payable by \$8500 for eligible seniors, carers, veterans and pensioners.

Importantly this initiative assists older Territorians to downsize from the larger family home into smaller accommodation.

Budget 2010 supports other home buyers with a 40 per cent increase to the Principal Place of Residence Rebate, up from \$2500 to \$3500.

Madam Speaker, the Budget also includes measures to respond to the constrained fiscal environment by increasing revenue over time and limiting expenditure growth. From 1 July 2010, the Territory's mineral royalty rate will increase from 18 per cent to 20 per cent.

This rate change is the first since the *Mineral Royalty Act* commenced in 1982.

Importantly, unlike other states who predominantly use output-based royalty schemes, the Territory imposes royalty on a mine's profitability. This means Territory mines only contribute royalties when they make a profit.

The increased rate is competitive with royalty rates imposed in the main mineral producing Australian states, consistent with recent actions in other states and is not expected to have a detrimental effect on exploration or mining in the Territory.

The new rate is expected to increase revenue by about \$9.2 million in 2010-11.

Although not a revenue source for government, the Motor Accident Compensation (MAC) Contributions Commissioner has determined a 3.5 per cent increase in motor accident compensation premiums. This adds approximately \$16 to MAC premiums.

Madam Speaker in recent years the Henderson Government has increased the numbers of front line staff. Since June 2002 staffing numbers have increased by 3800.

In the current constrained fiscal environment it is vital to ensure that budget restraint is maintained. To this effect a staffing cap is in place across all agencies so that overall numbers are maintained at the March 2010 level.

This does not preclude staffing increases in particular areas to respond to changing circumstances or demand.

Budget 2010 maintains or increases front line staffing levels.

The long awaited Henry Tax Review was released on Sunday. The review is clearly far reaching and deals with many issues affecting our future prosperity and the obligations on governments to meet the nation's future expenditure needs as outlined in the Intergenerational Report.

While my expectation is that the Commonwealth Budget will reflect some of the thinking of the review, there are many issues that will require far more consideration and discussion. Importantly, the Commonwealth has committed that no state will be worse off financially as a result of the Commonwealth's implementation of the reforms. The Government will fully respond to the review separately.

## Growing the Territory

The Territory has enjoyed strong population growth over the past four years and currently has the third highest growth rate of the states and territories behind Queensland and Western Australia. This is expected to continue with forecast growth of 2.1 per cent in 2010 and 2 per cent in 2011.

The Henderson Government is committed to meeting the challenges of this growth through our Growing the Territory strategy.

Our \$1.8 billion infrastructure budget delivers jobs now and is an investment in the Territory's future.

Roads are always a large component of our infrastructure program.

The infrastructure program in Budget 2010 also focuses on better hospitals, better schools and more housing.

The Roads budget this year is \$331 million and funds projects right across the Territory.

The roads repairs and maintenance budget has increased to \$80 million.

Our roads program is funded in conjunction with the Commonwealth.

Some of the roads to receive upgrades in Budget 2010 include the Stuart Highway, Arnhem Highway, the Central Arnhem Road, Port Keats Road, Buntine Highway, Umbakumba Road, Maryvale Road, Tanami Road, Sandover Highway, Litchfield Road, Fog Bay Road and the Buchanan Highway.

Darwin doesn't miss out either. The duplication of Vanderlin Drive to four lanes will cut travel time between Casuarina and Palmerston and improve safety around the Leanyer Water Park.

The Henderson Government is investing \$1.7 billion over five years from 2009-10 for power and water infrastructure to increase reliability of supply and ensure we meet growing demand. This includes \$120 million for two new turbines at Channel Island.

Madam Speaker, Budget 2010 recognises that Palmerston is our fastest growing region.

We deliver on our election commitment to provide a water park for Palmerston. The water park at Leanyer has been an extraordinary success and the Palmerston project at \$13.6 million is just as exciting.

The Rosebery Primary and Middle schools will open next year and Budget 2010 has allocated an additional \$14.1 million for their operation.

The Palmerston SuperClinic, supported by the Rudd Government, will open later this year.

2010-11 will of course also see the completion of the Tiger Brennan extension project cutting travel times between Palmerston and Darwin by up to 20 minutes.

## Healthy Territory

Madam Speaker the infrastructure program in Budget 2010 has a focus on better hospitals. The budget was framed in the midst of one of the biggest national reform debates in our nation's history – the future direction of health and hospital funding in Australia.

At the COAG meeting of 19 and 20 April, a range of national health reforms were agreed to by all jurisdictions, except Western Australia. The reforms are to be fully implemented by 2014-15, with arrangements for the transition period from 2010-11 to 2013-14.

These transitional arrangements include additional Commonwealth funding of \$55.7 million for the Territory.

Initiatives to be funded through the transitional arrangements include reduced waiting times for emergency departments and elective surgery, additional sub-acute beds, extra GP training places and improved aged care and mental health services.

After the transitional period, the Territory is guaranteed to receive an additional \$167 million in growth funding, over five years from 2014-15, on top of growth in existing funding arrangements. These additional funds will be incorporated into the budget when the agreement is finalised in June.

While the construction of future health budgets will be different, Budget 2010 continues the Henderson Government's record investment in a healthy Territory and in Territory hospitals.

In last year's Budget the Department of Health and Families broke through the billion dollar barrier with a budget of \$1.05 billion. Our investment continues with a \$110 million boost. In Budget 2010, \$1.16 billion has been allocated to the Department of Health and Families.

All five Territory hospitals will have record funding this year.

Royal Darwin Hospital is one of the busiest hospitals in Australia and it provides health services to patients from all over the Territory.

With a current workforce of about 2000, Royal Darwin Hospital is estimated to treat 220 000 patients next year.

Budget 2010 allocates \$292.8 million to the operation and expansion of Royal Darwin Hospital. This funding delivers now for families with more front line medical staff and invests in the Territory's future with additional capital funding, including \$43.5 million to upgrade emergency stand-by power generation.

Budget 2010 also delivers for our regional hospitals. Alice Springs Hospital has been allocated a budget of \$129 million with 143 000 patients expected to be treated. There is also \$19.6 million for the new emergency department which is jointly funded with the Commonwealth.

Due to its remote location Gove District Hospital has always had difficulty attracting professional staff and Budget 2010 allocates \$3.8 million for additional staff accommodation. The budget for Gove District Hospital will be \$20.5 million and 20 000 patients are expected to be treated.

Funding for Katherine hospital will be \$28.6 million with 35 000 patients expected. \$2.8 million is also provided to upgrade and expand the renal facilities and services at the hospital.

Tennant Creek Hospital has a budget of \$12.5 million catering for an expected 24 000 patients. There is an additional \$1.7 million for the operation of the Tennant Creek Renal Unit.

Hospitals are at the core of health and the focus of recent national debate but there is so much more to health.

Keeping people out of hospital is just as important and it is expected that in 2010-11, \$112 million will be spent on preventative health initiatives.

Mental health is an area in need of additional investment across Australia.

Budget 2010 delivers now with \$930 000 to establish a Territory-wide 24 hour coordination service and to provide increased capacity to respond to emergency and urgent mental health assessments at Royal Darwin Hospital and throughout the Darwin community.

Among the biggest challenges this nation faces is Indigenous health. Both the Indigenous Expenditure Review and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have determined that about 60 per cent of the Territory's health budget is Indigenous related.

Improving the health outcomes of Indigenous Territorians is going to take an enormous effort but there are signs that we are headed in the right direction.

Recent Indigenous health outcomes include:

- Indigenous women are now living three years longer on average;
- the Indigenous infant mortality rate has fallen by 35 per cent;
- anaemia rates for Indigenous children have fallen by 20 per cent – a significant improvement in their ability to grow and lead a normal life; and
- cervical cancer rates have fallen by 61 per cent.

Madam Speaker protecting our children is an important component of two Henderson Government strategies – A Healthy Territory and A Safe Territory.

The Henderson Government has a strong record of investment in child protection. The budget we inherited in 2001 was under \$30 million. While the Government will respond to the recommendations of the current independent child protection inquiry, we have decided not to delay our continued investment.

Budget 2010 provides an additional \$14.7 million for child protection measures, including an additional 76 child protection and support staff, expanded services for children and young people and improvements to case management systems.

Madam Speaker, our children's future is dependent on their education.

## A Smart Territory

In 2010-11 there are expected to be over 42 000 students in 187 schools across the Territory.

Budget 2010 invests \$886 million in our Smart Territory strategy through education and training.

More students, with more teachers in better schools is the focus of Budget 2010's education budget.

In 2008 the Henderson Government made an election commitment to upgrade every school in the Northern Territory over the next four years. Budget 2010 invests in our future with this initiative to build better schools right across the Territory. From \$5 million for Casuarina Senior College through to \$2 million for Yirrkala.

Other highlights include:

- \$6.8 million to upgrade the Acacia, Henbury and Namarluk Special schools;
- \$6.4 million to upgrade Centralian Middle School and establish a Youth Hub at Anzac Hill;
- \$8.1 million to build two new children and family centres at Yuendumu and Gunbalanya and \$9.5 million to construct additional centres in remote locations, funded by the Commonwealth;
- \$1 million to upgrade Sanderson Middle School; and
- \$300 000 each to upgrade 21 primary schools right across the Territory.

Madam Speaker, in conjunction with the Rudd Government's education revolution, Budget 2010 delivers now for families with \$12 million for additional teachers and school support staff.

This is an initiative directly targeted at improving the educational outcomes achieved by the children of the Northern Territory.

Initiatives to support quality classroom teaching for our children include:

- \$14.1m for staff and operational expenses associated with the new Rosebery Primary and Middle schools opening in 2011;
- \$21.4 million for 170 teachers as part of the Commonwealth's four-year initiative for additional remote teachers;
- \$2.4 million over four years to establish five centres for excellence in senior secondary colleges and comprehensive high schools, with \$300 000 in 2010-11 to commence the first two centres at Darwin High School and Casuarina Senior College;
- \$3.1 million for the back to school vouchers scheme, providing \$75 toward essential school items for every school aged child;
- \$4.1 million to fund the child care subsidy, cutting the costs of child care to families by up to \$27 per week per child. The Northern Territory remains the only jurisdiction to provide this subsidy and 4450 number of children and their families are expected to benefit this year;
- \$2.8 million to establish the Institute of School Leadership, Learning and Development to develop existing and aspiring educational leaders;

- \$1.5 million to expand the @school pilot, using virtual schooling as a learning alternative for senior secondary students; and
- \$700 000 to establish a literacy and numeracy taskforce to oversee whole of school approaches to improving literacy and numeracy – the building blocks of future success in education and life.

Students attending school every school day is essential if they are to learn and achieve.

Budget 2010 provides \$2.2 million for a 'going to school' enrolment and attendance strategy.

The Clontarf program is achieving tremendous results and Budget 2010 provides \$2.3 million for student engagement programs such as Clontarf at 11 sites and Sporting Chance at six sites.

With record funding for more teachers in better schools, the Henderson Government is committed to improving education outcomes right across the Territory.

## Housing the Territory

Madam Speaker, our growing population and strong economy is placing pressure on the housing market.

Budget 2010 provides tax cuts and record funding to deliver more land and housing for Territory families.

Budget 2010 allocates more than half a billion dollars towards our Housing the Territory strategy.

The stamp duty changes included in Budget 2010 will provide considerable additional support for first home owners, other principal place of residence home purchasers and importantly, seniors and carers to assist them in downsizing their existing properties to more appropriate dwellings.

Further assistance is provided through HOMESTART NT, a Territory Government scheme designed to help first home buyers and low to middle income earners who may not be able to gain access to a mortgage in the commercial market.

Each year HOMESTART NT price caps and income caps require consideration and potential revision to adapt to current market conditions.

Budget 2010 increases HOMESTART NT purchase price caps and income limits across the Territory, with mortgage repayments of no more than 30 per cent of income.

The price caps are different across the Territory and the income limits are based on household size.

In Darwin and Palmerston, the price cap increases by \$55 000 to \$475 000 and the income cap for a 2 parent 2 child household is now over the \$100 000 mark at \$105 000.

These adjustments are sensible. They help keep HOMESTART NT where it should be in the market place, assisting home buyers unable to attract commercial finance.

Providing land to grow is an important component of the Henderson Government's Housing the Territory strategy.

Our growing population and strong economy have increased the need for government to fast track land release.

Palmerston East is at the centre of this Land to Grow program and it will become the new home for 15 000 people over the next five years.

\$20 million will be delivered in Budget 2010 to fast track headworks in the new suburb of Zuccoli. Stage one will deliver 400 new residential housing lots that will provide around 550 new homes.

Under the Housing the Territory strategy, Budget 2010 also delivers:

- \$10 million towards the new suburb of Kilgariff in Alice Springs;
- \$1.95 million to progress planning for the new town of Weddell; and
- \$900 000 for the release of 54 fully serviced residential lots in Tennant Creek.

Budget 2010 provides funding of \$72.9 million for new and upgraded public housing to improve access for Territorians to long-term and secure accommodation.

## Working Future

Madam Speaker on May 20 last year, the Government launched Working Future, a targeted strategy to improve the lives of Territorians living in remote areas.

The initial focus of Working Future is the 20 Territory Growth Towns.

Health and education are clear priorities, but Budget 2010 also has Working Future initiatives covering roads, public transport, safer communities, essential services and economic participation.

A highlight is stage one of implementation of the Government's Integrated Regional Transport strategy. \$21 million is being invested over five years to improve access by air, sea and road, which is crucial for the future of remote communities.

## Safer Territory

Budget 2010 delivers a safer community for Territory families, by giving police the tools they need to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.

The Government will continue to crack down on alcohol related crime which makes up 59 per cent of all assaults in the Territory. Tackling alcohol abuse will reduce crime.

Budget 2010 increases the police, fire and emergency services budget to \$310 million, up by 127 per cent since 2001.

Budget 2010 provides more police stations, more police beats and more police.

The Northern Territory has twice as many police per head of population than the rest of Australia. Police numbers have increased by 399 since 2002.

Madam Speaker, one of the most popular of all Henderson Government initiatives has been the establishment of police beats in shopping centres and community hubs.

The first police beat was established at the Territory's biggest shopping centre at Casuarina and has been an extraordinary success.

Since then there has been a 38 per cent reduction in the number of reported incidents within the precinct including a 91 per cent reduction in the number of general disturbances reported.

Budget 2010 provides \$6 million to build and maintain police beats in Karama, Parap, Palmerston, Casuarina, Nightcliff and Alice Springs.

Budget 2010 delivers \$22.5 million for new and upgraded police stations at Tennant Creek, Arlparra and Imanpa.

There is also \$27.1 million for policing in 18 remote communities.

Madam Speaker as I mentioned, 59 per cent of violent crime in the Territory is alcohol related.

The human cost of this crime is terrible.

From a financial perspective, alcohol abuse costs the Northern Territory about \$642 million each year.

The Henderson Government is committed to cracking down on alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour.

In addition to frontline policing Budget 2010 delivers:

- \$1.57 million for day and night patrols and a public hotline;
- \$1.44 million for CCTV monitoring in Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston;
- continued responsible drinking education campaigns targeted at our young people;
- stronger alcohol courts to deal with problem drinkers and mandate treatment; and
- \$370 000 for the Palmerston information and referrals office to continue antisocial behaviour intervention and case management services.

Our continued investment in rehabilitation and treatment, in partnership with the Commonwealth, means there are now over 300 rehabilitation and sobering up shelter beds in the Northern Territory.

A core focus for 2010-11 will be the development and implementation of an alcohol management plan for Darwin and Palmerston.

Budget 2010 delivers now for victims of crime with an extra \$2.56 million to increase funding to the crime victims support scheme and the Crime Victims Services Unit.

This boost is supported by a \$10 increase in the victims levy applied to infringement notices, including speeding fines and traffic offences.

Budget 2010 tackles youth issues in Palmerston with \$1.25 million in the first year of the new Palmerston Youth Action Plan. The plan includes increased targeting of police operations including youth crime, diversion and school based constables, and expansion of authorised officers to enforce school attendance.

We also provide \$1 million for three youth camps across the Territory.

Budget 2010 delivers \$3.5 million for Stage 2 of the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan, building on current initiatives to get young people in Alice Springs back to school and away from antisocial and crime related activities.

Better resources for our justice system includes a \$2 million increase for juvenile detention facilities and a further \$7.5 million to boost the capacity of correctional centres to manage offenders.

There is \$2.7 million to modernise the Integrated Justice Information System, giving police and justice officers better tools and streamlining the criminal justice system.

Budget 2010 also establishes the Barkly Work Camp with \$5.1 million allocated to construction and \$2.6 million for operations.

The Barkly Work Camp will help end the revolving door by providing prisoners with the skills to successfully transition back into the community.

## Greening the Territory

The Territory Government is committed to protecting and enhancing our unique Territory environment.

Budget 2010 supports businesses and households to respond to climate change with a range of subsidies and initiatives under the Territory Government's \$34 million climate change policy.

The \$43.5 million infrastructure upgrade at Royal Darwin Hospital will cut emissions by an estimated 8.2 per cent.

Other Green the Territory initiatives in Budget 2010 include:

- \$2 million to showcase renewable and low-emission energy in remote communities;
- funding for the ecoBiz NT program and the centre for renewable energy;
- \$720 000 in grass roots environment grants and \$625 000 for cash for containers;
- \$390 000 for the water tank rebate scheme;
- a \$500 000 funding boost to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA); and
- \$4 million over 2 years for the Green Heart of Darwin project.

## Great Territory Lifestyle

Madam Speaker the Territory is a great place to live, work and raise a family – our lifestyle is the best in Australia.

The Henderson Government is committed to making our lifestyle even better and Budget 2010 delivers more funding for major events, Territory sport, more recreational and fishing facilities, and support for community events and the arts.

The highlights of our major events include funding for major AFL, rugby union and rugby league matches.

Plus there is funding for the V8 Supercars, BASSINTHEGRASS and the Alice Springs 'CONCERT', Arafura Games, Masters Games, Rugby Hottest 7's and the Superbikes.

There is also \$11.5 million to support the Territory racing industry and the 1000 jobs it supports.

Budget 2010 supports grass roots local sports with \$3.7 million in peak sporting body funding and \$2.3 million for remote community sport and recreation programs.

Budget 2010 invests in our sporting infrastructure with funding for Hidden Valley, Fred's Pass, the Arafura Athletics Track and Traeger Park.

Improvements to fishing infrastructure and access make it easier for Territorians to get on the water. Highlights include:

- \$1 million to upgrade and improve recreational fishing infrastructure in the Top End and;
- \$3.5 million to upgrade recreational fishing access roads including Fog Bay, Woolianna and Marrakai roads.

The Northern Territory, with its great outdoors, is perfect for a healthy active lifestyle. Budget 2010 continues to support this way of life by providing:

- \$3.32 million for bike paths including a link from Palmerston to Howard Springs; and
- \$9.4 million for facility upgrades to Litchfield and Nitmiluk national parks, the West Macdonnell Visitors Centre and Howard Springs Nature Park.

The Northern Territory also has a unique arts and culture scene and Budget 2010 delivers \$1.5 million to support festivals including the Darwin Festival, Alice Springs Festival and various remote community celebrations.

## Territory 2030

Madam Speaker Budget 2010 delivers now for families but it also invests in our long term future.

It is appropriate to conclude this speech by outlining how Budget 2010 takes us towards Territory 2030 – the strategic plan for the future of the Northern Territory.

The member for Arafura has been busy the last couple of months travelling the Northern Territory as Parliamentary Secretary for Territory 2030.

She is listening to communities about their ideas and their priorities.

As the first budget since the release of Territory 2030 in December last year, Budget 2010 makes a start on working towards the targets within the six key priority areas of 2030.

The better schools and better hospitals focus of Budget 2010 is a clear commitment towards the education and health and wellbeing targets within Territory 2030.

I have outlined many initiatives across Budget 2010 that support Territory 2030 priority areas of society, economic sustainability and environment as well as knowledge, creativity and innovation.

With scorecards to be published and independent reviews conducted, Territory 2030 is a long term strategy and future budgets will continue to invest in Territory 2030 and the future of the Northern Territory.

## Conclusion

Madam Speaker this is what Budget 2010 is about. It delivers now for Territory families and invests in the future of the Territory.

It is a tight budget. It is a responsible and sustainable budget.

Madam Speaker, Budget 2010 is focused on the core priorities of the Henderson Government.

We will protect and grow our economy. We will protect and create jobs.

We are committed to delivering better hospitals, better schools and more housing.

Madam Speaker, we are delivering now for families and we are investing in the future of the Northern Territory.

I commend Budget 2010 to the House.

Part 2

# Appropriation Bill



Serial 99

Appropriation (2010-2011) Bill 2010

Ms Lawrie

**A BILL  
for  
AN ACT**

to authorise the issuing and expending of public moneys of the Territory for the financial year  
ending 30 June 2011



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
APPROPRIATION (2010-2011) ACT 2010

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Act No. [ ] of 2010

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# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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Act No. [ ] of 2010

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An Act to authorise the issuing and expending of public moneys of the Territory for the financial year ending 30 June 2011

*[Assented to [ ] 2010]*

*[Second reading [ ] 2010]*

**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

**1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation (2010-2011) Act 2010*.

**2 Authorised appropriations of public moneys**

Appropriations of the public moneys of the Territory, amounting in aggregate to \$4 719 865 000, are authorised to be paid from the Central Holding Authority to the Purposes specified in the Schedule for the financial year ending 30 June 2011.

*Appropriation (2010-2011) Act 2010*  
SCHEDULE

<b>Purposes</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>
	<b>\$000</b>
<b>AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE</b>	
Output	3 101
Capital	
Commonwealth	
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL COMMISSION</b>	
Output	1 677
Capital	
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<b>OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE</b>	
Output	2 137
Capital	
Commonwealth	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER</b>	
Output	61 842
Capital	395
Commonwealth	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Output	22 306
Capital	41
Commonwealth	
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Output	251 465
Capital	9 237
Commonwealth	30 587
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY</b>	
Output	101 112
Capital	10
Commonwealth	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>	
Output	186 023
Capital	256
Commonwealth	370

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**SCHEDULE – continued**

<b>Purposes</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>
	<b>\$000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	
Output	592 918
Capital	
Commonwealth	236 922
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES</b>	
Output	163 653
Capital	45 305
Commonwealth	599 145
<b>OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT</b>	
Output	5 926
Capital	
Commonwealth	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES</b>	
Output	788 503
Capital	3 645
Commonwealth	213 335
<b>DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES</b>	
Output	53 801
Capital	251
Commonwealth	3 882
<b>DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT</b>	
Output	128 818
Capital	5 238
Commonwealth	3 000
<b>TOURISM NT</b>	
Output	39 212
Capital	
Commonwealth	
<b>ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY</b>	
Output	3 148
Capital	38
Commonwealth	

*Appropriation (2010-2011) Act 2010*  
**SCHEDULE – continued**

<b>Purposes</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>
	<b>\$000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS AND SPORT</b>	
Output	135 781
Capital	685
Commonwealth	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND PLANNING</b>	
Output	174 520
Capital	62 580
Commonwealth	103 154
<b>LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Output	1 498
Capital	
Commonwealth	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Output	11 096
Capital	175 247
Commonwealth	132 704
<b>CENTRAL HOLDING AUTHORITY</b>	
Treasurer's Advance	40 000
Interest, Taxes and Administration	140 239
Employee Entitlements	185 062
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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4 719 865</b>
Output	2 728 537
Capital	302 928
Commonwealth	1 323 099
Treasurer's Advance	40 000
Interest, Taxes and Administration	140 239
Employee Entitlements	185 062
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