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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Highlights are a series of six books, supplementary to the Budget Papers. Each book relates to one of the following regions:

- Darwin;
- Palmerston and Rural;
- Arnhem and Tiwi Islands;
- Katherine;
- Tennant Creek; and
- Alice Springs.

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 2000-01 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in four broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

CAPITAL WORKS

Infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, and roads which contribute to both the development of the Territory and services for Territorians.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Infrastructure projects with a value less than \$150 000.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$49 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Auditor-General's Office commissions audits to be conducted by private sector auditing firms. Audits provide greater assurance over financial information prepared by the Northern Territory Government. The Auditor-General also uses audit sourced information to provide an independent analysis and commentary on the financial and other performance information of the Government, for use by Members of the Legislative Assembly

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OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$239 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- Government agencies and local government – processing and resolution of complaints; 50
- Northern Territory Police – processing and resolution of complaints and liaison with the member of the Police Professional Responsibility Unit in Alice Springs; 25
- Northern Territory Correctional Services – the larger prison population is an ongoing and steady source of complaints, particularly given the policy of transferring most long term prisoners to the centre; 85
- Access and Awareness Program – visits to urban Aboriginal associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities including Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Purte), Hermannsburg, Ali Curung (Warrabri) and Yuendumu; and 3
- Outreach Activities covering Alice Springs and immediate surrounding areas. 2

The Ombudsman's Office administers the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, which will:

- provide an improved complaint resolution for the northern and southern regions by developing protocols with key stakeholders; 23

	Estimated Cost \$000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• undertake a comprehensive campaign including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities;• give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and• provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure that people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll-free.	5 2 1
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	40

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 496 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on matters relating to Government policy; coordination of Government activities and functions of the Cabinet Office, the Coordination Committee and Executive Council Secretariat; and Office of the Chief Minister representation in the Alice Springs region (across all regions)	3 203
Coordination, management and reporting on a new strategic policy framework for Northern Territory women from 2000, resulting from a wide and consultative process with Territory women in 1999 (across all regions)	50
Administer and promote the Northern Territory Government Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which enhance women's status in the Territory, by advancing one or more of the goals of the new Government policy directions for women (across all regions)	20
Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to the Territory, a region, community or neighbourhood (across all regions)	10
Implement and manage Government directions to build on outcomes achieved under the Domestic Violence Strategy, resulting from the major evaluation of the Strategy (across all regions)	250
Women's Advisory Council - convene four meetings each year in centres around the Territory; and convene and implement regional consultations in a number of locations to link women's issues and Government (across all regions)	40

	Estimated Cost \$000
The Office of Youth Affairs will provide sponsorship towards the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for the next three years, commencing 2000-01. The eleven day trip is aimed at young people aged between fifteen and twenty-five and is designed to build self-confidence, develop leadership potential, and expand personal horizons (across all regions)	24
The Northern Territory Youth Festival will be staged for the third time in 2000-01 as part of National Youth Week, providing an excellent opportunity for young people to showcase their talents through a diverse and exciting range of events and activities (across all regions)	70
Regional Youth Forums will be held in each of the main regional centres. The Forums provide a consultative mechanism to obtain youth input to Government decision making (across all regions)	5
The Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians was first established in 1997 as the Chief Minister's youth advisory group. This group comprises sixteen young Territorians from a range of backgrounds, with representation from each region, to provide advice to Government about issues affecting young people (across all regions)	75
The Youth Grants Program will continue to provide financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. Funding is provided to organisations in all regions and comprises three funding categories: drug and alcohol free entertainment; youth leadership and development activities; and youth festival projects (across all regions)	75
The Office of Youth Affairs will continue to have a display at each of the regional shows throughout the Territory in July 2000. Specific attention will be paid this year to promoting the Youth Grants Program and the grants provided in 1999-00 for each region (across all regions)	10
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program – assists migrant and ethnic communities to fund innovative projects that promote positive and harmonious community relations within the culturally and linguistically diverse community of the Territory (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service – assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic background to access public and private sector services (across all regions)	242

	Estimated Cost \$000
Office of Ethnic Affairs – various initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include: cross cultural awareness and information sessions; assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their overseas skills in Australia; an Interpreter Card to facilitate access to government services; production of various publications such as a Multicultural Calendar of Events, quarterly newsletter and Multicultural Information Directory; and maintenance of a Web site with links to other relevant sites (across all regions)	94
The Agency will continue to coordinate whole of government activities in the region, and coordinate the progress of <i>Alice in 10</i> to assist in the economic and social development of Alice Springs	550
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	36
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 625 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Electorate Offices – administration and maintenance of electorate offices
of the Members for Araluen, Braitling, Greatorex, MacDonnell and Stuart

1 625

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$984 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Victims Support Unit – a support service for witnesses, victims of crime and their families	100
Aboriginal Liaison Officer – a support service for Aboriginal victims of crime and witnesses	40
Services for students – ongoing provision for work experience, vacation employment, and the donation of prizes to law students at the Northern Territory University	2
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	17
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$50 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Education and conciliation services – provision of half-yearly anti-discrimination public education courses. Additionally, members of the Commission travel to the Alice Springs region to carry out investigation and conciliation of complaints on a monthly basis

50

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 853 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of administrative support to enable Judges and Magistrates to deliver justice to the Alice Springs region 920

Management of appropriate court and associated facilities 165

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 35

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 59

NORTHERN TERRITORY ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$860 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Further recording of historical births, deaths, marriages and land titles data to facilitate electronic searching and historical reporting 181

Continued research and development of a facility to enable remote searching of land titles information, including historical titles and scanned instruments, via a Web browser located off-site 36

Domestic Violence Legal Service – ongoing provision of financial support 130

Provision of legal services to other Government agencies in respect to native title and Aboriginal land matters; assistance in negotiations with native title parties with respect to land acquisitions; and grants of mining interests 319

NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 884 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Logistics supply base located in Alice Springs. Benefits for educational and training organisations to provide training packages. Employment opportunities in all regions

14 500

Note: The total contract costs for the railway have been apportioned by region, based on current estimates. Expenditure patterns may vary on commencement of construction.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Grocery Price Survey - aims to monitor grocery prices across the Northern Territory and publish results on a regular basis

11

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 824 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Government's Partnership Northern Territory funding – distributed to Alice Spring's regional tourism association to assist in the marketing of prospective tourist attractions and facilities	560
Design consultancy for a Convention Centre in Alice Springs	1 000
Desert Park – provided with marketing services to inform visitors to the Territory of the opportunity to encounter first hand the unique and often difficult to see flora and fauna	311
Brolga Awards – awards granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	62
Annual Territory Connections agents conference involving all regional tourism associations and Territory industry to showcase Territory products (across all regions)	20
Development of a Web site for the continued promotion of the Territory online. This captivates ever increasing national and international markets (across all regions)	350
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion, and Event Marketing funding – active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars; and financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	443
Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	278

	Estimated Cost \$000
General Marketing Activity – particularly in regard to destinational advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity due to visitor expenditure (across all regions)	22 758
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$25 566 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Increased staffing of the Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services 244

As part of the national CrimTrac initiative, replace current fingerprint identification equipment with LiveScan and DeadScan fingerprinting units (across Palmerston and Rural, and Alice Springs regions) 150

The first year of a three year \$1M program to purchase equipment and accoutrements to improve police officer safety ranging from ballistic vests to security screens for vehicles (across all regions). 350

CAPITAL WORKS

Various remote locations – upgrade community police stations in Papunya and Yuendumu 400

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 500

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 410

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 150 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Support to Bushfires Southern operations. Support to Alice Springs East and West Fire Control Committees for fire control in their regions including:

- operational funding grant for Alice Springs Volunteer Brigade; and 9
- fire equipment subsidies for landholders. 10

Various locations – provision of interpretive information and signs for the Commission’s facilities throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions) 150

Planning function including Plans of Management and other strategic planning for the reserves in the region 238

CAPITAL WORKS

West MacDonnell National Park (Ormiston Gorge) – construct day-use toilet block 200

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 270

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 667

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 605 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management – identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client agencies in support of their core program delivery activities. Presently nineteen buildings are leased from the private sector 2 753

Outsource building services, including cleaning and security 352

The newly created Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment Learning Centre focuses on strategic human resource development across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS). With a charter to develop the capability of the NTPS to deliver the requirements of *Foundations for Our Future*, the Learning Centre will provide: 500

- consultancy, diagnosis and advice on strategic organisational capabilities across the NTPS;
- customised organisational learning tailored to meet the needs of individual agencies;
- people and their growth, with an emphasis on leadership and learning for both teams and individuals; and
- career development pathways at both the individual and organisational levels.

A regional unit of the Learning Centre has been established in Alice Springs to provide best practice programs for the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 300 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of education and workplace visits throughout the Northern Territory in order to reduce the incidence of accidents, injuries and illness in the workplace 268

Develop programs which as far as practicable ensure that all employees have workers compensation insurance; and injured workers are compensated in accordance with the legislation and are rehabilitated back to suitable employment 5

Provision of support to business and industry in the Alice Springs region through business information services including: 385

- licensing and permit requirements;
- registration and searches of business names, incorporated associations and cooperative societies;
- issuing and processing of a range of business licenses and permits;
- provision of appropriate information and development to Aboriginal business;
- provision of an ongoing education program for school students, consumers and traders on matters relating to fair trading and consumer affairs;
- participating in and/or sponsorship for Centralian Expo and Show; and

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

- policy advice to Government, industry and the community on regional development issues.

Regionalisation and integration of liquor inspectorates and increased inspections and surveillance of licensed premises. Establishment of accredited training modules for inspectors. Analysis of liquor restrictions in the community. Routine screening of liquor. Research and provision of statistical information on liquor and kava matters

469

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$700 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred site avoidance surveys. Integrate text-based records with maps, photographs and other media to improve relevance and accessibility for the Authority's database of sacred sites to clients

695

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

5

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 608 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Information

Geodetic infrastructure and cadastral coordination of survey projects	100
Provision of aerial photography, photogrammetry and corporate products	375
Provision of land valuation services	594
Redevelopment of Land Administration Information System (across all regions)	1 000

Natural Resources and Environment

Continued assessment of land and water resources, and provision of extension services, in support of development in the Ti Tree area	100
Mapping of pastoral lands to determine land and water capability	290
Rehabilitation of rogue bores in the Great Artesian Basin	130
Mapping the land resources and land capability of the Alice Springs municipal area	30
Alice Springs Town Basin groundwater review and allocation	10
Monitoring pastoral land condition in conjunction with landholders throughout the region	40

	Estimated Cost \$000
Drilling and testing investigation bores throughout the region to establish the existence of viable regional groundwater resources	350
Hydrographic data services for flood prediction at Alice Springs; and for sustainable surface groundwater management and development in the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions	250
Waste management operations and advice	30
Environment Protection advisory services	12
CAPITAL WORKS	
Urban and heritage enhancement program, including heritage trails, landscaping, display shelters and signage	355
Ti Tree – subdivision services to provide additional serviced land within the township	300
Alice Springs – provision of additional floodplain management measures, including the construction of additional storm water drainage, retention basin and various drain upgrades	250
Alice Springs Old Gaol Precinct – roadworks and access improvements including some landscaping and car parking	400
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	156
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	8

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$200 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary objectives of the Agency in the Asian and other key regions are: 200

- building international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key agencies and the private sector;
- opening new trade markets and the expansion of existing markets for Northern Territory exporters and investors; and
- winning key new international investments for the Territory economy.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 685 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Policy and Operational Services

Liaise with the Executive Industry Association to develop extractive production practices 9

Develop updated fossicking brochures and signage on fossicking areas 25

Liaise with Aboriginal communities to develop procedures to allow mining on Aboriginal land 39

Geological Survey

Drilling of a further two stratigraphic holes in the Georgina Basin, and another in the Amadeus Basin 424

Major surveys of the Arunta region including extensive helicopter contract work in remotest areas 406

A large scale airborne geophysical survey from east of the Stuart Highway to Yulara 398

The largest geochemical survey ever conducted in the Northern Territory in an area west of Alice Springs 335

Continued progress on the Tanami-Tennant Creek link with a comprehensive geochemical sampling program (across Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions) 114

	Estimated Cost \$000
Mines Operations	
Monitoring program, auditing and investigations into safety and environmental matters on mines in the region	99
Office Of Resource Development	
Promote Alice Springs as a regional mining supply and service centre	10
Energy	
Oversee maintenance of gas pipelines and oil and gas field operations	20
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	16

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 034 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Correctional Centre – administration and management of the Alice Springs Prison to ensure the secure imprisonment of prisoners 14 006

Juvenile Detention Centre – administration and management of the short term holding facility in Alice Springs 114

Alice Springs Community Corrections Office – responsible for supervising community-based orders made by the courts and the parole board; and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region 884

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers – a grant of \$10 000 each to the Anmatjere, Papunya and Yuendumu Community Councils to assist with the employment of Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers 30

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 110

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 435

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 951 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Continue provision of horticulture extension services to new and existing growers 5

Assist in horticulture development on Aboriginal land 10

Develop nutrition and irrigation data to improve management of table grape productivity and quality 15

Establishment of a farm machinery and equipment replacement program 30

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 80

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 129

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$40 577 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Bus Service – provision of a subsidy to underwrite the operation of the public bus service by the Alice Springs Town Council 391

Provision of school transport services 629

Motor Vehicle Registry and Motorcycle Education Training and Licensing 644

Vehicle compliance 434

CAPITAL WORKS

National highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet national highway standards (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands) 6 000

National highways – landscaping of median strips and verges on parts of the Stuart and Victoria Highways in Katherine, and the Stuart Highway in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs 100

National highways – upgrade selected strength deficient bridges (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands) 500

Alice Springs to Kings Canyon – gravel and seal tourist loop comprising Namatjira Drive and Larapinta Drive 6 000

Tanami Road – selected forming, gravelling and sealing between Papunya and Lajamanu turnoffs 1 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
Reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory urban arterials roads (across Darwin and Alice Springs regions)	1 000
Reconstruct isolated failed section of sealed Territory local roads (across Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions)	500
Tjukururu (Docker River) Road – form and gravel selected sections	400
Maryvale Road – realignment and selected gravelling	500
Road Safety Council (across all regions)	870
Transport planning, marine and aviation (across all regions)	2 322
Information technology (across all regions)	5 589
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	1 529
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	12 365

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$99 762 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Hospital

Alice Springs Hospital is a teaching hospital with 184 authorised beds. The hospital provides services of particular relevance to Aboriginal patients who comprise 60% to 70% of all patients

56 682

Public Health Services

Joint projects between South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Commonwealth to combat disease in remote areas

280

Oral Health Services

Provision of oral health services to eligible clients through dental clinics, community health centres, urban and rural schools and rural communities

1 299

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Crime Prevention and Community Safety Program funding. The main objective is to promote individual and community wellbeing by minimising the personal, social and economic costs associated with alcohol and other drug-related harm

2 528

Mental Health Services

Ensure access to a comprehensive and community-focused range of mental health services, and to increase the number of people receiving services in the community

3 849

	Estimated Cost \$000
Primary Health Care Urban	
Allied health therapists services in schools	311
School nursing services to primary and secondary schools	270
Primary Health Care Rural	
Promote the health of women during and after pregnancy including the Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture program	172
Provision of additional services under the remote communities incentive funding	947
Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location, including interstate, if unavailable in the Territory	320
CAPITAL WORKS	
Alice Springs Hospital – redevelopment of the hospital, including provision of a private wing, upgrade and modifications to existing facilities throughout the main ward block and external works including landscaping, walkway and roadworks	16 000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	384
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 866

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$52 213 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in thirty-six primary and twenty-two preschools 20 965

Secondary schools – delivery of secondary education at Alice Springs High School and Anzac Hill High School 7 600

Alice Springs School of the Air 1 450

Student and school support services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers 5 800

Open Learning – provide educational programs to students regardless of their location and support for teachers in the specialist fields of music, languages, health and physical education 470

Northern Territory assistance to the non-government education sector 6 550

Develop and implement an ongoing program for the expansion of interactive information technology into Territory teaching and learning 696

CAPITAL WORKS

Sadadeen Primary School – upgrade assembly hall 180

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 400

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

2 500

CENTRALIAN COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 268 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing delivery of education programs for Year 11 and 12 students,
and vocational education and training programs 11 033

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 867

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$14 310 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Administrative support – client liaison with industry and the community to determine training requirements and priorities	294
Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs provided by Centralian College	6 219
VET programs delivered by the private sector	800
Specific allocation for community radio for Central Australia (8CCC)	93
Flexible response funding to meet training needs in communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	340
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up-to-date with modern industry needs, while retaining the strengths of the existing employment-based training system	1 300
Expansion of competitive market for VET	400
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	117

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 661 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants – provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions) 1 347

Sport and Recreation Grants – provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions) 3 645

Regional and Club Development Grants – provided to affiliated regional sports associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level (across all regions) 150

Special Assistance Grants – provided to assist new and emerging sports and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is considered appropriate (across all regions) 150

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 50

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 252 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of regional office	4 509
Functioning of regional libraries at Alice Springs, Yulara and Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Purte)	359
Purchase of resources for public, community and joint-use libraries	87
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	25
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	20

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 102 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Internet advocate to work with the local and regional community to create awareness of the opportunities in the online environment and help the local community go online. Second half of a six month joint project between the Northern Territory Government and the National Office of the Information Economy	22
Establishment of a Central Australian office for the Agency in Alice Springs, to provide local advice on a wide range of communications, information technology and science issues	120
Project to link international academic and corporate interests to maximise economic impact of <i>Alice in 10: Desert Knowledge</i> project	20
Provision of telecommunications services to remote communities under the <i>Electronic Outback</i> project funded by the National Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund	920

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 512 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Cultural Precinct – management of cultural facilities and collections including Araluen Centre for Arts and Entertainment and Museum of Central Australia	1 341
Araluen Centre – Capital items replacement program (technical theatre), to upgrade venue facilities to accommodate national and international touring productions	120
Presentation of a diverse range of performing arts programs in the Araluen Centre’s 500 seat theatre	149
Assistance to external hirers for presentation of community productions in the theatre and cabaret space	16
Presentation of visual arts annual exhibition program of touring local and developmental exhibitions	42
Presentation of a weekly art-house cinema program and an annual calendar of film festivals	30
Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections	1 080
Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – acquisition program to acquire and preserve the Territory’s cultural assets (across all regions)	30
Regional Museums Grant Support Program – provides financial assistance to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions except Palmerston and Rural)	100

	Estimated Cost \$000
Arts Sponsorship	
Regional arts fund – supporting arts projects and events across all artforms	64
Regional exhibition and performing arts touring program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory	41
Regional crafts support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres	53
Other major arts organisations and program services – including art scholarships, skills development, major touring events, artists in schools, and major organisations servicing dance, visual arts, literature and music (across all regions)	215
Arts Management	
Arts marketing, promotion, industry and support programs – major initiatives include a new arts marketing position, <i>Territory Artifacts</i> , a quarterly magazine showcasing arts, culture and heritage topics throughout the Territory and regional forums	152
Regional arts development strategy – including the Regional Development Office based in Alice Springs and further initiatives for regional Territorians to participate in arts and cultural activities	60
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	150
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	528

STREHLOW RESEARCH CENTRE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$363 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Development of the Centre as a key establishment for research, scholarship and dissemination of information on central Australian Aboriginal history and culture, and the work of the late Professor Theodor George Henry Strehlow. The Centre manages the Strehlow Collection of material relating to Aboriginal people, and conducts a liaison and affiliation program relating to material in the Collection. The Centre facilitates access to the Strehlow Collection by Aboriginal people, researchers working on behalf of Aboriginal people, and other researchers with aligned interests

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 424 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local government grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 10 259

Advance funding is available to municipal and community government councils that wish to take up a loan from the Northern Territory Government (across all regions) 1 800

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 3

TERRITORY HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 086 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

6 568

Continued Community Service Obligations funding to Territory Housing Business Services for various housing assistance initiatives (across all regions):

8 163

- low interest home loans;
- Early Start Deposit Assistance Scheme;
- Stamp Duty Forgone;
- Fringe Benefits Tax on employee loans;
- Assist – interest subsidy;
- Stamp Duty differential;
- concessional rental charges; and
- police Housing Rent Forgone.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$458 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

458

- research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;
- participation on the Alice Springs Regional Counter Disaster Committee with particular emphasis on Aboriginal community response and recovery planning;
- Economic Development – assistance provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and
- Law and Justice Strategy – a major effort is undertaken to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility of law and order issues by Aboriginal people. Work will continue with Imanpa community on developing their Law and Order Plan.

Aboriginal Languages Interpreter Register and Booking Service – develop, implement, assess and report on the first Aboriginal Interpreter Service (across all regions)

355

TERRITORY DISCOVERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 222 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The prime focus is to contribute to the economic growth of the Northern Territory. This is achieved by the development of travel, tour and accommodation packages that bridge the gaps in the product range currently available in the domestic marketplace. This provides customers with greater holiday options that clearly demonstrate the uniqueness of the Territory

1 222

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 499 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Development of a portable audio interpretation system in the Desert Park to provide visitors with information of the species held in the Park 24

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 93

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 192

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 487 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of vehicles	5 607
Repairs and maintenance of vehicles	886
Auctioneer fees	79
Vehicle fleet management	734

GENERAL RECEIPTS

Assets sold through public auctions	3 492
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CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 372 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Northern Territory Government's Capital Works and Minor New Works Programs

625

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Territory Government's programmed and urgent Repairs and Maintenance requirements

3 747

Note: The Construction Agency does not own any regional assets. As such, its estimated costs reflect the cost to clients on a regional basis to construct and maintain their assets

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$63 463 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity, water, sewerage and trade waste services 36 157

Aboriginal Essential Services

Provision of electricity, water and sewerage services in twenty-seven communities 7 123

CAPITAL WORKS

Power

Alice Springs – overhaul and installation of two 7.5/10MVA transformers and installation of 22kV switchboard at Lovegrove Switching Station 1 250

Sewerage

Alice Springs – install natural draft ventilation system to main sewers 340

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various locations – provision of telemetry for System Control and Data Acquisition system for power station, water and sewerage infrastructure (across Arnhem and Tiwi Islands and Alice Springs regions) 855

Titjikala (Maryvale) – construct new power station and second high voltage feeder 450

	Estimated Cost \$000
Finke (Aputula) – replace existing 480kl ground level and existing 22.5kl elevated storage tanks	180
Yuedumu – replace 560 metres of 300 NB sewer and upgrade sewerage pumping station	305
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Power	
Various Minor New Works	925
Water	
Various Minor New Works	1 040
Sewerage	
Various Minor New Works	320
Aboriginal Essential Services	
Various Minor New Works	558
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Power	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	3 270
Water	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 882
Sewerage	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 068
Commercial Services	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	72

Power and Water Authority

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various Repairs and Maintenance

882

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 700 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of information technology support to all agencies

1 700

TERRITORY HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 233 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance – includes a range of schemes designed to assist Territorians to purchase their first home or, if Territory Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) 25 721

CAPITAL WORKS

Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions) 500

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 4 800

Various centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions) 4 500

Various centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 1 000

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 325

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs 3 230

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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Highlights are a series of six books, supplementary to the Budget Papers. Each book relates to one of the following regions:

- Darwin;
- Palmerston and Rural;
- Arnhem and Tiwi Islands;
- Katherine;
- Tennant Creek; and
- Alice Springs.

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 2000-01 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in four broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

CAPITAL WORKS

Infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, and roads which contribute to both the development of the Territory and services for Territorians.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Infrastructure projects with a value less than \$150 000.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$72 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- Government agencies and local government – processing and resolution of complaints; 12
- Northern Territory Police – processing and resolution of complaints; 25
- Access and Awareness Program – visits to urban Aboriginal associations in townships, Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and 1
- Outreach Activities – covering all areas in Arnhem and Tiwi Islands region. 1

The Ombudsman's Office administers the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, which will:

- provide an improved complaint resolution for the northern and southern regions by developing protocols with key stakeholders; 14
- undertake a comprehensive campaign, including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities; 5
- give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and 2
- provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll-free. 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$707 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on matters relating to Government policy; coordination of Government activities and functions of the Cabinet Office, the Coordination Committee and Executive Council Secretariat; and Office of the Chief Minister representation in some regions (across all regions)	3 203
Coordination, management and reporting on a new strategic policy framework for Northern Territory women from 2000, resulting from a wide and consultative process with Territory women in 1999 (across all regions)	50
Administer and promote the Northern Territory Government Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which enhance women's status in the Territory, by advancing one or more of the goals of the new Government policy directions for women (across all regions)	20
Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to the Territory, a region, community or neighbourhood (across all regions)	10
Implement and manage Government directions to build on outcomes achieved under the Domestic Violence Strategy, resulting from the major evaluation of the Strategy (across all regions)	250
Women's Advisory Council – convene four meetings each year in centres around the Territory; and convene and implement regional consultations in a number of locations to link women's issues and Government (across all regions)	40
The Office of Youth Affairs will provide sponsorship towards the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for the next three years, commencing 2000-01. The eleven day trip is aimed at young people aged between fifteen and twenty-five and is designed to build self-confidence, develop leadership potential, and expand personal horizons (across all regions)	24

	Estimated Cost \$000
The Northern Territory Youth Festival will be staged for the third time in 2000-01 as part of National Youth Week, providing an excellent opportunity for young people to showcase their talents through a diverse and exciting range of events and activities (across all regions)	70
Regional Youth Forums will be held in each of the main regional centres. The Forums provide a consultative mechanism to obtain youth input to Government decision making (across all regions)	5
The Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians was first established in 1997 as the Chief Minister's youth advisory group. This group comprises sixteen young Territorians from a range of backgrounds, with representation from each region, to provide advice to Government about issues affecting young people (across all regions)	75
The Youth Grants Program will continue to provide financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. Funding is provided to organisations in all regions and comprises three funding categories: drug and alcohol free entertainment; youth leadership and development activities; and youth festival projects (across all regions)	75
The Office of Youth Affairs will continue to have a display at each of the regional shows throughout the Territory in July 2000. Specific attention will be paid this year to promoting the Youth Grants Program and the grants provided in 1999-00 for each region (across all regions)	10
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - assists migrant and ethnic communities to fund innovative projects that promote positive and harmonious community relations within the culturally and linguistically diverse community of the Territory (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to access public and private sector services (across all regions)	242
Office of Ethnic Affairs - various initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include: cross cultural awareness and information sessions; assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their overseas skills in Australia; an Interpreter Card to facilitate access to government services; production of various publications such as a Multicultural Calendar of Events, quarterly newsletter and Multicultural Information Director; and maintenance of a Web site with links to other relevant sites (across all regions)	94

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$987 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Electorate Offices – administration and maintenance of electorate offices of the Member for Nhulunbuy; and support for the Members for Arafura and Arnhem whose electorate offices are in Darwin

987

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Education and conciliation services - provision of half-yearly anti-discrimination public education courses. Additionally, members of the Commission travel to the Arnhem region to carry out the investigation and conciliation of complaints, as required

5

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$362 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Continued provision and administration of the Magistrates' Circuit Courts which hold sittings in Pirlangimpi (Pularumpi) and Nguuu (Bathurst Island) in the Tiwi Islands, and in Jabiru, Maningrida, Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala, Alyangula and Galiwinku (Elcho Island)

330

Management of appropriate court and associated facilities

32

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

85

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Grocery Price Survey - aims to monitor grocery prices across the Northern Territory and publish results on a regular basis

4

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$53 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Brolga Awards – awards granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	62
Annual Territory Connections agents conference involving all regional tourism associations and Territory industry to showcase Territory products (across all regions)	20
Development of a Web site for the continued promotion of the Territory online. This captivates ever increasing national and international markets (across all regions)	350
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion, and Event Marketing funding – active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars; and financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	443
Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	278
General Marketing Activity – particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity due to visitor expenditure (across all regions)	22 758

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 705 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Ongoing operation of police and fire stations in the Arnhem and Tiwi Islands region	7 705
The first year of a three year \$1M program to purchase equipment and accoutrements to improve police officer safety, ranging from additional ballistic vests to security screens for vehicles (across all regions)	350
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	35
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	220

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 964 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Support to the Arafura Regional Fire Control Committee for fire control in the region. Assistance and training for landholders and volunteer bushfire brigades including:

- brigade vehicles; 103
- operational funding grants for volunteer bushfire brigades; and 34
- fire equipment subsidies for landholders 5

Conservation planning for the Arafura Swamp catchment 165

Various locations – provision of interpretive information and signs for the Commission’s facilities throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions) 150

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 167

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$472 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management – identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client agencies in support of their core program delivery activities. Presently five buildings are leased from the private sector 301

Outsource building services, including cleaning and security 21

The newly created Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment Learning Centre focuses on strategic human resource development across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS). With a charter to develop the capability of the NTPS to deliver the requirements of *Foundations for Our Future*, the Learning Centre will provide: 150

- consultancy, diagnosis and advice on strategic organisational capabilities across the NTPS;
- customised organisational learning tailored to meet the needs of individual agencies;
- people and their growth, with an emphasis on leadership and learning for both teams and individuals; and
- career development pathways at both the individual and organisational levels.

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES
AND BUSINESS**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$256 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region. Implementation of the *Kava Management Act*. Negotiations in the control and regulations of kava in remote communities. Analysis of liquor restrictions in the community

244

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred site avoidance surveys. Integrate text-based records with maps, photographs and other media to improve relevance and accessibility of the Authority's database of sacred sites to clients

5

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 505 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Information

Provision of aerial photography, photogrammetry and corporate products	109
Provision of land valuation services	18
Redevelopment of Land Administration Information System (across all regions)	1 000

Natural Resources and Environment

Monitoring the impacts of the implementation of the Integrated Catchment Management Plan for the Mary River	150
Mataranka to Gove gas pipeline – environmental assessment	5
Cage fish farm – monitoring pilot stage	3
Forestry plantation on Melville Island – ongoing monitoring	3

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary objectives of the Agency in the Asian and other key regions are:

10

- building international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key agencies and the private sector;
- opening new trade markets and the expansion of existing markets for Northern Territory exporters and investors; and
- winning key new international investments for the Territory economy.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$260 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Policy and Operational Services

Liase with Aboriginal communities to develop procedures to allow mining on Aboriginal land 35

Mines Operations

Monitoring program, auditing and investigations into safety and environmental matters 118

Office of Resource Development

Promote and develop local content in Northern Territory mining projects, including local content awards 5

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 117 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Community Corrections Offices at Groote Eylandt, Nhulunbuy and Jabiru are responsible for supervising community-based orders made by the courts and the Parole Board; and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region 411

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers – a grant of \$10 000 per annum to each of the Angurugu, Umbakumba and Yirrkala Community Councils to assist in the employment of local Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers 40

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 14

**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY
AND FISHERIES**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$475 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Control of mimosa pigra on Aboriginal land

400

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 061 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Provision of school transport services – Nhulunbuy	421
Motor Vehicle Registry	91
Road Safety Council (across all regions)	870
Transport planning, marine and aviation (across all regions)	2 322
Information technology (across all regions)	5 589
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various locations – Aboriginal community internal road dust suppression across Arnhem and Tiwi Islands, Katherine and Tennant Creek regions	500
Numbulwar Airstrip – regravelling and seal runway	800
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	255
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2 000

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$28 799 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Royal Darwin Hospital

Tiwi Renal Dialysis Centre – patients receive haemodialysis treatment closer to home in a more culturally appropriate setting. Treatments are provided by specially trained Aboriginal Health Workers. With the exception of access problems during the wet season, patient compliance is 100% which, for some patients, is an increase from less than 70% when undergoing treatment in Darwin

277

Gove District Hospital

Gove District Hospital is a thirty bed hospital which provides acute medical and surgical services. Emergency and routine admissions are managed locally where possible. Hospital-based doctors provide a visiting service to the rural communities. A twenty-four hour consultation service for medical emergencies and patient evacuation service is also provided. Education programs are provided for medical, nursing and Aboriginal Health Worker students

10 492

Public Health Services

Work with Aboriginal communities to improve environmental health standards for infrastructure

354

Provide health promotion programs in order to strengthen the understanding and practice of contemporary public health

255

Provide disease prevention and control measures to reduce the risks from new and emerging communicable diseases. Manage immunisation policy and vaccination programs

448

Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge

201

	Estimated Cost \$000
Oral Health Services	
Provision of oral health services to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Gove Dental Clinic; and in rural and remote communities, from Community Health centres	459
Alcohol and Other Drugs	
The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Crime Prevention and Community Safety Program funding. Services include the Tobacco Action Plan and National Drug Strategy	743
Mental Health Services	
There is one Mental Health Management and Service delivery team in the Top End, providing: increased clinic support to the local regional teams; better outcomes for consumers due to fully integrated psychiatric service for all Top End Territorians; and improved interaction with non-government organisations and other stakeholders	395
Family, Aged and Disability Services	
Investigate and act on reports of child abuse	543
Family support, and substitute care and guardianship. Aged and disability team supports aged and disabled clients and their families	1 322
Primary Health Care Rural	
Remote health clinics provide primary care and referral services for clients with injuries; communicable diseases; chronic diseases; child and adult immunisation; maternal and infant health; newborn to five year old growth developmental assessments; school children's health programs; Well Women programs; antenatal care and pap smears; men's health programs; and aged monitoring	3 942
Coordinated care trials have been extended for a further six months in the Tiwi Islands. The trial established a community representative Tiwi Health Board as the fund holder with health service funding contributed by both Territory Health Services and the Commonwealth. The Health Board purchases services, as required	1 886

	Estimated Cost \$000
Nhulunbuy Urban Community Health Centre – provides newborn to five year old developmental assessments; childhood and adult immunisation; antenatal and postnatal care; domiciliary nursing, including palliative care; screening for school children; women’s health; and group education. Hearing services include diagnostic audiological assessments for all infants under three years, as well as school screening	354
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Services is based in Nhulunbuy. It provides twenty-four hour availability for medical consultations for remote communities and arranges medical evacuations as required. Specialist aerial medical nurses accompany evacuation flights	1 320
Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location, including interstate, if unavailable in the Territory	1 094
CAPITAL WORKS	
Maningrida – construct health clinic	2 200
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	425
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 330

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$30 147 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in eighteen primary and seventeen preschools	18 380
Secondary schools – delivery of secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School	2 340
Student and school support services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers	3 300
Government assistance to the non-government education sector	2 260
Develop and implement an ongoing program for the expansion of interactive information technology into Northern Territory teaching and learning	405
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	300
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2 500

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 619 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Administrative support – client liaison with industry and the community to determine training requirements and priorities	74
Vocational education and training programs delivered by public and private providers	1 045
Flexible response funding to meet training needs in communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	350
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up-to-date with modern industry needs, while retaining the strengths of the existing employment-based training system	150

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$383 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants – provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions) 1 347

Sport and Recreation Grants – provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions) 3 645

Regional and Club Development Grants – provided to affiliated regional sports associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level (across all regions) 150

Special Assistance Grants – provided to assist new and emerging sports and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is considered appropriate (across all regions) 150

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$766 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of Nhulunbuy regional office	392
Functioning of regional libraries at Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi, Angurugu, Alyangula, Umbakumba, Pirlangimpi (Pularumpi), Ramingining and Milikapiti (Snake Bay)	305
Purchase of resources for public, community and joint-use libraries	69
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	5
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	3

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE
AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$370 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of telecommunications services to remote communities under the *Electronic Outback* project funded by the National Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund

370

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$985 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections	682
Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – acquisition program to acquire and preserve the Territory’s cultural assets (across all regions)	30
Regional Museums Grant Support Program – provides financial assistance to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions except Palmerston and Rural)	5
Arts Sponsorship	
Regional arts fund – supporting arts projects and events across all artforms	38
Regional exhibition and performing arts touring program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory	33
Other major arts organisations and program services – including art scholarships, skills development, major touring events, artists in schools, and organisations servicing dance, visual arts, literature and music (across all regions)	139
Arts Management	
Arts marketing, regional development and support programs – including information forums planned for Jabiru and Nhulunbuy	88

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 197 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local government grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 5 446

Advance funding is available to municipal and community government councils that wish to take up a loan from the Northern Territory Government (across all regions) 1 800

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 2

TERRITORY HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 331 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

6 099

Continued Community Service Obligations funding to Territory Housing
Business Services for various housing assistance initiatives (across all
regions):

1 113

- low interest home loans;
- Early Start deposit assistance scheme;
- Stamp Duty Forgone;
- Fringe Benefits Tax on employee loans;
- Assist – interest subsidy;
- Stamp Duty differential;
- concessional rental charges; and
- police Housing Rent Forgone.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$284 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

284

- research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development. The Office is paying particular attention to the development of the Groote Eylandt Networking Group;
- Economic Development – assistance provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises;
- continued attention to the development of, and participation in, the East Arnhem Tourism Development Association; and
- Law and Justice Strategy – a major effort is undertaken to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility of law and order issues by Aboriginal people. A major effort is undertaken to coordinate the Law and Justice forums at a local level including the Miwatj Law and Justice sub-committee which provides interface between the community and relevant government and non-government agencies. A Law and Justice Plan is being developed with Laynha Homeland Resource organisation at Yirrkala.

Aboriginal Languages Interpreter Register and Booking Service – develop, implement, assess and report on the first Aboriginal Interpreter Service (across all regions)

355

TERRITORY DISCOVERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$199 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The prime focus is to contribute to the economic growth of the Northern Territory. This is achieved by the development of travel, tour and accommodation packages that bridge the gaps in the product range currently available in the domestic marketplace. This provides customers with greater holiday options that clearly demonstrate the uniqueness of the Territory

199

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$224 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles

122

Vehicle fleet management

102

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 249 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Northern Territory Government's programmed and urgent repairs and maintenance requirements

1 249

Note: The Construction Agency does not own any regional assets. As such, its estimated costs reflect the cost to clients on a regional basis to construct and maintain their assets

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$21 224 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Essential Services

Provision of electricity and water services to twenty-three communities,
and sewerage services to twenty-one remote communities 12 565

CAPITAL WORKS

Aboriginal Essential Services

Oenpelli (Gunbalanya) – supply and install 800kW generating set 430

Warruwi – construct additional elevated water storage tank 180

Pirlangimpi (Pularumpi) – upgrade sewerage pump station and rising
main 300

MINOR NEW WORKS

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various Minor New Works 1 163

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various Repairs and Maintenance 3 170

TERRITORY HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 675 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions)	500
Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions)	4 800
Various centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions)	4 500
Various centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions)	1 000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	265
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
An emphasis has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs	1 720

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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Highlights are a series of six books, supplementary to the Budget Papers. Each book relates to one of the following regions:

- Darwin;
- Palmerston and Rural;
- Arnhem and Tiwi Islands;
- Katherine;
- Tennant Creek; and
- Alice Springs.

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 2000-01 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in four broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

CAPITAL WORKS

Infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, and roads which contribute to both the development of the Territory and services for Territorians.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Infrastructure projects with a value less than \$150 000.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 160 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Auditor-General's Office commissions audits to be conducted by private sector auditing firms. Audits provide greater assurance over financial information prepared by the Northern Territory Government. The Auditor-General also uses audit sourced information to provide an independent analysis and commentary on the financial and other performance information of the Government, for use by Members of the Legislative Assembly

2 010

Executive Support

125

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

1

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 090 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- Northern Territory Government agencies and local government – processing and resolution of complaints; 400
- Northern Territory Police – processing and resolution of complaints; 225
- Northern Territory Correctional Services – processing and resolution of complaints; 97
- Access and Awareness Program – visits to urban Aboriginal associations in townships, Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and 24
- Outreach Activities – covering all areas outside Darwin in the Top End. 14

The Ombudsman's Office administers the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, which will:

- provide an improved complaint resolution service for the northern and southern regions by developing protocols with key stakeholders; 150
- give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and 3
- provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll-free. 0.5

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$13 411 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on matters relating to Government policy; coordination of Government activities and functions of the Cabinet Office, the Coordination Committee and Executive Council Secretariat; and includes Office of the Chief Minister representation in some regions (across all regions) 3 203

Coordination, management and reporting on a new strategic policy framework for Northern Territory women from 2000, resulting from a wide and consultative process with Territory women in 1999 (across all regions) 50

Administer and promote the Northern Territory Government Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which enhance women's status in the Territory, by advancing one or more of the goals of the new Government policy directions for women (across all regions) 20

Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to the Territory, a region, community or neighbourhood (across all regions) 10

Implement and manage Government directions to build on outcomes achieved under the Domestic Violence Strategy, resulting from the major evaluation of the Strategy (across all regions) 250

Women's Advisory Council – convene four meetings each year in centres around the Territory; and convene and implement regional consultations in a number of locations to link women's issues and Government (across all regions) 40

	Estimated Cost \$000
The Office of Youth Affairs will provide sponsorship towards the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for the next three years, commencing 2000-01. The eleven day trip is aimed at young people aged between fifteen and twenty-five and is designed to build self-confidence, develop leadership potential, and expand personal horizons (across all regions)	24
The Northern Territory Youth Festival will be staged for the third time in 2000-01 as part of National Youth Week, providing an excellent opportunity for young people to showcase their talents through a diverse and exciting range of events and activities (across all regions)	70
Regional Youth Forums will be held in each of the main regional centres. The Forums provide a consultative mechanism to obtain youth input to Government decision making (across all regions)	5
The Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians was first established in 1997 as the Chief Minister's youth advisory group. This group comprises sixteen young Territorians from a range of backgrounds, with representation from each region, to provide advice to Government about issues affecting young people (across all regions)	75
The Youth Grants Program will continue to provide financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. Funding is provided to organisations in all regions and comprises three funding categories: drug and alcohol free entertainment; youth leadership and development activities; and youth festival projects (across all regions)	75
The Office of Youth Affairs will continue to have a display at each of the regional shows throughout the Territory in July 2000. Specific attention will be paid this year to promoting the Youth Grants Program and the grants provided in 1999-00 for each region (across all regions)	10
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - assists migrant and ethnic communities to fund innovative projects that promote positive and harmonious community relations within the culturally and linguistically diverse community of the Territory (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to access public and private sector services (across all regions)	242

	Estimated Cost \$000
Office of Ethnic Affairs – various initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include: cross cultural awareness and information sessions; assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their overseas skills in Australia; an Interpreter Card to facilitate access to government services; production of various publications such as a Multicultural Calendar of Events, quarterly newsletter and Multicultural Information Directory; and maintenance of a Web site with links to other relevant sites (across all regions)	94
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	225
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	177

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 551 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provide the Northern Territory Parliament and its Members with high quality and timely support for the effective operation of: 7 551

- Northern Territory Parliament;
- Parliament House and Parliamentary Committees; and
- Electorate offices of the Members for Arafura, Arnhem, Casuarina, Drysdale, Fannie Bay, Jingili, Karama, Millner, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson and Wanguri

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 379

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 504

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 693 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Victims Support Unit – a support service for witnesses, victims of crime and their families 140

Aboriginal Support Coordinator – identifies the needs and relevant issues that affect Aboriginal victims and witnesses 50

Services for students – ongoing provision for work experience, vacation employment and the donation of prizes to law students at the Northern Territory University 5

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Law Cadetship – ongoing provision of support and training 10

Victims of Crime Assistance League – ongoing provision of assistance 30

Articled Clerk – ongoing employment of an articled clerk. Selected law graduates of the Northern Territory University are offered the practical training necessary to be admitted to practice 40

Case Recording Information Management System – maintenance and development 20

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 48

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 4

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$770 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

2000-01 Anti-Discrimination Regional Strategy – ensure legal and public education services, pursuant to the *Anti-Discrimination Act*, are accessible to all Territorians 770

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 3

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 155 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of administrative support to enable Judges and Magistrates to deliver justice 4 418

Provision of administrative support to the Territory Coroner 400

Management of appropriate court and associated facilities 1 150

Administration of the Integrated Justice Information System 1 609

Establishment of the Lands and Mining Tribunal 1 530

Continued implementation and administration of the Mental Health Review Tribunal 232

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 63

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 948

NORTHERN TERRITORY ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$13 011 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Further recording of historical births, deaths, marriages and lands titles data to facilitate electronic searching and historical reporting	574
Continued research and development of a facility to enable remote searching of land titles information, including historical titles and scanned instruments, via a Web browser located off-site	84
Domestic Violence Legal Service – ongoing provision of financial support	180
Provision of legal services to other Government agencies in respect to native title and Aboriginal land matters; assistance in negotiations with native title parties with respect to land acquisition; and grants of mining interests	907
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	50
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	56

NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$27 594 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Operation of office headquarters for the consortium constructing the Adelaide to Darwin railway. Benefits for educational and training organisations to provide training packages. Employment opportunities in all regions

6 200

Note: The total contract costs for the railway have been apportioned by region, based on current estimates. Expenditure patterns may vary on commencement of construction.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$90 066 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Territory Budget – preparation, control, monitoring and reporting on the Northern Territory Government’s annual Budget	2 000
Financial Reports – preparation of the Treasurer’s annual, mid-year and quarterly reports	400
Public Finance – including implementation and monitoring of the <i>Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of the Commonwealth – State Financial Relations</i> , and maximising revenue streams to the Territory	400
Financial Management – administration of all financial management legislation pertaining to the Territory, and the development of the Territory’s own financial management legislation	1 600
Management of the Territory Government’s obligations under the new tax system	400
Economic development, monitoring and policy advice to Government	1 600
Policy development and collection of Territory revenues	3 400
Grocery Price Survey – aims to monitor grocery prices across the Territory and publish results on a regular basis	17
Finance Officers in Training Scheme – aims to strengthen public sector financial management capability through a structured program for developing graduates and undergraduates in finance related disciplines	500
Utilities Commission – independent regulator of electricity, water and sewerage services in the Territory	500
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	51

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

10

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY CORPORATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$261 790 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

As the central borrowing authority for the Northern Territory Government, significant ongoing initiatives include:

- interest paid on funds raised to finance Territory infrastructure; 169 258
- lending funds and providing advice to the Territory Government, its Business Divisions and local authorities; and 67 780
- Territory Bonds display at the Northern Territory Expo. 2

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$20 399 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Government's Partnership Northern Territory funding – distributed to Darwin's regional tourism association to assist in the marketing of prospective tourist attractions and facilities (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural regions)	560
Darwin Cruise Strategy – encourage cruise line executives to include Darwin on their world cruise itineraries	20
Stokes Hill Wharf – maintain the wharf as part of the overall strategy to attract cruise ships to Darwin	1 645
Inbound Workshop – annual event for international tourism operators to experience the Territory and its tourist attractions (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural regions)	55
Brolga Awards – awards granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	62
Annual Territory Connections agents conference involving all regional tourism associations and Territory industry to showcase Territory products (across all regions)	60
Development of a Web site for the continued promotion of the Territory online. This captivates ever increasing national and international markets (across all regions)	350
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion, and Event Marketing funding – active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars; and financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	443
Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	278

	Estimated Cost \$000
General Marketing Activity – particularly in regard to destinational advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity due to visitor expenditure (across all regions)	22 758
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	50
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	3

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$60 876 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Increased staffing of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service	244
The first year of a three year \$1M program to purchase equipment and accoutrements to improve police officer safety, ranging from additional ballistic vests to security screens for vehicles (across all regions)	350

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works	107
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 114
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PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 540 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Administration of bushfires operations and executive support to Northern Territory Bushfires Council	458
Continuation of the Junior Ranger Program	65
Preparation of a masterplan for Charles Darwin National Park	30
Survey of wildlife parks – provision of information about wildlife, for at least two reserves	130
Various locations – provision of interpretive information and signs for the Commission’s facilities throughout the Territory (across all regions)	150
CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM	
Darwin (Buffalo Creek) – upgrade existing ablution facility for disabled access, installation of park furniture and rehabilitation and landscaping of the surrounding area	350
Holmes Jungle Nature Park – install ablution facility and construct six kilometres of combined pedestrian/cycle gravel path, including elevated walkways over watercourses and installation of interpretive signage	250
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	372
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	414

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$35 350 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management – identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client agencies in support of their core program delivery activities. Presently sixty-seven buildings are leased from the private sector 22 044

Outsource building services including cleaning and security 1 914

The newly created Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment Learning Centre focuses on strategic human resource development across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS). With a charter to develop the capability of the NTPS to deliver the requirements of *Foundations for Our Future*, the Learning Centre will provide: 1 200

- consultancy, diagnosis and advice on strategic organisational capabilities across the NTPS;
- customised organisational learning tailored to meet the needs of individual agencies;
- people and their growth, with an emphasis on leadership and learning for both teams and individuals; and
- career development pathways at both the individual and organisational levels.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 12

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 10

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$34 493 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of business information including licensing and permit requirements. Registration and searches of business names, incorporated associations and cooperative societies. Issuing and processing of a range of business licenses and permits 700

Implementation of business training and development programs. Providing financial assistance to enable businesses to undertake Enterprise Improvement Programs. Stimulating and facilitating the adoption of e-Business within the Northern Territory business community. Provision of appropriate information and development to Aboriginal businesses 1 850

Provision of education and workplace visits throughout the Territory in order to reduce the incidence of accidents, injuries and illness in the workplace 3 455

Develop programs which, as far as practicable, ensure that all employees have workers compensation insurance; and injured workers are compensated in accordance with the legislation and are rehabilitated back to suitable employment 329

Regulation of the private security industry and escort agents to improve the standards within the industry. Participation to increase awareness among licence holders of the requirement for improved training standards. Regionalisation and integration of inspectorates, increased inspections and surveillance of licensed premises. Establishment of accredited training modules for inspectors 775

	Estimated Cost \$000
Implementation of <i>Kava Management Act</i> . Negotiations in the control and regulation of kava in remote communities and analysis of properties of seized kava. Analysis of liquor restrictions in the community. Routine screening of liquor. Research and provision of statistical information on liquor and kava matters	775
Industry Assistance Fund – payments, grants or advances for operational costs of registered racing clubs	5 000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	68
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	55

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$701 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred site avoidance surveys. Integrate text-based records with maps, photographs and other media to improve relevance and accessibility of the Authority's database of sacred sites to clients

694

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

7

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$24 771 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Administration

Property maintenance and management of Crown Land (across all regions)	561
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Building advisory services to private sector building practitioners and other building industry participants – maintain records of building work; monitor private sector building practitioners; and develop policy and building legislation to reflect national reforms throughout the Northern Territory	985
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Land Information

Geodetic infrastructure and cadastral coordination of survey projects	240
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Provision of aerial photography, photogrammetry and corporate products	1 617
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Provision of land valuation services	539
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Redevelopment of Land Administration Information System (across all regions)	1 000
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Natural Resources and Environment

Aboriginal Land and Water Assessment Program – projects on Aboriginal land in partnership with the Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission	700
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Land capability survey of the Finnis/Dundee area to help facilitate sustainable land use planning and development of the area	50
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	Estimated Cost \$000
Water allocation plan for the Darwin area to identify existing water resource requirements and ensure that water use is in accord with need and such use is sustainable	10
Territory-wide development of a Natural Resource Database and Information Management System assisting in the collection and analysis of natural resource information	250
Development of a Strategic Management Plan for the Declared Beneficial Uses of Darwin Harbour	80
Waterwatch – community based water monitoring program (across all regions)	80
Mangrove Monitoring Network – initiation of a community based mangrove monitoring network in Darwin Harbour	60
Integrated land and water advisory services to all landholders (across all regions)	300
Oil spill contingency planning and response (all coastal regions)	10
Pollution Response – Territory-wide free call phone line	60
ChemCollect – Northern Territory program for disposal of unwanted farm chemicals	100
Darwin air quality monitoring	30
Tiger Brennan Drive extension	5
Sponsorship for PhD student at Northern Territory University	5
Waste management operations and advice	25
Council of Australian Governments Water Reform – water allocation planning	200
CAPITAL WORKS	
Urban and heritage enhancement program, including heritage trails, landscaping, display shelters and signage	600
Central Darwin Planning Scheme – concept development, technical investigation and design of projects within the Esplanade, Civic and Wharf precincts	500
East Arm Port – provide petroleum delivery lines to joint user tank farm site	3 175

	Estimated Cost \$000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	1 390
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	233

TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 340 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Administration and management of the Trade Development Zone

1 220

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works

75

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

36

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 239 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary objectives of the Agency in the Asian and other key regions are:

600

- building international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key agencies and the private sector;
- opening new trade markets and the expansion of existing markets for Northern Territory exporters and investors; and
- winning key new international investments for the Territory economy.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works

20

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 175 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Policy and Operational Services

Liaise with the Executive Industry Association to develop extractive production practices 8

Develop policies and processes for access to Northern Territory land for exploration and mining 79

Liaise with Aboriginal communities to develop procedures to allow mining on Aboriginal land 47

Increase community awareness of the importance of mineral and petroleum industries in the Territory 116

Geological Survey

Continuation of scanning program to convert company reports to digital format and provide the information to the exploration industry by CD ROM and the Internet 406

Mines Operations

Examine and approve mining development proposals. Monitoring programs, auditing and investigations. Provision of current information on mining 2 168

Office of Resource Development

Bayu-Undan gas project marketing and development 14

North Australia gas venture marketing and development 11

Liquefied Natural Gas marketing 31

Develop gas based manufacturing in the Territory 30

	Estimated Cost \$000
Identify options for a gas based manufacturing industrial estate	15
Promotion and development of local content in Territory oil and gas projects, including local content awards	46
Promotion and development of local content in Territory mining projects, including local content awards	10
Offshore operations base/regional headquarters development	25
Agribusiness development plan	25
Energy	
Administration and regulation of petroleum operations, including offshore operations	205
CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM	
Core Library at Farrell Crescent, Winnellie – design and construct steel framed metal clad extension	242
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	91
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	72

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 824 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Head office and Community Corrections office at Casuarina:

8 705

- Head office is responsible for central administrative and policy functions of Correctional Services; and
- Community Corrections Office is responsible for supervising community-based orders made by the courts and the Parole Board; and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

87

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$19 617 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Market consolidation and expansion for beef cattle exports to the Philippines and Vietnam 230

Increased research into control of Mastotermes in horticultural and agricultural properties 53

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 267

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 863

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$137 924 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Provision of public bus services – including funding service providers, network planning and timetable review of public and school bus services (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural areas)	10 504
Provision of school transport services	1 322
Ferry services – subsidy of the ferry service across Darwin Harbour to Mandorah, for school students and the general public	75
Special events – provision of a public bus service to and from the Australian Touring Car Championships at Hidden Valley	68
Motor Vehicle Registry	6 065
Logistics Unit formed to pursue the development of Darwin as a logistics and distribution/consolidation centre	340
Road Safety Council (across all regions)	870
Transport planning, marine and aviation (across all regions)	2 322
Information technology (across all regions)	5 589
CAPITAL WORKS	
CFC refrigerant management program, Stage 5 of program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory	500
Management of domestic potable water cross-connection and backflow prevention program, Stage 1 of a 5 stage program	250
Parliament House – relocation of services and reconstruction of carpark and accesses	800
Landscaping of median strips and verges of various urban arterial locations	300

	Estimated Cost \$000
Reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory urban arterial roads (across Darwin and Alice Springs regions)	1 000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	2 357
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	14 488

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$234 008 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Royal Darwin Hospital

Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) has 297 authorised beds. It provides a comprehensive range of in-patient, out-patient, accident and emergency services. Specialist medical services are also provided through salaried or visiting specialist staff. RDH includes a Clinical School in conjunction with the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide, and is a referral centre for all other Northern Territory hospitals

113 553

Hospital in the Home Program allows clients to receive treatment in their own home rather than remain in hospital. Consumer participation accelerates the transition to optimal independence, frees up hospital beds and reduces patient treatment costs

287

Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location, including interstate, if unavailable in the Territory

530

Executive and Support

This program provides executive leadership and management of Territory Health Services

2 504

Corporate Services

Corporate Services provides support including finance, staff development, information technology and legal services

21 328

Development of computerised Remote Health Information System

127

Public Health Services

Breast Screen, Cervical Screening, Remote Areas Well Women's Screening Programs and the Northern Territory Pap Smear Register

1 450

	Estimated Cost \$000
Review of public health legislation	140
Aboriginal Hearing Program is a joint initiative with the Department of Education to address ear disease, hearing loss and educational implications for Aboriginal infants and children	140
Clinic Services and specialist nursing care to HIV positive patients and clients with sexually transmitted diseases and blood borne viruses through Clinic 34	373
Oral Health Services	
Oral health services are provided to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Darwin Dental Clinic and children are seen at either the Children's Dental Clinic or at their school	3 183
Alcohol and Other Drugs	
The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Crime Prevention and Community Safety Program funding. The main objective is to promote individual and community wellbeing by minimising the personal, social and economic costs associated with alcohol and other drug-related harm	3 703
Tobacco Action Plan is aimed at reducing the impact of smoking on the health of young Territorians	260
Menzies School of Health Research	
Menzies School of Health Research engages in multidisciplinary research and education	2 431
Mental Health Services	
There is one Mental Health Management and Service delivery team in the Top End, providing: increased clinic support to the local regional teams; better outcomes for consumers due to fully integrated psychiatric service for all Top End Territorians; and improved interaction with non-government organisations and other stakeholders	7 463
Family, Aged and Disability Services	
Family and Children Services is responsible for developing policies and providing children's services including child care, adoptions, crisis accommodation and support services, support services for clients affected by domestic and family violence and Women's Health Program	4 892

Territory Health Services

	Estimated Cost \$000
Pensioner Concessions Scheme	6 764
Children's Services Unit	1 130
Aged care client assessment and identification of their needs	361
Coordination of care through existing services and use of brokerage to purchase new services for people with disabilities and the frail aged who have complex care needs	224
Provide specialist services for people with disabilities	1 745
Casuarina Family and Children's Services Office includes child protection, substitute care, family support and specialist services	2 053
Funding and professional support for family, aged and disability service programs through the non-government sector	12 527
Sexual Assault Referral Centre	304
Child maintenance and family preventative care	359
Aged and disability services – review and evaluate existing policies, negotiate agreements with the Commonwealth to ensure the Territory receives a fair share of resources	2 266
Program Development	
The program provides planning services, epidemiological and management information, advice on Commonwealth funding and policy negotiations, ensures implementation of the agreed acute and specialist care strategic plan, and reviews programs and policies	6 873
Development of Remote Health Information System	80
Primary Health Care Urban	
Community Care Centres provide school children's health programs, child health clinics, health assessment, information, education and referral services	3 332
Palliative care	290
Allied health professionals provide early discharge services for clients with disabilities at centres, homes and/or in schools	466
Allied health therapists services in schools	462

	Estimated Cost \$000
School nursing services including clinical services to high schools and health education services to students at both high school and primary school	305
Hearing services include diagnostic audiological assessments for all infants under three years as well as school screening and hearing conservation assessments for adults	216
Funding to enhance service delivery of personal care services, ambulance services, support to identified self-help groups and specialist programs through the non-government sector	8 263
Primary Health Care Rural	
Developing policies, programs and strategies aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and the community, according to needs	1 403
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service has a base in Darwin. It provides twenty-four hour availability for medical consultation for remote communities and arranges medical evacuations as required. Specialised aerial medical nurses accompany evacuation flights (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural regions)	2 366
CAPITAL WORKS	
RDH – construction of a two storey clinical services building to accommodate a new emergency department, operating theatres including a same day procedure, intensive, coronary and high dependency care units. New facility also includes an upgraded imaging department, private GP and specialist Medical Centre, central sterilising department, lecture theatre and a retail facility	36 000
RDH – replacement of fire indicator panel	220
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	577
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2 777

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$164 609 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in eighteen primary and nineteen preschools 37 250

Secondary schools – delivery of secondary education at Darwin High School, Casuarina Senior College, Nightcliff High School, Dripstone High School and Sanderson High School 23 960

Student and school support services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers 18 200

Open Learning – provide educational programs to students regardless of their location and support for teachers in the specialist fields of music, languages, health and physical education 6 230

Northern Territory assistance to the non-government education sector 8 800

Develop and implement an ongoing program for the expansion of interactive information technology into Territory teaching and learning 2 160

CAPITAL WORKS

Dripstone High School – install passenger lift 200

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 701

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 3 881

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$36 428 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Administrative support – client liaison with industry and the Community to determine training requirements and priorities 3 634

Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs delivered by the Northern Territory University 22 201

VET programs delivered by the private sector 1 200

Industry Training Support provides financial assistance to Industry Training Advisory Boards for the provision of industry advice regarding training needs 1 960

User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up-to-date with modern industry needs, while retaining the strengths of the existing employment-based training system 2 800

National Vocational Education and Training in School Initiative – improving VET programs in secondary schools and providing an important role in preparing students for employment 835

New Apprenticeship Centre 710

Expansion of competitive tendering equity, industry and literacy markets for VET 150

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 5

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 463 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Facility Development Grants – provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions)	1 347
Sport and Recreation Grants – provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions)	3 645
Regional and Club Development Grants – provided to affiliated regional sports associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level (across all regions)	150
Special Assistance Grants – provided to assist new and emerging sports and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is considered appropriate (across all regions)	150
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	175
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	594

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$51 337 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Operation of Casuarina regional office	3 619
Purchase of resources for public, community and joint-use libraries	650
Rent assistance to Darwin public libraries	178
Implementation of whole of government record management software solution	321

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works	45
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	202
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**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: SUPERANNUATION OFFICE**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$72 422 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Administration of the Northern Territory public sector superannuation schemes and funding of:

- Superannuation Benefit Payments; and 64 210
- Workers Compensation Benefits Payments. 2 546

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 967 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing leases of Deloraine Road retransmission site services to improve television reception in northern suburbs 110

Support for improved broadcasting services across the Northern Territory. This currently includes provision of SBS in regional towns and maintenance of several broadcast sites across the Territory. Support is provided for various aspects of community radio broadcasting, and the major funding is a significant operational subsidy to 8TOPFM 305

Life in the Information Age presentations – provides opportunities for Territorians to learn about emerging information technology and telecommunications issues from leading speakers. Roadshows will share this program with regions. Topics planned include digital television, community Internet portals and use of smartcards 100

Territory-wide studies to identify research and development opportunities in the health, tourism, defence and information technology and telecommunication sectors 40

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 4

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 419 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections 2 200

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – acquisition program to acquire and preserve the Territory’s cultural assets (across all regions) 30

Regional Museums Grant Support Program – provides financial assistance to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions except Palmerston and Rural) 50

Arts Sponsorship

Regional exhibition and performing arts touring program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory from a Darwin base 78

Regional crafts support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services. Branches are located in main Territory centres with the Secretariat in Darwin 100

Other major arts organisations and program services – including art scholarships, skills development, major touring events, artists in schools, and organisations servicing dance, visual arts, literature and music. Darwin specific major organisations include community and youth art services, orchestral and theatrical activities alongside major venues (across all regions) 946

	Estimated Cost \$000
Arts Management	
Arts marketing, promotion, industry and support programs – major initiatives include Territory Artifacts, a quarterly magazine showcasing arts, culture and heritage topics throughout the Territory and regional forums	348
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	250
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various repairs and Maintenance	701

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 917 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local government grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 3 083

Advance funding is available to municipal and community government councils that wish to take up a loan from the Northern Territory Government (across all regions) 1 800

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 37

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 15

TERRITORY HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$18 941 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

1 407

Continued Community Service Obligations funding to Territory Housing Business Services for various housing assistance initiatives (across all regions):

15 583

- low interest home loans;
- Early Start/deposit assistance scheme;
- Stamp Duty Forgone;
- Fringe Benefits Tax on employee loans;
- Assist – interest subsidy;
- Stamp Duty differential;
- concessional rental charges; and
- police Housing Rent Forgone.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 386 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

1 386

- research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;
- Economic Development – assistance provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and
- Law and Justice Strategy – a major effort is undertaken to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility of law and order issues by Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Languages Interpreter Register and Booking Service – develop, implement, assess and report on the first Aboriginal Interpreter Service (across all regions)

355

TERRITORY DISCOVERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$532 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The prime focus is to contribute to the economic growth of the Northern Territory. This is achieved by the development of travel, tour and accommodation packages that bridge the gaps in the product range currently available in the domestic marketplace. This provides customers with greater holiday options that clearly demonstrate the uniqueness of the Territory

532

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$32 457 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Purchase of vehicles	19 065
Lease of vehicles	892
Repairs and maintenance of vehicles	2 605
Auctioneer fees	265
Vehicle fleet management	4 288
GENERAL RECEIPTS	
Assets sold through public auctions	11 875

DARWIN BUS SERVICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 180 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of safe, efficient, and reliable urban public bus services and effective management of the Government bus fleet 5 077

Bus fleet replacement strategy, particularly for 'low floor' articulated buses 1 250

DARWIN PORT CORPORATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$17 512 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of port and marine industry support services, and other functions associated with the management of the Darwin Wharf Precinct 11 413

CAPITAL WORKS

East Arm Port Stage 2A – commencement of railway access and reclamation embankments and 110 metre wharf extension 19 000

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 205

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 3 290

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$66 216 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity, water, sewerage and trade waste services 39 230

CAPITAL WORKS

Power

Darwin – construct 11kV underground feeder from Casuarina Zone Substation to Casuarina Square 500

Darwin – augment transformer capacity at Casuarina Zone Substation 1 300

Sewerage

Darwin – augmentation to the Parap Trunk Sewer 400

Darwin – install System Control and Data Acquisition system to sewerage pumping stations 360

Commercial Services

Darwin – enhancement of electrical system communications 1 050

MINOR NEW WORKS

Power

Various Minor New Works 500

Water

Various Minor New Works 390

	Estimated Cost \$000
Sewerage	
Various Minor New Works	135
Commercial services	
Various Minor New Works	10
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Power	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	3 236
Water	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 700
Sewerage	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 967
Commercial Services	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	120

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$42 112 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of mainframe and data services to whole of government

16 636

Provision of information technology support to all agencies

16 761

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 066 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Printing services outsourced to the private sector

1 862

In-house printing and publishing services

5 268

TERRITORY HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$94 751 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance – includes a range of schemes designed to assist Territorians to purchase their first home or, if Territory Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) 25 721

CAPITAL WORKS

Construction of fifty-four one and two bedroom units in the Darwin region, for use as housing for seniors and construction of twenty, one and two bedroom units in the Darwin region, for use as general public housing 10 500

Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions) 500

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 4 800

Various centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions) 4 500

Various centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 1 000

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 530

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs 7 732

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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Highlights are a series of six books, supplementary to the Budget Papers. Each book relates to one of the following regions:

- Darwin;
- Palmerston and Rural;
- Arnhem and Tiwi Islands;
- Katherine;
- Tennant Creek; and
- Alice Springs.

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 2000-01 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in four broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

CAPITAL WORKS

Infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, and roads which contribute to both the development of the Territory and services for Territorians.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Infrastructure projects with a value less than \$150 000.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$91 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- Government agencies and local government – processing and resolution of complaints; 20
- Northern Territory Police – processing and resolution of complaints; 15
- Access and Awareness Program – visits to urban Aboriginal associations in townships, Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and 4
- Outreach Activities – covering Katherine and immediate surrounding areas. 4

The Ombudsman's Office administers the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, which will:

- provide an improved complaint resolution for the northern and southern regions by developing protocols with key stakeholders; 19
- undertake a comprehensive campaign, including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities; 5
- give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and 2
- provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure that people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll-free. 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 922 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on matters relating to Government policy; coordination of Government activities and functions of the Cabinet Office, the Coordination Committee and Executive Council Secretariat; and includes Office of the Chief Minister representation in some regions (across all regions)	3 203
Coordination, management and reporting on a new strategic policy framework for Northern Territory women from 2000, resulting from a wide and consultative process with Territory women in 1999 (across all regions)	50
Administer and promote the Northern Territory Government Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which enhance women's status in the Territory, by advancing one or more of the goals of the new Government policy directions for women (across all regions)	20
Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to the Territory, a region, community or neighbourhood (across all regions)	10
Implement and manage Government directions to build on outcomes achieved under the Domestic Violence Strategy, resulting from the major evaluation of the Strategy (across all regions)	250
Women's Advisory Council – convene four meetings each year in centres around the Territory; and convene and implement regional consultations in a number of locations to link women's issues and Government (across all regions)	40

	Estimated Cost \$000
The Office of Youth Affairs will provide sponsorship towards the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for the next three years, commencing 2000-01. The eleven day trip is aimed at young people aged between fifteen and twenty-five and is designed to build self-confidence, develop leadership potential, and expand personal horizons (across all regions)	24
The Northern Territory Youth Festival will be staged for the third time in 2000-01 as part of National Youth Week, providing an excellent opportunity for young people to showcase their talents through a diverse and exciting range of events and activities (across all regions)	70
Regional Youth Forums will be held in each of the main regional centres. The Forums provide a consultative mechanism to obtain youth input to Government decision making (across all regions)	5
The Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians was first established in 1997 as the Chief Minister's youth advisory group. This group comprises sixteen young Territorians from a range of backgrounds, with representation from each region, to provide advice to Government about issues affecting young people (across all regions)	75
The Youth Grants Program will continue to provide financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. Funding is provided to organisations in all regions and comprises three funding categories: drug and alcohol free entertainment; youth leadership and development activities; and youth festival projects (across all regions)	75
The Office of Youth Affairs will continue to have a display at each of the regional shows throughout the Territory in July 2000. Specific attention will be paid this year to promoting the Youth Grants Program and the grants provided in 1999-00, for each region (across all regions)	10
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - assists migrant and ethnic communities to fund innovative projects that promote positive and harmonious community relations within the culturally and linguistically diverse community of the Territory (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to access public and private sector services (across all regions)	242

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Office of Ethnic Affairs – various initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include: cross cultural awareness and information sessions; assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their overseas skills in Australia; an Interpreter Card to facilitate access to government services; production of various publications such as a Multicultural Calendar of Events, quarterly newsletter and Multicultural Information Directory; and maintenance of a Web site with links to other relevant sites (across all regions)

94

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$633 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Electorate Offices – administration and maintenance of electorate offices
of the Members for Katherine and Victoria River

633

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Education and conciliation services – provision of half-yearly anti-discrimination public education courses. Additionally, members of the Commission travel to the Katherine region to carry out investigation and conciliation of complaints, as required

5

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$704 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of administrative support to enable Judges and Magistrates to deliver justice to the Katherine region 334

Management of appropriate court and associated facilities 90

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 27

NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 231 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sleeper manufacturing plants and base camps for initial trackwork located in Katherine. Work camps set up at intermediate locations along the worksite	78 100
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Note: The total contract costs for the railway have been apportioned by region, based on current estimates. Expenditure patterns may vary on commencement of construction.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Grocery Price Survey – aims to monitor grocery prices across the Northern Territory and publish results on a regular basis

3

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$547 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Government's Partnership Northern Territory funding – distributed to Katherine's regional tourism association to assist in the marketing of prospective tourist attractions and facilities	350
Brolga Awards – awards granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	62
Annual Territory Connections agents conference involving all regional tourism associations and Territory industry to showcase Territory products (across all regions)	20
Development of a Web site for the continued promotion of the Territory online. This captivates ever increasing national and international markets (across all regions)	350
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion, and Event Marketing funding – active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars; and financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	443
Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	278
General Marketing Activity – particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity due to visitor expenditure (across all regions)	22 758

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 132 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The first year of a three year \$1M program to purchase equipment and accoutrements to improve police officer safety, ranging from additional ballistic vests to security screens for vehicles (across all regions)	350
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CAPITAL WORKS

Various remote locations – modify and upgrade cells at the Katherine Police Station, to comply with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (across all regions)	400
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MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works	200
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	300
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PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 892 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Support to the Katherine, Gulf of Carpentaria and Victoria River Regional Fire Control Committees for fire control in their region. Assistance and training for landholders and volunteer bushfire brigades including:

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| • brigade vehicles; | 83 |
| • operational funding grants for volunteer bushfire brigades; and | 44 |
| • fire equipment subsidies for landholders. | 15 |

Various locations – provision of interpretive information and signs for the Commission’s facilities throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)	150
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Gregory National Park – continuation of a program to reduce the number of feral animals damaging the natural features of the Park. Control will continue across all land tenures in cooperation with landholders	163
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Preparation of the Plan of Management for Gregory National Park and strategic planning for the proposed Limmen National Park, and other parks and reserves in the region	75
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Conservation plan for the Sturt Plateau	238
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CAPITAL WORKS

Nitmiluk National Park (Gorge Intensive Use Zone) – extend visitor car park; pedestrian access; car park lighting and associated lighting; irrigation and drainage	250
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Limmen National Park (Nathan River) – develop visitor facilities including walking tracks, campgrounds and picnic areas at Southern Lost City and Limmen River crossing	200
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	Estimated Cost \$000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	200
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	683

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 181 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management – identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client agencies in support of their core program delivery activities. Presently five buildings are leased from the private sector

1 521

Outsource building services, including cleaning and security

360

The newly created Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment Learning Centre focuses on strategic human resource development across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS). With a charter to develop the capability of the NTPS to deliver the requirements of *Foundations for Our Future*, the Learning Centre will provide:

300

- consultancy, diagnosis and advice on strategic organisational capabilities across the NTPS;
- customised organisational learning tailored to meet the needs of individual agencies;
- people and their growth, with an emphasis on leadership and learning for both teams and individuals; and
- career development pathways at both the individual and organisational levels.

A regional unit of the Learning Centre has been established in Katherine to provide best practice programs for the region

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$567 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of education and workplace visits throughout the Northern Territory in order to reduce the incidence of accidents, injuries and illness in the workplace 61

Develop programs which as far as practicable ensure that all employees have workers compensation insurance; and injured workers are compensated in accordance with the legislation and rehabilitated back to suitable employment 2

Provision of support to business and industry in the Katherine region through business information services including: 132

- licensing and permit requirements;
- registration and searches of business names, incorporated associations and cooperative societies;
- issuing and processing of a range of business licenses and permits;
- provision of appropriate information and development to Aboriginal business;
- implementing industry assistance programs and promoting business opportunities in the Katherine Region;
- advance awareness of the Northern Territory Made Logo firms accredited to use the Northern Territory Products symbol; and
- identifying regional projects suitable for funding assistance, in conjunction with the Katherine Region Economic Development Organisation.

	Estimated Cost \$000
Ongoing inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region. Analysis of liquor restrictions in the community. Research and provision of statistical information on liquor matters	344
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	10

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$350 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred site avoidance surveys. Integrate text-based records with maps, photographs and other media to improve relevance and accessibility of the Authority's database of sacred sites to clients

350

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 179 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Administration

Building advisory services to private sector building practitioners and other building industry participants – maintain records of building work; monitor private sector building practitioners; and develop policy and building legislation to reflect national reforms throughout the Northern Territory	170
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Land Information

Geodetic infrastructure and cadastral coordination of survey projects	30
Provision of aerial photography, photogrammetry and corporate products	230
Provision of land valuation services	310
Redevelopment of Land Administration Information System (across all regions)	1 000

Natural Resources and Environment

Development of a Natural Resource Management Plan for the Katherine region	60
Ord River Irrigation Area, Stage 2 – ongoing development	10
Waste management operations and advice	5

CAPITAL WORKS

Urban and heritage enhancement program including heritage trails, landscaping, display shelters and signage	185
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	Estimated Cost \$000
Upgrade open unlined drains within the Katherine municipality	220
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	54
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	10

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$300 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary objectives of the Agency in the Asian and other key regions are:

300

- building international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key agencies and the private sector;
- opening new trade markets and the expansion of existing markets for Northern Territory exporters and investors; and
- winning key new international investments for the Territory economy.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 025 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Policy and Operational Services

Liaise with Aboriginal communities to develop procedures to allow mining on Aboriginal land 25

Geological Survey

Three airborne geophysical surveys in the region including north, northwest and northeast of Katherine and another at Bauhinia Downs (Maryvale) 486

Continue mapping and development of geochemical datasets in the Victoria River and Birrindudu areas 186

Mines Operations

Environmental monitoring programs especially with Mount Todd and Maude Creek mines. Increased presence of Government supervisors and staff 197

Office of Resource Development

Katherine Daly Basin subdivision development 39

Ord River Irrigation Area, Stage 2 – ongoing development 12

Cotton industry – distribution of feasibility reports 6

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$484 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Katherine Community Corrections Office – responsible for supervising community-based orders made by the courts and the Parole Board; and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region 454

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers – a grant of \$10 000 per annum is provided to each of the Daguragu (Wattie Creek), Lajamanu (Hooker Creek) and Ngukurr (Yugul Mangi) Community Councils to assist with the employment of local Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers 30

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 1

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 023 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Mango flowering project to be undertaken with CSIRO	6
Continue provision of horticulture extension services to new and existing growers	9
Evaluate a range of citrus cultivars for their yield, maturity time and fruit quality	9
Establishment of a farm machinery and equipment replacement program	100
Development of a grazing land management education program for northern Australia	37
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	189
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	172

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$26 083 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Provision of school transport services	1 114
Motor Vehicle Registry	181
Vehicle Compliance	273
Road Safety Council (across all regions)	870
Transport planning, marine and aviation (across all regions)	2 322
Information technology (across all regions)	5 589
CAPITAL WORKS	
National highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet national highway standards (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	6 000
Stuart Highway – improve overtaking opportunities between Darwin and Katherine (across Palmerston and Rural, and Katherine regions)	1 500
National highways – landscaping of median strips and verges on parts of the Stuart and Victoria Highways in Katherine, and the Stuart Highway in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs	100
National highways – upgrade selected strength deficient bridges (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	500
Reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory rural arterial roads	500
Katherine – extend Chambers Drive from Lockheed Street to the Stuart Highway	910
Various locations – Aboriginal community internal road dust suppression (across Arnhem and Tiwi Islands, Katherine and Tennant Creek regions)	500

	Estimated Cost \$000
Katherine – extend Fleming Road from Cadell Road to Stray Creek	1 100
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	1 047
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	9 019

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$34 381 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Katherine Hospital

Katherine Hospital is a sixty bed hospital which provides acute medical and surgical services. Emergency and routine admissions come via the Aerial Medical Service or through the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme and are managed locally, where possible. Education programs are provided for medical, nursing and Aboriginal Health Worker students. A minimal care renal unit also operates within the hospital

13 738

Public Health Services

Work with Aboriginal communities to improve environmental health standards for infrastructure

348

Health promotion programs in order to strengthen the understanding and practice of contemporary public health

218

Implement prevention and control measures to reduce the risks from new and emerging communicable diseases. Manage immunisation policy and vaccination programs

624

Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge

228

Oral Health Services

Provision of Oral Health Services to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Katherine Dental Clinic; and in rural and remote communities at community health centres

455

	Estimated Cost \$000
Alcohol and Other Drugs	
The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Crime Prevention and Community Safety Program funding. The main objective is to promote individual and community wellbeing by minimising the personal, social and economic costs associated with alcohol and other drug-related harm. Services in this program include the Tobacco Action Plan and National Drug Strategy	1 273
Mental Health Services	
There is one Mental Health Management and Service delivery team in the Top End, providing: increased clinic support to the local regional teams; and better outcomes for consumers due to fully integrated psychiatric services for all Top End Territorians. Improved interaction with non-government organisations and other stakeholders	534
Family, Aged and Disability Services	
Investigate and act on reports of child abuse	851
Aged care assessment, younger adult disability assessment, physiotherapy services to the Katherine and Pine Creek area; and occupational therapy services within the Katherine area	716
Funding and professional support for family, aged and disability service programs through the non-government sector	2 677
Primary Health Care Rural	
Katherine Urban Community Health Centre provides newborn to five year old developmental assessments; child and adult immunisations; antenatal and postnatal care; domiciliary nursing including palliative care; enuresis program; school screening; women's health; and group education. Hearing services include diagnostic audiological assessments for all infants under three years of age, as well as school screening	501
Remote health clinics provide primary care and referral services for clients with injuries; communicable diseases; chronic diseases; child and adult immunisations; maternal and infant health; newborn to five year old growth assessment program; school children health programs; Well Womens programs; antenatal care; pap smears; men's health programs; and aged monitoring	6 221

Territory Health Services

	Estimated Cost \$000
Coordinated care trials have been extended for a further six months in the Katherine district. The trial establishes a community representative Health Board as the fund holder for health service with funding contributed by both the Territory and the Commonwealth. The Health Board purchases services as required	1 126
Funding and professional support to non-government managed health services	613
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service based in Katherine provides a twenty-four hour medical consultation for remote communities and arranges medical evacuations as required	1 279
Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location, including interstate if unavailable in the Territory	650
Medical officers provide regular visits to rural communities. Additionally they provide a twenty-four hour consultation service for medical emergencies	74
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	398
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	944

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$36 362 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in twenty primary and four preschools	14 570
Secondary schools – delivery of secondary education at Katherine High School	3 950
Katherine School of the Air	2 250
Student and school support services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers	4 000
Northern Territory assistance to the non-government education sector	750
Develop and implement an ongoing program for the expansion of interactive information technology into Territory teaching and learning	487
CAPITAL WORKS	
Casuarina Street School – construct an additional 120 student capacity general learning area block	765
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	400
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2 500

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 597 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Administrative support – client liaison with industry and the community to determine training requirements and priorities	74
Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs delivered by the Northern Territory Rural College	1 642
VET programs delivered by the private sector	800
Flexible response funding to meet training needs in communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	340
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up-to-date with modern industry needs, while retaining the strengths of the existing employment-based training system	410
Expansion of competitive industry market for VET	70

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$623 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants – provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions) 1 347

Sport and Recreation Grants – provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions) 3 645

Regional and Club Development Grants – provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sports and recreation at regional and club level (across all regions) 150

Special Assistance Grants – provided to assist new and emerging sports and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is considered appropriate (across all regions) 150

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 20

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 168 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of Katherine regional office	732
Functioning of regional libraries at Katherine, Pine Creek, Borroloola, Lajamanu (Hooker Creek), Ngukurr (Yugul Mangi), Mataranka and Barunga-Manyallaluk	355
Purchase of resources for public, community and joint-use libraries	71
Rental assistance to Katherine Public Library	10
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	5
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	5

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$810 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Support for the Katherine Regional Portal – a community owned and operated Internet site that will bring together local information and business services. The portal is a model consistent with developments throughout the world and will be applicable to other Northern Territory regions

30

Provision of telecommunications services to remote communities under the *Electronic Outback* project funded by the National Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund

770

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$974 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities 637

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – acquisition program to acquire and preserve the Territory’s cultural assets (across all regions) 30

Regional Museums Grant Support Program – provides financial assistance to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions except Palmerston and Rural) 20

Arts Sponsorship

Regional arts fund – supporting arts projects and events across all artforms 37

Regional exhibition and performing arts touring program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory 23

Regional crafts support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres 29

Other major arts organisations and program services – including art scholarships, skills development, major touring events, artists in schools, and major organisations servicing dance, visual arts, literature and music (across all regions) 143

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Arts Management

Arts marketing, regional development and support programs – including consultative forums, research, and workshops supporting ongoing development of the Katherine Regional Arts Coordinator and Steering Group

85

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 958 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local government grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 7 188

Advance funding is available to municipal and community government councils that wish to take up a loan from the Northern Territory Government (across all regions) 1 800

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 3

TERRITORY HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 829 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

3 753

Continued Community Service Obligations funding to Territory Housing Business Services for various housing assistance initiatives (across all regions):

3 711

- low interest home loans;
- Early Start deposit assistance scheme;
- Stamp Duty Forgone;
- Fringe Benefits Tax on employee loans;
- Assist – interest subsidy;
- Stamp Duty differential;
- concessional rental charges; and
- police Housing Rent Forgone.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$462 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

462

- research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;
- participation on the Katherine Regional Counter Disaster Committee with particular emphasis on Aboriginal community response and recovery planning;
- assistance with flood relief measures;
- Economic Development – assistance provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises;
- assist the Department of Industries and Business in the development of the Katherine Portal; and
- Law and Justice Strategy – a major effort is undertaken to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility of law and order issues by Aboriginal people. Work will commence on law and order issues at Borroloola and Miniyeri (Hodgson Downs). Work is progressing on developing an agreement with the Tribal Council at Lajamanu (Hooker Creek).

Aboriginal Languages Interpreter Register and Booking Service – develop, implement, assess and report on the first Aboriginal Interpreter Service (across all regions)

355

TERRITORY DISCOVERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$199 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The prime focus is to contribute to the economic growth of the Northern Territory. This is achieved by the development of travel, tour and accommodation packages that bridge the gaps in the product range currently available in the domestic marketplace. This provides customers with greater holiday options that clearly demonstrate the uniqueness of the Territory

199

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 212 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of vehicles	2 242
Repairs and maintenance of vehicles	513
Auctioneer fees	32
Vehicle fleet management	425

GENERAL RECEIPTS

Assets sold through public auctions	1 397
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CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 435 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Northern Territory Government's programmed and urgent Repairs and Maintenance requirements

3 435

Note: The Construction Agency does not own any regional assets. As such, its estimated costs reflect the cost to clients on a regional basis to construct and maintain their assets

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$25 136 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity, water, sewerage and trade waste services 5 996

Aboriginal Essential Services

Provision of electricity and water services to twenty-two communities, and sewerage services to nine remote communities 4 071

CAPITAL WORKS

Power

Katherine – raise distribution lines across existing river crossings 400

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various locations – provision of telemetry System Control and Data Acquisition system for power station, water and sewerage infrastructure 855

Bulla Camp (Gudabijin) – construct new power station building and fuel storage facility 300

MINOR NEW WORKS

Power

Various Minor New Works 675

Water

Various Minor New Works 290

	Estimated Cost \$000
Sewerage	
Various Minor New Works	70
Commercial Services	
Various Minor New Works	71
Aboriginal Essential Services	
Various Minor New Works	1 882
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Power	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 270
Water	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	320
Sewerage	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	286
Commercial Services	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	4
Aboriginal Essential Services	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	1 954

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$386 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of information technology support to all agencies

386

TERRITORY HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 563 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance – includes a range of schemes designed to assist Territorians to purchase their first home or, if Territory Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) 25 721

CAPITAL WORKS

Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions) 500

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 4 800

Various centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions) 4 500

Various centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 1 000

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 310

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs 1 790

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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Highlights are a series of six books, supplementary to the Budget Papers. Each book relates to one of the following regions:

- Darwin;
- Palmerston and Rural;
- Arnhem and Tiwi Islands;
- Katherine;
- Tennant Creek; and
- Alice Springs.

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 2000-01 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in four broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

CAPITAL WORKS

Infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, and roads which contribute to both the development of the Territory and services for Territorians.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Infrastructure projects with a value less than \$150 000.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$66 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- Government agencies and local government – processing and resolution of complaints; 15
- Northern Territory Police – processing and resolution of complaints, implementation of minor complaints resolution process and training in relation to the program; 12
- Access and Awareness Program – visits to urban Aboriginal associations in townships, Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and 1
- Outreach Activities – covering all areas outside Darwin, including Palmerston and surrounding rural areas. 1

The Ombudsman's Office administers the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, which will:

- provide an improved complaint resolution for the northern and southern regions by developing protocols with key stakeholders; 22
- undertake a comprehensive campaign, including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities; 2
- give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and 1
- provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll-free. 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 787 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on matters relating to Government policy; coordination of Government activities and functions of the Cabinet Office, the Coordination Committee and Executive Council Secretariat; and includes Office of the Chief Minister representation in some regions (across all regions)	3 203
Coordination, management and reporting on a new strategic policy framework for Northern Territory women from 2000 resulting from a wide and consultative process with Territory women in 1999 (across all regions)	50
Administer and promote the Northern Territory Government Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives, which enhance women's status in the Territory, by advancing one or more of the goals of the new Government policy directions for women (across all regions)	20
Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to the Territory, a region, community or neighbourhood (across all regions)	10
Implement and manage Government directions to build on outcomes achieved under the Domestic Violence Strategy, resulting from the major evaluation of the Strategy (across all regions)	250
Women's Advisory Council – convene four meetings each year in centres around the Territory; and convene and implement regional consultations in a number of locations to link women's issues and Government (across all regions)	40

	Estimated Cost \$000
The Office of Youth Affairs will provide sponsorship towards the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for the next three years, commencing 2000-01. The eleven day trip is aimed at young people aged between fifteen and twenty-five and is designed to build self-confidence, develop leadership potential, and expand personal horizons (across all regions)	24
The Northern Territory Youth Festival will be staged for the third time in 2000-01 as part of National Youth Week, providing an excellent opportunity for young people to showcase their talents through a diverse and exciting range of events and activities (across all regions)	70
Regional Youth Forums will be held in each of the main regional centres. The Forums provide a consultative mechanism to obtain youth input to Government decision making (across all regions)	5
The Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians was first established in 1997 as the Chief Minister's youth advisory group. This group comprises sixteen young Territorians from a range of backgrounds, with representation from each region, to provide advice to Government about issues affecting young people (across all regions)	75
The Youth Grants Program will continue to provide financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. Funding is provided to organisations in all regions and comprises three funding categories: drug and alcohol free entertainment; youth leadership and development activities; and youth festival projects (across all regions)	75
The Office of Youth Affairs will continue to have a display at each of the regional shows throughout the Territory in July 2000. Specific attention will be paid this year to promoting the Youth Grants Program and the grants provided in 1999-00 for each region (across all regions)	10
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - assists migrant and ethnic communities to fund innovative projects that promote positive and harmonious community relations within the culturally and linguistically diverse community of the Territory (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to access public and private sector services (across all regions)	242

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Office of Ethnic Affairs – various initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include: cross cultural awareness and information sessions; assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their overseas skills in Australia; an Interpreter Card to facilitate access to government services; production of various publications such as a Multicultural Calendar of Events, quarterly newsletter and Multicultural Information Directory; and maintenance of a Web site with links to other relevant sites (across all regions)

94

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 260 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Electorate Offices – administration and maintenance of electorate offices
of the Members for Blain, Brennan, Goyder and Nelson

1 260

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Education and conciliation services – provision of anti-discrimination public education courses on a regular basis	5
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NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Grocery Price Survey - aims to monitor grocery prices across the Northern Territory and publish results on a regular basis

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NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$557 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Government's Partnership Northern Territory funding – distributed to Darwin's regional tourism association to assist in the marketing of prospective tourist attractions and facilities (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural regions)	560
Territory Wildlife Park – provided with marketing services to inform visitors to the Territory of the opportunity to encounter first hand the unique and often difficult to see flora and fauna	310
Inbound Workshop – annual event for international tourism operators to experience the Territory and its tourist attractions (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural regions)	55
Brolga Awards – awards granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	62
Annual Territory Connections agents conference involving all regional tourism associations and Territory industry to showcase Territory products (across all regions)	20
Development of a Web site for continuing promotion of the Territory online. This captivates ever increasing national and international markets (across all regions)	350
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion, and Event Marketing funding – active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars; and financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	443
Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	278

	Estimated Cost \$000
General Marketing Activity – particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity due to visitor expenditure (across all regions)	22 758

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$9 644 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Purchase of new fire appliance for Palmerston Fire Station	275
As part of the national CrimTrac initiative, replace current fingerprint identification equipment with LiveScan and DeadScan fingerprinting units (across Palmerston and Rural, and Alice Springs Regions)	150
The first year of a three year \$1M program to purchase equipment and accoutrements to improve police officer safety, ranging from additional ballistic vests to security screens for vehicles (across all regions)	350
CAPITAL WORKS	
Construction of a forensic services facility at Peter McAulay Police Complex in Berrimah	5 589
Various remote locations – modify and upgrade cells, to comply with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, in Wadeye (Port Keats)	100
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	80
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	250

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 923 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Support to the Vernon Regional Fire Control Committee for fire control in their region. Assistance and training for landholders and volunteer bushfire brigades including:

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| • brigade vehicles; | 248 |
| • operational funding grants for volunteer bushfire brigades; and | 149 |
| • fire equipment subsidies for landholders. | 5 |

Various locations – provision of interpretive information and signs for the Commission’s facilities throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)	150
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Planning functions including Plans of Management and other strategic planning for the reserves in the region, including the proposed Howard Springs Hunting Reserve	65
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Guidelines for retention of fragmented habitats (<i>eucalyptus</i> forests)	165
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Tropical Savannas Cooperative Research Centre	278
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MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works	125
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	194
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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 703 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management – identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client agencies in support of their core program delivery activities. Presently thirteen buildings are leased from the private sector	3 344
Outsource building services, including cleaning and security	359

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES
AND BUSINESS**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$450 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region. Analysis of liquor restrictions in the community. Research and provision of statistical information on liquor matters

429

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$340 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred site avoidance surveys. Integrate text-based records with maps, photographs and other media to improve relevance and accessibility of the Authority's database of sacred sites to clients

340

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 674 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Information

Geodetic infrastructure and cadastral coordination of survey projects	100
Provision of aerial photography, photogrammetry and corporate products	313
Provision of land valuation services	422
Redevelopment of Land Administration Information System (across all regions)	1 000

Natural Resources and Environment

Monitoring of clearing in the Litchfield Shire	40
Northern Australia Gas Venture – Woodside/Shell Liquefied Natural Gas project	10
Other major industrial developments on Gunn Point/Glyde Point	10
Aquaculture projects	10
Waste management operations and advice	20
Development of methodologies for determining water requirements for the environment with investigations based in the Daly River region	350

CAPITAL WORKS

Palmerston (Rosebery Stage 5) – provision of headworks including sewer pump station rising main, streetlighting and landscaping to Owston Avenue	1 100
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	Estimated Cost \$000
Palmerston – conversion of approximately 500 metres of existing Stuart Highway into urban arterial including intersections, sound attenuation and landscaping	1 000
Urban and heritage enhancement program, including heritage trails, landscaping, display shelters and signage	130
Mary River Wetlands – construction of weirs and barrages to assist in saltwater intrusion control	500
Palmerston – residential headworks, including the construction of a portion of Roystonea Avenue to provide arterial linkages between the suburbs of Farrar, Gunn and Bakewell	1 300
Palmerston – relocation of existing above ground 22kV power line to allow the development of Farrar	300
Litchfield – subdivision of additional horticultural land in the Lambells Lagoon south area	860
Palmerston Central Business District Stage 1 – improvements to traffic circulation and pedestrian access to improve safety and aesthetics	500

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$200 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary objectives of the Agency in the Asian and other key regions are:

200

- building international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key agencies and the private sector;
- opening new trade markets and the expansion of existing markets for Northern Territory exporters and investors; and
- winning key new international investments for the Territory economy.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$798 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Geological Survey

Airborne geophysical survey of the Point Stuart area 245

Collaborative project, with the University of Leoben in Austria, to acquire approximately 900 square kilometres of high resolution data of the Rum Jungle mineralisation precinct, utilising the latest airborne technology from National Aeronautical Space Administration 82

Extractive minerals drilling program to ascertain reserves of good quality materials for the construction industry 67

Mines Operations

Continued monitoring program at Ranger mine, including the maintenance of the laboratory. Includes other mines in the area 247

Specific equipment for remote monitoring of water on mine sites 49

Office of Resource Development

Dams and weirs consultancy 10

Coastal Plains Research Farm open day 7

Downstream processing investigation (manganese) 15

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$18 428 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Darwin Correctional Centre – administration and management of Berrimah prison to ensure the secure imprisonment of prisoners 15 295

Juvenile Detention Centres – administration and management of the Don Dale Centre at Berrimah and the Wilderness Work Camp at Wildman River 2 524

Community Corrections Offices at Palmerston and Port Keats – responsible for supervising community-based orders made by courts and the Parole Board; and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region 502

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers – a grant to the Port Keats Community Council to assist with the employment of an Aboriginal Community Corrections Officer 10

CAPITAL WORKS

Darwin Correctional Centre – stage one of the staged redevelopment comprising construction of 100 prisoner, low security facility including: prisoner accommodation; kitchen; laundry; education; medical and interview rooms; officers facilities; carparking; and storage 5 300

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 183

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 677

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 344 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Mango flowering project to be undertaken with CSIRO	7
Provision of funding to Northern Territory Horticultural Association for industry support to assist it to become self-funding in three years	130
Provision of funding to Northern Territory Horticultural Association for vehicle	15
Continue provision of horticulture extension services to new and existing growers	20
Promote sustainable Asian vegetable production with improved prospects for export to South East Asia	4
Develop nutrition and irrigation data to improve management of banana and rambutan productivity and quality	26
Generate new material of ginger hybrids	5
Continuation of the cocoa project	89
Establishment of a farm machinery and equipment replacement program	170
Eradication of Parkhurst resistant cattle ticks project	100
Commercial scale trials for irrigated cropping	100
CAPITAL WORKS	
Dundee Beach – upgrade boat ramp and protective rock groyne at Dundee Lodge	300

	Estimated Cost \$000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	227
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	333

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$37 344 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Provision of school transport services	2 175
Road Safety Council (across all regions)	870
Transport planning, marine and aviation (across all regions)	2 322
Information technology (across all regions)	5 589
CAPITAL WORKS	
National highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet national highway standards (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	6 000
Stuart Highway – upgrade bridge structure at Manton River	750
Stuart Highway – improve overtaking opportunities between Darwin and Katherine (across Palmerston and Rural, and Katherine regions)	1 500
National highways – upgrade selected strength deficient bridges (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	500
Daly River Road – sealing of 10 kilometres of road	2 000
Palmerston – landscape medians and verges of various arterial locations	200
Palmerston – construct shared cycle/footpath on Chung Wah Terrace from Emery Avenue southward to Temple Terrace	200
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	197

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

33

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$23 837 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Public Health Services

Work with Aboriginal communities to improve environmental health standards for infrastructure 216

Health promotion programs in order to strengthen the understanding and practice of contemporary public health 176

Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge 215

Oral Health Services

Oral health services are provided to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Palmerston Dental Clinic; and in rural communities at community health centres 467

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Crime Prevention and Community Safety Program funding. The main objective is to promote individual and community wellbeing by minimising the personal, social and economic costs associated with alcohol and other drug-related harm 720

Mental Health Services

There is one Mental Health Management and Service delivery team in the Top End, providing: increased clinic support to the local regional teams; better outcomes for consumers due to fully integrated psychiatric service for all Top End Territorians; improved interaction with non-government organisations and other stakeholders 285

	Estimated Cost \$000
Family, Aged and Disability Services	
Palmerston Family and Children's Service Office and Rural Services includes child protection, substitute care, family support and specialist services	1 719
Funding and professional support for family, aged and disability service programs through the non-government sector	894
Child maintenance and family preventative care	295
Provide assessment and therapy services to frail, aged and disabled clients	220
Primary Health Care Urban	
Community health and specialist nurses, and allied health professionals provide home nursing and specialist services to clients with acute or long term health needs in their own environment. The Palmerston Community Care Centre provides child health clinics; school children's health programs; health assessment, information and education; and referral on health matters	1 979
Palliative care	591
School nursing services, including clinical services to high schools and health education services to students at both high schools and primary schools	170
Primary Health Care Rural	
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service has a base in Darwin. It provides twenty-four hour availability for medical consultation for remote communities and arranges medical evacuations as required. Specialised aerial medical nurses accompany evacuation flights (across Darwin, and Palmerston and Rural regions)	2 366
Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location, including interstate, if unavailable in the Territory	591
Provide funding and professional support to non-government managed health services	1 990

	Estimated Cost \$000
CAPITAL WORKS	
Palmerston Health Precinct Stage 1 – construct Community Care Centre, Family Medicine and Specialist Centre, Ambulance Centre and Chan Park Residential Aged Care Facility	7 250
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	55
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	339

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$39 632 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in twenty primary and seventeen preschools 23 660

Secondary schools – delivery of secondary education at Palmerston and Taminmin High Schools 6 640

Student and school support services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers 4 000

Northern Territory assistance to the non-government education sector 4 800

Develop and implement an ongoing program for the expansion of interactive information technology into Territory teaching and learning 532

CAPITAL WORKS

Girraween – construct 360 student capacity primary schools and fifty student capacity preschools; including special education support area, sewerage treatment plant, and extension to mains water supply and road access 9 185

Palmerston Secondary Special School – construct forty student capacity purpose built secondary special school at Palmerston High School campus 1 300

Bakewell Primary School – construct additional 120 student capacity general learning area block 710

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 600

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 2 500

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$9 066 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Administrative support – client liaison with industry and the community to determine training requirements and priorities	148
Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs delivered by Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	7 056
VET programs delivered by the private sector	600
Flexible response funding to meet training needs in communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	350
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up-to-date with modern industry needs, while retaining the strengths of the existing employment-based training system	200
Expansion of competitive industry market for VET	300
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	132

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$578 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants – provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions) 1 347

Sport and Recreation Grants – provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions) 3 645

Regional and Club Development Grants – provided to affiliated regional sports associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level (across all regions) 150

Special Assistance Grants – provided to assist new and emerging sports and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is considered appropriate (across all regions) 150

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 107 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of Palmerston regional office	1 191
Functioning of regional libraries at Palmerston, Taminmin, Coomalie, Kardu Numida, Peppimenarti and Jabiru	802
Purchase of resources for public, community and joint-use libraries	114
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	5
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	8

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 565 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections 937

Museums and the Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – acquisition program to acquire and preserve the Territory’s cultural assets (across all regions) 30

Arts Sponsorship

Regional arts fund – supporting arts projects and events across all artforms 51

Regional exhibition and performing arts touring program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory 33

Regional crafts support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres 42

Other major arts organisations and program services – including art scholarships, skills development, major touring events, artists in schools, and organisations servicing dance, visual arts, literature and music (across all regions) 382

Arts Management

Arts marketing, promotion, industry and support programs 120

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 293 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local government grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 11 293

Advance funding is available to municipal and community government councils that wish to take up a loan from the Northern Territory Government (across all regions) 1 800

TERRITORY HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 421 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

3 050

Continued Community Service Obligations funding to Territory Housing Business Services for various housing assistance initiatives (across all regions):

7 421

- low interest home loans;
- Early Start deposit assistance scheme;
- Stamp Duty Forgone;
- Fringe Benefits Tax on employee loans;
- Assist – interest subsidy;
- Stamp Duty differential;
- concessional rental charges; and
- police Housing Rent Forgone.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$462 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

462

- research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;
- Economic Development – assistance provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and
- Law and Justice Strategy – a major effort is undertaken to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility of law and order issues by Aboriginal people. Work will be progressed on developing an agreement with Thamarrur at Port Keats.

Aboriginal Languages Interpreter Register and Booking Service – develop, implement, assess and report on the first Aboriginal Interpreter Service (across all regions)

355

TERRITORY DISCOVERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$478 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The prime focus is to contribute to the economic growth of the Northern Territory. This is achieved by the development of travel, tour and accommodation packages that bridge the gaps in the product range currently available in the domestic marketplace. This provides customers with greater holiday options that clearly demonstrate the uniqueness of the Territory

478

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 962 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Territory Wildlife Park will undertake breeding programs of endangered species, targeting bandicoots, golden-backed tree rats and flat-headed frogs, and investigations of diseases affecting wildlife 30

Develop and continue to refine a Web site for the Territory Wildlife Park and the digital capabilities to produce high quality, interpretive graphics to use in the park and on the Web rapidly, effectively and efficiently 10

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 140

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 346

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$20 295 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Northern Territory Government's Capital Works and Minor New Works Programs 9 680

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Government's programmed and urgent Repairs and Maintenance requirements 10 615

Note: The Construction Agency does not own any regional assets. As such, its estimated costs reflect the cost to clients on a regional basis to construct and maintain their assets

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$140 263 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity, water, sewerage and trade waste services 121 500

CAPITAL WORKS

Power

Channel Island Power Station – install evaporative coolers on the air filters of generation sets 4 and 5 385

Replace central computer on System Control and Data Acquisition system at Hudson Creek Control Centre 750

Water

Adelaide River – construct a 500kl ground level storage tank and provide telemetry for remote monitoring 230

Howard East Borefield – first stage to construct rising main from existing bores to McMinns Transfer Station; equip three production bores; and upgrade power supply, telemetry and access tracks 7 400

MINOR NEW WORKS

Power

Various Minor New Works 830

Sewerage

Various Minor New Works 96

	Estimated Cost \$000
Commercial Services	
Various Minor New Works	18
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Power	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	3 781
Water	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	770
Sewerage	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	203
Aboriginal Essential Services	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	173

TERRITORY HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$16 394 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance – includes a range of schemes designed to assist Territorians to purchase their first home or, if Territory Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) 25 721

CAPITAL WORKS

Construction of seventy-three one and two bedroom units, for use as general public housing 10 890

Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions) 500

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 4 800

Various centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions) 4 500

Various centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 1 000

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 395

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs 2 650

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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Highlights are a series of six books, supplementary to the Budget Papers. Each book relates to one of the following regions:

- Darwin;
- Palmerston and Rural;
- Arnhem and Tiwi Islands;
- Katherine;
- Tennant Creek; and
- Alice Springs.

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 2000-01 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in four broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

CAPITAL WORKS

Infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, and roads which contribute to both the development of the Territory and services for Territorians.

MINOR NEW WORKS

Infrastructure projects with a value less than \$150 000.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$64 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- Government agencies and local government – processing and resolution of complaints; 12
- Northern Territory Police – processing and resolution of complaints and liaison with the member of the Police Professional Responsibility Unit in Alice Springs; 10
- Access and Awareness Program – visits to urban Aboriginal associations in townships, Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and 4
- Outreach Activities covering Tennant Creek and immediate surrounding areas. 3

The Ombudsman's Office administers the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, which will:

- provide an improved complaint resolution for the northern and southern regions by developing protocols with key stakeholders; 11
- undertake a comprehensive campaign, including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities; 5
- give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and 2
- provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure that people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll-free. 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$757 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on matters relating to Government policy; coordination of Government activities and functions of the Cabinet Office, the Coordination Committee and Executive Council Secretariat; and Office of the Chief Minister representation in the Tennant Creek region (across all regions)	3 203
Coordination, management and reporting on a new strategic policy framework for Northern Territory women from 2000, resulting from a wide and consultative process with Territory women in 1999 (across all regions)	50
Administer and promote the Northern Territory Government Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which enhance women's status in the Territory, by advancing one or more of the goals of the new Government policy directions for women (across all regions)	20
Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to the Territory, a region, community or neighbourhood (across all regions)	10
Implement and manage Government directions to build on outcomes achieved under the Domestic Violence Strategy, resulting from the major evaluation of the Strategy (across all regions)	250
Women's Advisory Council – convene four meetings each year in centres around the Territory; and convene and implement regional consultations in a number of locations to link women's issues and Government (across all regions)	40

	Estimated Cost \$000
Office of Youth Affairs will provide sponsorship towards the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for the next three years, commencing 2000-01. The eleven day trip is aimed at young people aged between fifteen and twenty-five and is designed to build self-confidence, develop leadership potential, and expand personal horizons (across all regions)	24
The Northern Territory Youth Festival will be staged for the third time in 2000-01 as part of National Youth Week, providing an excellent opportunity for young people to showcase their talents through a diverse and exciting range of events and activities (across all regions)	70
Regional Youth Forums will be held in each of the main regional centres. The Forums provide a consultative mechanism to obtain youth input to Government decision making (across all regions)	5
The Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians was first established in 1997 as the Chief Minister's youth advisory group. This group comprises sixteen young Territorians from a range of backgrounds, with representation from each region, to provide advice to Government about issues affecting young people (across all regions)	75
The Youth Grants Program will continue to provide financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. Funding is provided to organisations in all regions and comprises three funding categories: drug and alcohol free entertainment; youth leadership and development activities; and youth festival projects (across all regions)	75
The Office of Youth Affairs will continue to have a display at each of the regional shows throughout the Territory in July 2000. Specific attention will be paid this year to promoting the Youth Grants Program and the grants provided in 1999-00 for each region (across all regions)	10
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - assists migrant and ethnic communities to fund innovative projects that promote positive and harmonious community relations within the culturally and linguistically diverse community of the Territory (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to access public and private sector services (across all regions)	242

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Office of Ethnic Affairs – various initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include: cross cultural awareness and information sessions; assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their overseas skills in Australia; an Interpreter Card to facilitate access to government services; production of various publications such as a Multicultural Calendar of Events, quarterly newsletter and Multicultural Information Directory; and maintenance of a Web site with links to other relevant sites (across all regions)

94

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$179 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Electorate Offices – administration and maintenance of electorate office of
the Member for Barkly

179

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Education and conciliation services – provision of half-yearly anti-discrimination public education courses. Additionally, members of the Commission travel to the Tennant Creek region to carry out the investigation and conciliation of complaints, as required

5

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$124 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of administrative support to enable Judges and Magistrates to deliver justice to the Tennant Creek region 104

Management of appropriate court and associated facilities 20

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 74

NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 884 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sleeper manufacturing plants and base camps for initial trackwork located in Tennant Creek. Work camps set up at intermediate locations along the worksite	135 300
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Note: The total contract costs for the railway have been apportioned by region, based on current estimates. Expenditure patterns may vary on commencement of construction.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$690 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The Government's Partnership Northern Territory funding – distributed to Tennant Creek's regional tourism association to assist in the marketing of prospective tourist attractions and facilities 280

Brolga Awards – awards granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions) 62

Annual Territory Connections agents conference involving all regional tourism associations and Territory industry to showcase Territory products (across all regions) 20

Development of a Web site for the continued promotion of the Territory online. This captivates ever increasing national and international markets (across all regions) 350

Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion, and Event Marketing funding – active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars; and financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions) 443

Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions) 278

General Marketing Activity – particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity due to visitor expenditure (across all regions) 22 758

Battery mineral collection 175

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 338 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of new fire appliance for Tennant Creek Fire Station 275

The first year of a three year \$1M program to purchase equipment and accoutrements to improve police office safety, ranging from additional ballistic vets to security screens for vehicles (across all regions) 350

CAPITAL WORKS

Various remote locations – upgrade community police station at Ali Curung (Warrabri) 100

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 185

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 230

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 976 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Support to the Barkly and Elliott/Wauchope Regional Bushfires Committees for fire control in their regions including:

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| • maintenance to Barkly Fire Break; and | 12 |
| • fire equipment subsidies for landholders. | 10 |

Various locations – provision of interpretive information and signs for the Commission’s facilities throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)	150
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Preparation of the Plan of Management for Tennant Creek Telegraph Station Historical Reserve and strategic planning for the reserves in the region	53
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Management, including fire, weed and feral animal control for parks and reserves	307
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Co-management with traditional Aboriginal custodians for the Purta Land Trust area	60
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Indigenous Land Management Facilitator – provide advice to Aboriginal communities on land management and conservation. Funds are provided by the Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust (across Alice Springs and Barkly regions)	95
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	97
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$358 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management – identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client agencies in support of their core program delivery activities. Presently three buildings are leased from the private sector 149

Outsource building services, including cleaning and security 59

The newly created Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment Learning Centre focuses on strategic human resource development across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS). With a charter to develop the capability of the NTPS to deliver the requirements of *Foundations for Our Future*, the Learning Centre will provide: 150

- consultancy, diagnosis and advice on strategic organisational capabilities across the NTPS;
- customised organisational learning tailored to meet the needs of individual agencies;
- people and their growth, with an emphasis on leadership and learning for both teams and individuals;
- career development pathways at both the individual and organisational levels; and
- The Centre intends to appoint a part-time coordinator in Tennant Creek, to better facilitate best practice programs in response to identified needs for the Barkly region.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$206 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of support to business and industry in the Tennant Creek region through business information services including:

75

- licensing and permit requirements;
- registration and searches of business names, incorporated associations and cooperative societies;
- issuing and processing of a range of business licenses and permits;
- provision of appropriate information and development to Aboriginal businesses;
- implementing industry assistance programs and promoting business opportunities in the Tennant Creek Region;
- advance awareness of the Northern Territory Made Logo and firms accredited to use the Northern Territory Products symbol; and
- identifying regional projects suitable for funding assistance, in conjunction with the Barkly Region Economic Development Committee Incorporated.

Ongoing inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region. Analysis of liquor restrictions in the community. Research and provision of statistical information on liquor matters

81

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$329 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred site avoidance surveys. Integrate text-based records with maps, photographs and other media to improve relevance and accessibility of the Authority's database of sacred sites to clients

329

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$700 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Information

Geodetic infrastructure and cadastral coordination of survey projects	10
Provision of aerial photography, photogrammetry and corporate products	14
Provision of land valuation services	34
Redevelopment of Land Administration Information System (across all regions)	1 000

Natural Resources and Environment

Investigation of groundwater and land resources to assess suitability for irrigation development	100
Monitoring pastoral land condition in conjunction with landholders throughout the region	30
Environmental protection advisory services on waste management and other environmental matters	8

CAPITAL WORKS

Urban and heritage enhancement program, including heritage trails, landscaping, display shelters and signage	230
Tennant Creek – provision of additional protection works in the town's trunk drainage system and provide additional drainage works in some localised flooding spots	520

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$200 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary objectives of the Agency in the Asian and other key regions are:

200

- building international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key agencies and the private sector;
- opening new trade markets and the expansion of existing markets for Northern Territory exporters and investors; and
- winning key new international investments for the Territory economy.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$874 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Policy and Operational Services

Develop updated: fossicking brochures; and signage on fossicking areas 5

Liaise with Aboriginal communities to develop procedures to allow mining on Aboriginal land 13

Geological Survey

Airborne geophysical survey to the west of Tennant Creek 516

Continued progress on the Tanami-Tennant Creek link with a comprehensive geochemical sampling program (across Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions) 114

Mines Operations

Surveillance of existing operations especially with the closure of the Normandy mines. Also projected start of small mines in the area 138

Office of Resource Development

Promote and develop local content in Northern Territory mining projects, including local content awards 5

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$233 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Tennant Creek Community Corrections Office – responsible for supervising community-based orders made by courts and the Parole Board; and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region	233
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MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works	7
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	7
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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 614 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Assist in the preparation of a regional horticulture strategy for development on Aboriginal land	5
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MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works	97
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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance	29
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 498 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Motor Vehicle Registry	96
Road Safety Council (across all regions)	340
Transport planning, marine and aviation (across all regions)	2 322
Information technology (across all regions)	5 589
CAPITAL WORKS	
National highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet national highway standards (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	6 000
National highways – landscaping of median strips and verges on parts of the Stuart and Victoria Highways in Katherine, and the Stuart Highway in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs	100
National highways – upgrade selected strength deficient bridges (across all regions except Darwin, and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	500
Reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory local roads (across Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions)	500
Various locations – Aboriginal community internal road dust suppression (across Arnhem and Tiwi Islands, Katherine and Tennant Creek regions)	500
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	909

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance

5 696

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 235 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Tennant Creek Hospital

Tennant Creek Hospital provides a regional hospital with twenty authorised beds with services supplemented by visiting specialists

6 193

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Crime Prevention and Community Safety Program funding. The main objective is to promote individual and community wellbeing by minimising the personal, social and economic costs associated with alcohol and other drug-related harm

612

Enhancement of health promotion services through additional resources

40

Family, Aged and Disability Services

Provision of a needs assessment project for the development of child care services

30

Primary Health Care Rural

Additional services will be provided under the remote communities incentives funding

357

Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location, including interstate, if unavailable in the Northern Territory

230

CAPITAL WORKS

Tennant Creek – construct a new health centre at Illawaru

335

	Estimated Cost \$000
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	316
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	336

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$12 538 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in sixteen primary and ten preschools 7 810

Secondary schools – delivery of secondary education at Tennant Creek High School 2 340

Student and school support services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers 1 100

Develop and implement an ongoing program for the expansion of interactive information technology into Northern Territory teaching and learning 170

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 200

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 1 500

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$894 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Administrative support – client liaison with industry and the community to determine training requirements and priorities	74
Vocational Education and Training programs delivered by the private sector	300
Flexible response funding to meet training needs in communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	340
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up-to-date with modern industry needs, while retaining the strengths of the existing employment-based training system	180

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$564 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants – provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions)	1 347
Sport and Recreation Grants – provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions)	3 645
Regional and Club Development Grants – provided to affiliated regional sports associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level (across all regions)	150
Special Assistance Grants – provided to assist new and emerging sports and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is considered appropriate (across all regions)	150

**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$543 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of regional office	462
Functioning of regional libraries at Tennant Creek and Elliott	58
Purchase of resources for public, community and joint-use libraries	23
MINOR NEW WORKS	
Various Minor New Works	5
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance	2

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$581 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Cultural Precinct – management of cultural facilities and collections including Araluen, Centre for Arts and Entertainment, and Museum of Central Australia 303

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections 138

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – acquisition program to acquire and preserve the Territory’s cultural assets (across all regions) 30

Regional Museums Grant Support Program – provides financial assistance to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions except Palmerston and Rural) 25

Arts Sponsorship

Regional arts fund – supporting arts projects and events across all artforms 11

Regional exhibition and performing arts touring program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory 8

Regional crafts support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres 9

Other major arts organisations and program services – including arts scholarships, skills development, major touring events, artists in schools, and organisations servicing dance, visual arts, literature and music (across all regions) 60

A major initiative is support to Barkly Regional Arts Incorporated

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Arts Management

Arts marketing, regional development and support programs

27

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 508 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local government grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 2 219

Advance funding is available to municipal and community government councils that wish to take up a loan from the Northern Territory Government (across all regions) 1 800

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance 1

TERRITORY HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 583 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

2 580

Continued Community Service Obligations funding to Territory Housing Business Services for various housing assistance initiatives (across all regions):

1 113

- low interest home loans;
- Early Start deposit assistance scheme;
- Stamp Duty Forgone;
- Fringe Benefits Tax on employee loans;
- Assist – interest subsidy;
- Stamp Duty differential;
- concessional rental charges; and
- police Housing Rent Forgone.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$258 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

258

- research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;
- Economic Development – assistance provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises;
- collaborating with other agencies in the development and implementation of the *Barkly Blueprint* regional plan; and
- Law and Justice Strategy – a major effort is undertaken to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility of law and order issues by Aboriginal people. Work will continue with monitoring and refining the Ali Curung (Warrabri) Law and Order Plan.

Aboriginal Languages Interpreter Register and Booking Service – develop, implement, assess and report on the first Aboriginal Interpreter Service (across all regions)

355

TERRITORY DISCOVERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$27 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The prime focus is to contribute to the economic growth of the Northern Territory. This is achieved by the development of travel, tour and accommodation packages that bridge the gaps in the product range currently available in the domestic marketplace. This provides customers with greater holiday options that clearly demonstrate the uniqueness of the Territory

27

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 509 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of vehicles	1 122
Repairs and maintenance of vehicles	168
Auctioneer fees	15
Vehicle fleet management	139

GENERAL RECEIPTS

Assets sold through public auctions	698
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CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 874 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of a centralised project management service for the delivery of the Northern Territory Government's programmed and urgent Repairs and Maintenance requirements

1 874

Note: The Construction Agency does not own any regional assets. As such, its estimated costs reflect the cost to clients on a regional basis to construct and maintain their assets

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 185 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity, water, sewerage and trade waste services 7 530

Aboriginal Essential Services

Provision of electricity and water services to five communities, and sewerage services to remote communities 1 166

MINOR NEW WORKS

Power

Various Minor New Works 160

Water

Various Minor New Works 20

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various Minor New Works 397

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Power

Various Repairs and Maintenance 1 134

Water

Various Repairs and Maintenance 700

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

Sewerage

Various Repairs and Maintenance

714

Commercial Services

Various Repairs and Maintenance

4

Aboriginal Essential Services

Various Repairs and Maintenance

320

TERRITORY HOUSING BUSINESS SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 038 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance – includes a range of schemes designed to assist Territorians to purchase their first home or, if Territory Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) 25 721

CAPITAL WORKS

Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions) 500

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 4 800

Various centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions) 4 500

Various centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing, including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) 1 000

MINOR NEW WORKS

Various Minor New Works 175

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs 1 020