

Savings across government

An extensive review of programs was undertaken to determine savings across government, as outlined below.

Program review by category	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Whole of government efficiencies	-	38 308	84 473	113 790	138 410	138 410
Efficiency dividend	-	14 001	42 248	42 248	42 248	42 248
CPI adjustment	-	3 459	3 459	6 227	8 985	8 985
Grant efficiency dividend	-	16 348	32 266	37 690	43 079	43 079
Other efficiencies	-	4 500	6 500	27 625	44 098	44 098
Corporate efficiency savings	7 740	25 468	35 554	36 722	36 622	36 522
Program rationalisation savings	300	17 635	24 783	27 011	27 011	27 111
Workforce sustainability savings	-	8 629	10 312	10 993	11 670	12 090
Revenue measures	-	3 811	5 196	6 035	6 035	6 035
Subtotal	8 040	93 851	160 318	194 551	219 748	220 168
Less return to budget savings ¹	7 800	30 648	43 445	45 052	45 729	46 149
Total (net of return to budget savings)	240	63 203	116 873	149 499	174 019	174 019

1 Return to budget savings – in some agencies, savings have been reinvested to assist returning to budget.

Whole of government efficiencies

- **Efficiency dividend:** 3% in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and 1% ongoing. Consistent with past practice the front line agencies of Health, Education, Corrections, Police and Territory Families receive a two thirds discount on the efficiency dividend.
- **CPI adjustment:** Reduces the CPI indexation included in agency budgets to reflect current CPI expectations.
- **Grant efficiency dividend:** An efficiency dividend has been applied to grants on the same basis as that applied to the paying agency.
- **Other efficiencies:** Includes savings relating to increases in the retention periods for NT Fleet vehicles, changes to the NT Property Management leasing parameters, and efficiencies in whole of government information and communications technology (ICT) support services.

Corporate efficiencies

Measures targeted at delivering savings through more efficient use of existing administrative resources, improvements to the way that existing tasks are administered and other measures such as reductions in corporate travel and reduced board memberships.

Program rationalisation

Measures that target savings through a more efficient use of existing program and grant resources, and rationalisation of programs that no longer focus on delivery of priority programs or services.

Workforce sustainability

Measures that improve the way in which government utilises its employees, better aligning positions and employee numbers to service delivery requirements, and improving workforce sustainability.

Revenue measures

Measures targeted at improving the Territory's revenue collection efforts.

Agencies with whole of government savings only

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Auditor-General's Office	-	9	9	15	22	22
Northern Territory Electoral Commission	-	1	1	2	4	4
Ombudsman's Office	-	1	1	1	2	2
Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment	-	5	5	8	12	12
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	-	1 529	3 691	4 010	4 327	4 327
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority	-	2	2	2	3	3

Agencies with whole of government savings and staffing reductions

These agencies will reduce in full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) but have no cuts to programs beyond whole of government savings.

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Department of the Legislative Assembly						
Whole of government savings		18	18	34	47	47
Staff reductions (1 FTE)		100	100	100	100	100
Total savings		118	118	134	147	147
Department of Treasury and Finance						
Whole of government savings		609	1 446	1 567	1 689	1 689
Staff reductions (10 FTE)			1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Total savings		609	2 446	2 567	2 689	2 689
Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development						
Whole of government savings		5 760	11 467	13 253	15 022	15 022
Staff reductions (10 FTE)		1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Total savings		6 760	12 467	14 253	16 022	16 022

Agencies with whole of government savings and further savings through staff and programs

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Department of the Chief Minister						
Whole of government savings		826	2 061	2 197	2 327	2 327
Agency-specific savings	240	640	640	360	360	360
Office of the Chief Executive	40	320	320	40	40	40
<i>Savings achieved through corporate efficiencies.</i>						
Protocol NT	200	200	200	200	200	200
<i>Reduction in protocol events.</i>						
Ministerial Advisory Council		120	120	120	120	120
<i>No longer required as advice and input will be provided through other forums.</i>						
Total savings¹	240	1 466	2 701	2 557	2 687	2 687
Department of Corporate and Information Services						
Whole of government savings		626	1 716	1 769	1 822	1 822
Agency-specific savings		825	1 050	1 150	1 150	1 150
Asset accounting services		100	200	300	300	300
<i>Streamlining compliance requirements for accounting purposes will ensure assets continue to be managed well.</i>						
Rationalise Receiver of Territory Monies services			125	125	125	125
<i>This is an internal NT Government service and will have minimal impact on the broader community.</i>						
Print management services – changed arrangements		400	400	400	400	400
<i>Recognises the changing demand for printed communications. Agencies will be asked to procure their own printing services from the local printing industry.</i>						
Corporate and governance		325	325	325	325	325
<i>Consolidate agency corporate support functions to achieve greater economies of scale, standardisation of services and business processes.</i>						
Other whole of government savings		4 500	6 500	9 300	9 100	9 100
NT Fleet retention periods		3 400	3 400	3 400	3 400	3 400
<i>Improvements in vehicle safety and quality has enabled savings by extending the lease period of light vehicles by 12 months.</i>						
Whole of Government ICT efficiencies			900	900	900	900
<i>The increased focus on digitisation will enable government to transform the way that services are delivered to Territorians and leverage cost efficiencies through innovation and technology improvements.</i>						

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NT Property Leasing		1 100	2 200	5 000	4 800	4 800
<i>Reduce the indexation of the rental budget for NT Government-leased property, better reflecting current and anticipated commercial property market conditions.</i>						
Standard NTG eLearning		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<i>Develop a common whole of government e-Learning platform to provide an efficient and cost-effective way of upskilling frontline staff.</i>						
Total savings		5 951	9 266	12 219	12 072	12 072
Department of Environment and Natural Resources						
Whole of government savings		654	1 684	1 759	1 833	1 833
Agency-specific savings		1 380	1 385	1 389	1 389	1 389
Agency efficiencies		544	549	553	553	553
<i>Advisory and corporate services will be rationalised through the restructure of work units and functions to deliver efficiencies.</i>						
Cease Aboriginal Carbon Unit		300	300	300	300	300
<i>Cease the Aboriginal Carbon Unit, with continued coordination for the Aboriginal Carbon Industry Strategy being delivered across government.</i>						
Northern Territory Weeds Advisory Committee		3	3	3	3	3
<i>The Committee has not met in over 12 months and other mechanisms will be used to advise on weed management.</i>						
Cease the Mary River Saltwater Intrusion Program		533	533	533	533	533
<i>Cease the ongoing maintenance program for the Mary River Saltwater Intrusion Barrage Program, based on its limited ongoing effectiveness. An ongoing monitoring program will remain in place.</i>						
Total savings		2 034	3 069	3 148	3 222	3 222
Department of Education						
Whole of government savings		3 007	7 207	7 889	8 570	8 570
Agency-specific savings		2 040	4 809	6 155	6 155	6 155
School Resourcing Model – indexation		1 290	4 059	5 405	5 405	5 405
<i>Resourcing indexation levels for government schools will be in line with levels provided to other government agencies. It is not expected that any reduction of funding will impact quality of delivery of educational services and programs.</i>						
ICT support contributions from non-government schools		250	250	250	250	250
<i>Under this measure the non-government school sector will have the flexibility to purchase services from the Department of Education or make private arrangements for ICT services. This contemporary funding model is in line with other jurisdictions.</i>						

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Headleasing in Katherine		500	500	500	500	500
<i>Housing rental arrangements for education department employees in Katherine will be reviewed.</i>						
Total savings		5 047	12 016	14 044	14 725	14 725
Department of Primary Industry and Resources						
Whole of government savings		723	1 993	2 044	2 094	2 094
Agency-specific savings		540	540	540	540	540
Staff reductions (2 FTE)		340	340	340	340	340
<i>Savings through corporate efficiencies.</i>						
Fleet savings		200	200	200	200	200
<i>Reduction in the number of fleet vehicles across the agency.</i>						
Total savings		1 263	2 533	2 584	2 634	2 634

1 There will also be a reduction of 7 FTE in the Office of the Chief Minister.

Agencies with whole of government savings and other savings to be repurposed or contribute towards returning to budget

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Department of Trade, Business and Innovation						
Whole of government savings		3 166	6 548	7 511	8 470	8 470
Agency-specific savings ¹		7 590	9 240	10 390	10 490	10 490
Ceasing the Careers Expo		340	340	340	340	340
<i>Careers guidance is already provided through schools and is widely accessible online.</i>						
Restructure withdrawal fees for VET		500	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
<i>When students withdraw from courses, the registered training organisation will receive 85% of the payment.</i>						
Cease employer support incentives		2 100	3 200	4 200	4 200	4 200
<i>Commonwealth will continue to provide the majority of incentives for employers to take on apprentices. The smaller NT contribution will be directed to Future Skills initiative in the NT. Existing agreements will be honoured.</i>						
Student co-contribution for training in non-priority industries		400	400	400	400	400
<i>Government funding will target priority training needs for NT industry and business.</i>						
Reduce higher education scholarships by 50%		50	100	250	350	350
<i>20 higher education scholarships to NT students per annum for study at CDU or interstate in priority courses not available in the NT.</i>						
Other savings		4 200	4 200	4 200	4 200	4 200
<i>Other savings will be realised due to a drop in demand from business and industry for grants programs, Business Growth Programs and Business Innovation Support initiative grants.</i>						
Total savings		10 756	15 788	17 901	18 960	18 960
Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services						
Whole of government savings		1 418	3 828	4 010	4 191	4 191
Agency-specific savings ²		257	1 124	1 801	2 478	2 898
Police promotions policy – transition from Senior Constable 1 st Class rank			420	840	1 260	1 680
<i>Cap Senior Constable 1st Class positions allowing the role to attrition over time. This will be done in consultation with the Northern Territory Police Association and will not impact on the 120 extra police election promise.</i>						
Cease pre-certification building inspections			190	190	190	190
<i>End fire and safety pre-certification of building inspections. Existing private certifiers will continue to issue fire safety reports for the purpose of building certificates.</i>						

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Intelligence function – convert up to 20 auxiliaries (from constable roles)		257	514	771	1 028	1 028
<i>Replace 20 constable roles in Intelligence with auxiliary positions over the next four years. This will allow constables to move to the front line. This initiative will not impact on the 120 extra police election promise.</i>						
Agency savings reinvested		- 257	- 1 124	- 1 801	- 2 478	- 2 898
Net savings		1 418	3 828	4 010	4 191	4 191
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice						
Whole of government savings		1 587	4 073	4 332	4 594	4 594
Agency-specific savings ²		1 571	1 571	1 571	1 571	1 571
Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT) co-locating with the Local Court at Nicholls Place		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<i>To relocate NTCAT to the local court building and include the NTCAT President in the judge rotations to local court matters. This means rent will no longer be required for NTCAT as the Local Court is an NTG-owned asset.</i>						
Corporate and strategic services		1 571	1 571	1 571	1 571	1 571
<i>A 10% reduction in corporate services achieved by streamlining services in the department.</i>						
Agency savings reinvested		- 1 571	- 1 571	- 1 571	- 1 571	- 1 571
Net savings		1 587	4 073	4 332	4 594	4 594
NT Health (includes Department of Health, Top End Health Service and Central Australia Health Service)						
Whole of government savings		8 471	20 776	41 064	59 694	59 694
Agency-specific savings ²	7 800	16 200	27 260	27 260	27 260	27 260
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) revenue optimisation	500	700	1 400	1 400	1 400	1 400
<i>Review current opportunities to utilise PBS for community based care.</i>						
Further grant rationalisation	300	700	1 850	1 850	1 850	1 850
<i>Review grants to reduce duplication of funding from multiple sources and ensure value for the Territory.</i>						
Implement tightened travel policy	5 000	10 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000
<i>Review administrative processes and implement a new travel and logistics hub model.</i>						
Library services review		600	1 310	1 310	1 310	1 310
<i>Implement a partnership model for library services.</i>						
Local decision making for remote primary health care – Central Australia Health Service	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500
<i>Using the local decision-making model, work with communities on the model for health and other essential services in remote communities.</i>						

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Commonwealth-funded services		2 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000
<i>Engage with the Primary Health Network to ensure improved delivery of services.</i>						
Improve clinical documentation and coding	300	500	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
<i>Maximise hospital revenue from Commonwealth's activity-based funding with improved and comprehensive documentation and coding of services provided.</i>						
Removal of administrators/boards	200	200	200	200	200	200
<i>With the commencement of the Health Services Amendment Act on 1 July 2019, there is no longer any requirement for health service administrators or boards. New community and clinician advisory structures have been implemented.</i>						
Agency savings reinvested	- 7 800	- 16 200	- 27 260	- 27 260	- 27 260	- 27 260
Net savings	-	8 471	20 776	41 064	59 694	59 694
Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture						
Whole of government savings		3 583	7 579	8 515	9 442	9 442
Agency-specific savings ^{1,3}		6 969	7 440	7 590	7 390	7 390
Across agency savings		3 580	3 473	3 475	3 375	3 275
<i>FTE and program savings as well as savings from executive and corporate functions.</i>						
Revised management arrangements		675	1 375	1 375	1 375	1 375
<i>Efficiencies through revised management arrangements such as closure of Owen Springs ranger station and transfer of rangers.</i>						
Rationalisation of grant programs		2 514	2 392	2 440	2 440	2 440
<i>Includes Land for Wildlife, scaling down China Ready program over two years and reduced private heritage building owner grants.</i>						
Other efficiencies		200	200	300	200	300
<i>To be achieved through a reduction in board membership numbers and by including the Mitchell Street Mile in the Arafura Games program.</i>						
Total savings		10 552	15 019	16 105	16 832	16 832
Territory Families						
Whole of government savings		1 813	3 868	4 508	5 145	5 145
Agency-specific savings ²		12 620	13 490	14 420	14 420	14 420
Agency efficiencies		4 970	4 970	4 970	4 970	4 970
<i>Advisory and corporate services will be rationalised through the restructure of work units and functions to deliver efficiencies, including provision of grants.</i>						
NT Concession Scheme		3 500	3 500	3 500	3 500	3 500
<i>Reductions in cost to reflect actual concession numbers.</i>						

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Scale back Crossover Families <i>The program will continue to be delivered but with a small reduction in staff.</i>		200	200	200	200	200
Scale back family group conferencing <i>The introduction of a new practice framework has created an opportunity to design a model of working with families that can be delivered more efficiently.</i>			870	1 800	1 800	1 800
Scale back Dual Pathways <i>Efficiencies will be created by delivering family support hotline internally and realigning grant funding with other family support programs.</i>		1 100	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 100
Streamline clinical and treatment services <i>Small reduction in staff by reducing duplication across the child protection and youth justice systems.</i>		300	300	300	300	300
Restructure the Reform Management Office <i>A reduction at the senior executive level and embedding the office in Territory Families.</i>		300	300	300	300	300
Reduce the Community Child and Family Fund <i>The funding program will still be delivered but within a reduced funding envelope.</i>		500	500	500	500	500
Scale back research activities <i>Decrease in funds available for external research.</i>		250	250	250	250	250
Increase efficiencies in bail support <i>Successful implementation of bail accommodation and support has shown efficiencies can be made without impacting on outcomes.</i>		1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Implement administrative efficiencies for Seniors Recognition Scheme <i>Reduce overheads including introduction of a Seniors Recognition debit card.</i>		500	500	500	500	500
Agency savings reinvested		- 12 620	- 13 490	- 14 420	- 14 420	- 14 420
Net savings		1 813	3 868	4 508	5 145	5 145

1 Some agency-specific savings will be reinvested into the agency. Further expenditure on new programs will also be announced as part of Budget 2019.

2 Agency-specific savings will all be reinvested and will contribute towards the agency's return to budget strategy.

3 Savings will be reinvested in improving the visitor experience in parks, supporting the arts and culture sector and supporting sports and visitor facilities.

Revenue

Agency	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Ongoing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Department of the Chief Minister					
Parliamentary Counsel (charge for gazettal services)	200	200	200	200	200
Government House	-	50	50	50	50
Department of Trade, Business and Innovation					
General skills migration visa processing fee	450	450	450	450	450
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice					
Community Justice Centre fee for mediation	-	50	50	50	50
Fee for service betting disputes	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fireworks licence fees	200	200	200	200	200
Department of Health					
Student placement charge – medical, nursing and allied health	-	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Increase pathology service fee	500	700	1 500	1 500	1 500
Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture					
Introduce and increase park and camping fees	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Increase entry fees in selected MAGNT properties	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Department of Environment and Natural Resources					
Gamba permit fee	-	33	33	33	33
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics					
Increase H endorsement to \$100	39	91	130	130	130
Introduce a number plate fee of \$40	1 440	1 440	1 440	1 440	1 440
Increase personalised plates fees to \$250	165	165	165	165	165
Increase MVR search fee to \$20	11	11	11	11	11
Department of Education					
ICT support contributions from non-government schools	606	606	606	606	606
Department of Primary Industry and Resources					
Research farms innovation measures	200	200	200	200	200