A plan to fix the Budget Implementation Status Update by Agency – June 2023

Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) Lead Agency

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| New Fise | cal Strategy | | | |
| 3.1 | Retain the twin objectives of the current fiscal strategy but specify that budget repair is the primary objective. | Implement in the 2019 Budget. | Complete | Fiscal strategy updated through the 2019 Budget. |
| 3.2 | Targets under the fiscal strategy should have a more medium to long-term focus. | Implement in the 2019 Budget. | Complete | Fiscal strategy updated through the 2019 Budget. |
| 3.4 | Adopt the new fiscal strategy principles and targets outlined in Chapter 3. | Implement in the 2019 Budget. | Complete | Fiscal strategy updated through the 2019 Budget. |
| Efficienc | y Dividend and Budget Parameters | | | |
| 5.1.1 | Remove the efficiency dividend exemption from grants and property management expenses across the forward estimates. | Apply the efficiency dividend to grants in the 2019 Budget. Efficiency dividend will not apply to property management expenses in recognition of contractual arrangements. | Complete | Implemented through revisions to parameters in the 2019 Budget. |
| 5.1.4 | Replace the special demand parameter for hospital and primary health services with a population based indexation factor applied equally across the health department and networks. | Implement in the 2019 Budget, effective from 2021-22. | Complete | Implemented through revisions to parameters in the 2019 Budget. |
| Executiv | e Staffing Reduction | | | |
| 5.3.5 | Implement a cap on executive staffing (including SAO2/SP2 positions) with immediate effect, pending the outcome of the executive classification review. | Review and restructure will reduce executive contract officer (ECO) numbers by 10% (52 FTEs) and reduce ECO bands from six down to five. | Complete | ECO staffing cap established and monitored through quarterly reports to the Budget Review Subcommittee of Cabinet (BRS). |
| Move W | ages Policy to Treasurer's Portfolio | | | |
| 5.3.11 | Move industrial relations to the Treasurer's portfolio and merge the Wages Subcommittee with the Budget Review Subcommittee. | Implement from 1 July 2019. | Complete | BRS terms of reference expanded and Wages Subcommittee ceased. Responsibility for the wages policy moved to the Treasurer's portfolio, with other elements remaining with the Minister for Public Employment. Amended Administrative Arrangements Order effective 1 July 2019. |

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| Increase | ncreased Accountability for Government Owned Corporations | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | Expand the principles and targets of the fiscal strategy to include government owned corporations. | Implement in the 2019 Budget. | Complete | Fiscal strategy updated through the 2019 Budget. | | | |
| 5.7.3 | Increase accountability for the performance of government owned corporations against their statements of corporate intent, including developing clear sanctions for non-compliance. | Commence implementation through the 2019-20 Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI) process. | Complete | Relevant fiscal strategy targets included in SCIs. Revised GOC Corporate Governance and Reporting Framework has been issued via shareholder Direction, including enhanced performance accountability measures and process for engaging on non-compliance and non-performance issues. | | | |
| Program | n Evaluation | | | | | | |
| 5.5.1 | Develop a whole of government program evaluation framework. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | The whole of government program evaluation framework has been approved by government and the framework and accompanying toolkit have been published on the Department of Treasury and Finance website. | | | |
| 5.5.3 | Develop an annual schedule of evaluation of existing programs for approval by the Budget Review Subcommittee. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | The annual Budget development process has been updated to include a program master list data request for agencies to complete, which includes information about what programs each agency delivers, how the programs align with government priorities, when they were last evaluated and when they will next be evaluated. The program master list is used to inform an annual schedule of evaluations. The 2021-22 evaluation schedule was endorsed by BRS in June 2021 and the 2022-23 schedule endorsed by BRS in July 2022. | | | |
| 5.5.4 | Mandate the use of sunset clauses in new programs. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | Cabinet submission templates and handbook have been updated. Guidance material has been developed (program evaluation toolkit) and changes communicated through presentations and training. | | | |
| 5.5.5 | Foster the development of behavioural economics capability across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS) with a focus on adopting proven approaches from other jurisdictions. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | An informal NTG Behavioural Economics interagency network has been established, which shares examples of how other jurisdictions are using behavioural economics, and meets monthly. The Program Evaluation Unit's capability-building work includes a focus on behavioural economics as part of its core business. | | | |
| Budget | Repair Implementation | | | | | | |
| 6.1 | Adopt a staged process to budget repair, incorporating phases of reform linked to the annual budget development process. | Adopt a phased approach linked to the budget cycle where relevant over the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Budgets. | Complete | A staged implementation strategy was endorsed by BRS in October 2019 (A plan to fix the budget: Implementation strategy). Implementation progress is monitored through the Fiscal Repair Standing Committee (FRSC) and BRS. | | | |

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| 6.2 | Implement the governance model outlined at Figure 13, including the establishment of a Budget Repair Standing Committee and Budget Repair Office. | Governance structure to be established in June 2019, with quarterly reporting to the Budget Review Subcommittee. | Complete | The Budget Repair Office (BRO) and FRSC have been established. |
| Strengtl | nened Accountability and Budget Process | | | |
| 3.5 | Adopt the proposed Charter of Budget Discipline. | Implement in the 2019 Budget. | Complete | Government approved the Charter of Budget Discipline detailing changes to the budget development process, which limits submissions |
| 5.2.2 | Introduce bilateral meetings with the Budget Review Subcommittee prior to and during the development of Budget Cabinet submissions. | Implement immediately. | Complete | with funding implications to the Mid-Year and Budget development rounds in the absence of formal approval from the Treasurer. This was communicated to agencies in August 2019 and published on the Department of Treasury and Finance website. |
| 5.2.4 | Limit supplementary funding submissions outside of the budget development process to extraordinary items and, where possible, require the identification of offsetting savings. | Implement immediately. | Complete | |
| 5.1.5 | Publish 10-year budget and forward estimates key fiscal aggregate information in Budget Paper No. 2. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | 10-year fiscal balance projections were reported in the 2019 Mid-Year Report and subsequent budget publications. |
| 5.1.8 | Establish a parliamentary committee to scrutinise agencies' actual financial performance against the original budget. | Previously implemented through reforms to the Estimates process, but ceased due to lack of bipartisan support. | Complete | Offer to establish a bipartisan parliamentary committee to scrutinise agency actual financial performance was made by Government. Opposition opted to continue with current allocation of 60 hours for budget estimates. |
| 5.2.1 | Review the Financial Management and Accountability Framework and associated legislation, policies and procedures to ensure best practice. | Implement immediately. | Complete | Review completed. A prioritised work program has been developed to update the relevant policies and procedures, including embedding a rolling review program into business as usual activities. |
| 5.2.5 | Develop clear and strict eligibility guidelines to support the assessment of Treasurer's Advance applications to ensure it is used for genuinely unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances. | Implement via Treasurer's Direction | Complete | A new Treasurer's Advance Treasurer's Direction and associated guidance documentation have been implemented, effective from the 2020-21 financial year. |
| 5.2.6 | Publish a list of approved Treasurer's Advance items in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report. | Implement in 2020 Treasurer's Annual Financial Report. | Complete | List of approved Treasurer's Advance items were published in the 2019-20 and subsequent Treasurer's Annual Financial Reports. |

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| 5.2.8 | Reward agencies that achieve outcomes and spend within their approved budget by allowing them to retain a share of underspends. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | A new Carryover Treasurer's Direction and associated guidance document have been issued to complement the package of strengthening budget accountability measures implemented through the 2021 Budget, effective 1 July 2021. The Carryover Treasurer's Direction outlines the framework and eligibility requirements to financially reward agencies that operate within budget as part of revised end of financial year processes. |
| 5.1.6 | Publish five-year agency output information in Budget Paper No. 3. | Original: Implement in the 2020 Budget. Revised: Implement in 2021 Budget. | Complete | Five-year total agency output appropriation information was published in Budget Paper No. 3 as part of the 2021 Budget and subsequent budget publications. |
| 5.1.7 | Strengthen the processes and level of ministerial and executive accountability for agency financial performance. | Implement in the 2019 Budget. | Complete | A number of strengthened budget accountability measures have been implemented through the 2021 Budget, effective 1 July 2021. Measures include amendments to the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i> (FMA) to |
| 5.1.10 | Strengthen accountable officer requirements in the FMA to limit ability of accountable officers to commit money in excess of approved budget and develop Treasurer's Direction clearly outlining sanctions for non-compliance. | Chief Minister to write to Chief Executives notifying that measures and noncompliance sanctions will apply from 1 July 2019. Progress legislative changes and formally implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | strengthen accountable officer requirements to contain agency annual expenditure within approved budgets, and a new chief executive code of conduct. |
| 5.1.9 | Legislate a debt ceiling. | Work has commenced for implementation in the 2021 Budget. | Complete | A Territory Government debt ceiling has been introduced through amendments to the <i>Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act 2001</i> (FITA) as part of the 2021 Budget. |
| Gaming | and Other Taxation Arrangements | | | |
| 5.7.1 | Maintain a competitive taxation environment and revenue raising effort relative to other jurisdictions. | Implement immediately. | Complete | The Fiscal Strategy was reviewed and updated in the 2019 Budget. Principle 3 includes an ongoing objective to maintain a competitive taxation environment, assessed against a taxation effort KPI that is monitored as part of business as usual fiscal strategy reporting. |
| 5.7.2 | Reform gambling taxation arrangements for bookmaker and betting exchange taxes. | Original: Stakeholder engagement to commence in 2019. Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | Taxation arrangements for bookmakers and betting exchanges were reformed through amendments to the <i>Racing and Betting Act 1983</i> , effective 1 July 2021. |
| | | Revised: Deferred to the 2021 Budget due to COVID-19. | | |
| Organisa | ational Reviews | | | |
| 5.4.4 | Implement a rolling program of organisational reviews. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | A whole of government organisational review framework has been approved by Government. The rolling program commenced 1 July 2021. |

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| 5.4.5 | The annual schedule of reviews should be determined by the Budget Review Subcommittee as part of the Budget development process. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | The 2021-22 and 2022-23 programs of agency reviews has been approved by BRS. |
| Comme | rcial Assets and Government Services Pricing | | | |
| 5.7.4 | Develop a commercial asset management framework. | Framework to be developed within 12 months. | Complete | The draft Commercial Asset Management Framework was considered and endorsed by the Budget Review Subcommittee on 23 June 2023 and will be published on the Department of Treasury and Finance website. |
| 5.7.5 | Undertake review of existing commercial assets in accordance with the commercial asset management framework. | Government will consider efficiency improvements, but has ruled out all commercial asset sales. | Complete | Reviews have been undertaken in line with the framework, including the Land Development Corporation, Motor Accidents Compensation Commission and Northern Territory Home Ownership, and a desktop review undertaken for other remaining government commercial assets. |
| 5.7.6 | Develop a government services pricing framework. | Implement in the 2021 Budget. | Complete | A pricing framework was approved by Government in March 2022. Guidance material will be developed to assist agencies to implement the framework. |
| Commo | nwealth Debt Relief | | | |
| 5.7.8 | Seek relief of debt inherited from the Commonwealth on self-government. | Implement immediately. | Complete | To be progressed through negotiation of a broader Budget Compact between the Territory and Commonwealth governments. Refer to recommendation 5.5.12 |
| Reward | / Milestone Budgeting | | | |
| 5.2.7 | Implement reward/milestone-based budgeting for new initiatives to incentivise the achievement of desired outcomes. | Implement in the 2021 Budget. | Complete | Revised end of year carry-over process, new Chief Executive Code of Conduct and program evaluation requirements approved by Government. Review of Budget Paper No. 3 key performance indicators complete and implemented in the 2023 Budget. |

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CMC) Lead Agency

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| Cabinet | handbook and template updates | | | |
| 5.2.3 | Require OCPE to provide advice to Cabinet on submissions with staffing implications. | Implement immediately. | Complete | Cabinet Handbook and template have been updated. |
| 5.5.2 | Update the Cabinet submission template to include program evaluation requirements. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | Cabinet Handbook and template have been updated. |
| 5.5.7 | Update the Cabinet submission template to include regulation evaluation requirements. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | Cabinet Handbook and template have been updated. |
| Remote | Service Delivery Coordination | | | |
| 5.4.6 | Work with the Commonwealth and local government to improve remote service delivery coordination. | Already commenced. | Complete | Revised process including implementation of jointly (CMC/National Indigenous Australians Agency – NIAA) developed regional coordination and collaboration on remote service projects and inclusion of local government on all Regional Coordination Committees. CMC regional offices continue to work closely with local governments and the Commonwealth to deliver community and NTG priorities. |
| Commo | nwealth Capital Investment | | | |
| 5.5.12 | Work with the Commonwealth to secure increased capital investment to address the Territory's infrastructure deficit. | Already commenced. | Complete | The Commonwealth's 2022 Budget, which included significant economic enabling investment across the Territory (e.g. \$2.6 billion investment in Territory infrastructure under the Energy Security and Regional Investment Plan), reflects the outcome of negotiations for a Budget Compact by the Territory and Commonwealth governments. |
| Indepen | dent Review of Commonwealth Expenditure | | <u> </u> | |
| 5.7.7 | Commission an independent review of areas where Commonwealth expenditure in the Territory is lower than other jurisdictions (for example, Medicare) and where funding is required to close the gap in Aboriginal disadvantage. | Review to commence by December 2019. | Complete | Review complete. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Medicare Benefits Scheme and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme were identified as key focus areas, with NDIS identified as the highest priority. The Children and Families Standing Committee (CFSC) has been tasked with developing a response and implementation plan. |
| Consolic | lation & Strengthening of Investment Attract | ion | | |
| 2.3 | Consolidate the major projects, microeconomic reform and investment attraction functions into an Office of Investment Attraction. | Establish an Office of Investment Attraction. Timing: 1 July 2019. | Superseded | In 2019, Investment Territory was established within a restructured former Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI). Following Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission (TERC) reforms, Investment facilitation and major projects functions are now part of Investment Territory in CMC. Investment attraction and microeconomic |

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| | | | | reform related functions are part of the new Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT). |
| 5.4.3 | Restructure agencies to consolidate similar/related functions and reduce duplication. | Establish an Office of Investment Attraction. Timing: 1 July 2019. | Complete | Completed as part of the 2019 Machinery of Government changes. CMC will continue to monitor other related cross-government activity to identify potential areas of duplication, particularly across the main Economic Development Framework areas. |
| 2.1 | Reform the current major projects process to expedite and improve the efficiency of project approvals. | Establish an Office of Investment Attraction. Timing: 1 July 2019. | Superseded | Investor journey mapping and review of the Regulation Making Framework completed. This recommendation has been superseded by the Winning Investment and Regulatory Reform programs arising out of TERC, including establishment of Major Project Commissioner and Investment Commissioner roles in mid-2021. |
| Remote | Travel Hub | | | |
| 5.4.7 | Develop a centralised whole of government remote travel hub. | Commence development immediately with implementation across government phased over three years. | Nearly Complete | NT Health has requested the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to Chair a strategic Implementation Steering Committee to oversee the Charter Hub recommendation. |

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment (OCPE) Lead

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| NTPS Wa | ages Policy | | | |
| 5.3.7 | Develop a new wages policy based on a \$1,000 per annum wage increase, including a wage freeze for executives and parliamentarians. | Wage freeze for executives and parliamentarians is accepted. Immediately establish a working group with NTPS Unions to discuss and develop responses for implementation. | Complete | Three-year ECO wage freeze implemented in 2019. Working group with unions, the Minister and the Commissioner for Public Employment established. Government approved a new wages policy as part of the 2020 Budget, including a four-year wage and allowance freeze with annual lump sum bonus payments of \$1,000 (\$4,000 over four years). A revised wages policy was approved in late-2021, including a four-year wage freeze with annual lump sum bonus payments of \$4,000 in the first year and \$2,000 in each of the subsequent three years (\$10,000 over four years). The additional costs associated with the revised policy are funded through savings associated with cessation of NTPS employees that did not meet NTG COVID-19 vaccination requirements. On 5 October 2022, in response to significant changes in the external economic environment, a new wages policy was approved based on 2% compounding annual pay increases. |
| 5.3.9 | Explicitly prohibit back pay or equivalent sign-on payments under the new wages policy to encourage timely bargaining resolution. | Wage freeze for executives and parliamentarians is accepted. Immediately establish a working group with NTPS Unions to discuss and develop responses for implementation. | Complete | NTPS Enterprise Bargaining Policy 2021-2024 approved in March 2021 and published. Refer recommendation 5.3.7. |
| 5.1.3 | Review the wages indexation factor as part of the development of a new wages policy. | Immediately establish a working group with NTPS Unions to discuss and develop responses for implementation. | Complete | Wages indexation in agency budgets updated in accordance with approved wages policy. Refer recommendation 5.3.7. |
| NTPS Sta | offing Levels and Structure | | | |
| 5.3.1 | Implement a cap on Territory-funded FTE positions for the next three years, with growth in the cap thereafter limited to population growth. | Implemented. Caps to be reviewed annually. | Complete | Complete. Agency staffing caps have been replaced with labour expense caps from 1 July 2021 as part of a suite of measures to strengthen budget accountability. |
| 5.3.2 | Implement an immediate recruitment freeze for agencies currently exceeding their expenditure budget. | Implemented. Existing frontline positions not impacted. | Complete | Complete. Temporary measure prior to establishment of FTE, and subsequent labour expense, caps. |
| 5.3.3 | Incorporate staffing KPIs into chief executive performance agreements. | Implement from 1 July 2019. | Complete | Complete. |

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| 5.3.4 | Review ECO levels and their associated remuneration structure. | Review and restructure will reduce ECO numbers by 10 per cent (52 FTEs) and reduce ECO bands from six down to five. | Complete | Reduced ECO numbers by 10% (52 FTE) through agency staffing caps. Government is not pursuing a reduction in ECO bands. |
| Rationa | lise Awards and Conditions | | | |
| 5.3.8 | Rationalise awards, harmonise conditions and review entitlements across the NTPS. | Wage freeze for executives and parliamentarians is accepted. Immediately establish a working group with NTPS Unions to discuss and develop responses for implementation. | Deferred | Working group with NTPS Unions established. NTPS 2021-2024 Enterprise Bargaining Policy approved and published. Amended November 2021 and October 2022 (refer 5.3.7). Further work on rationalising awards, conditions and entitlements has been deferred to the next round of enterprise bargaining negotiations. |
| Employ | nent Framework | | | |
| 5.3.10 | Expand the current PSEMA review to include assessment of the contemporaneity and efficiency of the broader NTPS employment framework including options to reduce duplication through consolidation of tribunals and legislation. | Review to be completed with 18 months. | Complete | NTPS Disciplinary Handbook, Role of a Support Person Commissioner's Guideline, Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Policy, and a new Code of Conduct finalised and published. The expanded review of PSEMA has been completed. It determined that the single employer model remains effective for a small jurisdiction such as the NT, and that future work should prioritise streamlining the instruments and information supporting the employment framework, and reducing the number of overlapping tribunals and appeals boards. |
| Workfo | rce Capability and Flexibility | | | |
| 5.3.12 | Establish a whole of government strategic workforce board. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | A whole of government Strategic Workforce Board has been established and is guiding progression of recommendations 5.3.13 and 5.3.14. |
| 5.3.13 | Develop a comprehensive training program to address concerns about the hollowing out of policy, administrative and technical capability across the NTPS. | Implement in the 2021 Budget. | Complete | Five year NTPS Workforce Strategy released June 2021, which includes agreed set of shared sector wide priority capabilities to address gaps. Assessing Risk and Customer Focus capabilities pilot completed with recommendations to be applied to Standardised Roles and Recruitment for Policy roles. Policy domain inclusion in training panel contract complete. Ongoing delivery of existing and new technical, administrative and policy training programs for NTPS employees at all levels. Work has transitioned to business as usual with activities progressed under the auspice of the Strategic Workforce Board. |

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| 5.3.14 | Introduce a Job Family model for | Implement over 2020 and 2021 Budgets. | Complete | Project progressing under the auspice of the Strategic Workforce Board. |
| | corporate roles common across agencies. | | | FRSC approved redirecting the project to a pilot of standardised roles and |
| | | | | recruitment. |
| | | | | Standardised JDs created and approved for AO4 Executive Assistant roles, |
| | | | | AO5 Min-Liaison Officer roles, and AO6-7 Communications Officer roles |
| | | | | and AO5-SAO1 Policy Officer roles. OCPE has commenced transitioning |
| | | | | project to business as usual. |

Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD) Lead Agency

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| Corpora | te Services Reform (CSR3) Program | | | |
| 5.4.1 | Implement the next phase of shared services reform by further centralising corporate services in the Department of Corporate and Information Services (now DCDD). | Phased implementation commencing 1 July 2019. | Complete | Completed in line with the CSR3 Implementation Plan. |
| Digital to | ransformation plan | | | |
| 5.6.1 | Adopt a digital first mindset in relation to government service delivery. | Underpins other digital transformation initiatives and will progress in parallel. | Complete | Digital Service Standard and Policy approved. Data Governance Framework approved by Government. A digitally aware culture and mindset change will continue to develop. |
| 5.6.2 | Develop a digital government transformation plan to identify technologies that could create efficiencies in the delivery of government services across the Territory, such as telehealth/videoconferencing/drones. | To inform 2021 Budget. | Complete | The Digital Transformation Plan approved by Government in April 2022. The Plan frames digital initiatives to streamline delivery of government digital services to Territorians and Territory business. The Plan also aligns with digital priorities identified in TERC recommendations. |
| 5.6.7 | Develop an automation roadmap for Territory Government service delivery. | To inform 2021 Budget. | Complete | Links to other digital initiatives (5.6.4 and 5.6.2). Automation opportunities have been identified in the ICT system Roadmap and Digital Transformation Plan. Digital Government Roadmap has been approved by Government. Automation of Territory Government services will form part of the transformation plan and roadmap activities. |
| ICT Syste | em Stocktake & Roadmap | | | |
| 5.6.3 | Undertake a whole of government ICT system stocktake. | Deliver in 2020 as prerequisite to inform other digital transformation initiatives. | Complete | Systems stocktake and analysis complete. Master Systems Index developed as 'source of truth' with ongoing work to maintain the Index. |
| 5.6.4 | Develop and maintain a five-year ICT system roadmap outlining priority projects and major system replacement requirements. | To inform 2021 Budget. | Complete | NT Digital Solutions Roadmap approved by Government in April 2022. |
| 5.6.5 | Rationalise the number of bespoke/standalone ICT systems across the NTPS. | To inform 2021 Budget. | Complete | ICT systems across agencies identified. Rationalisation applied as opportunities arise with minor instances of duplication and overlap identified to date. The approach will be anchored in the digital government transformation plan at recommendation 5.6.2. |
| Integrat | ed Budget Management System | | | |
| 5.6.6 | Develop and implement a single integrated budget management system for agencies. | System development commenced. Phased implementation over the 2020 and 2021 Budgets. | Underway | Development of whole of government budget management solution is well progressed. DCDD to go live in Q1 2023/24. Rollout to other agencies expected to commence following this phase. |

Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) Lead Agency

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| NT Proje | ct Development Framework | <u>. </u> | | |
| 5.5.11 | Implement the Northern Territory Project Development Framework (NTPDF) via Treasurer's Direction to support a structured approach to capital project development. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Complete | Government approved the NTPDF in October 2019, for use in the 2020 Budget. A revised Infrastructure Treasurer's Direction and guidance documentation, including mandating the use of the NTPDF in certain circumstances, has been issued, effective 1 July 2021. |
| Business | Regulation & Microeconomic Reform | | | |
| 2.2 | Develop a microeconomic reform roadmap with the key objective of making the Territory a globally competitive capital investment destination. | Undertake a government-wide benchmarking of Territory regulation against best practice to inform the development of a microeconomic reform roadmap for industry consultation. Timing: within 12 months. | Superseded | The Beige Tape Review Final Report (addressing administration of regulation impacting major and significant projects in agriculture and mining industries) was completed in July 2020. Recommendation has been superseded by the Regulatory Reform Program and Winning Investment reforms arising out of TERC, including TERC recommendation B1 - Urgently implement an integrated investment delivery system focused on winning investment for the Territory and TERC recommendation RG1 - Quickly streamline regulatory processes to make it easy to do business in the Territory. The Territory Investment Commissioner and the Major Projects Commissioner were appointed in July 2021. With a broad investment mandate, the commissioners are key links between industry and government, ensuring a continuous focus on winning investment and accelerating the project pipeline. Government has also established the role of Infrastructure Commissioner and Infrastructure NT. This strategic infrastructure planning and development role plans for, coordinates and aligns infrastructure needs with industry and population growth. |
| 5.5.8 | Develop and communicate clear timeframes for decision-making processes to minimise the impact of beige tape and improve investor certainty. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Superseded | This recommendation has been superseded by the Regulatory Reform Program arising out of TERC. Refer to recommendation 2.2. |
| 5.5.9 | Publicly report actual performance against approved regulatory decision-making process timeframes through annual reports and budget papers. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Superseded | This recommendation has been superseded by the Regulatory Reform Program arising out of TERC. Refer to recommendation 2.2. |
| 5.5.6 | Develop a process to ensure new and existing business-related regulations are actively maintained and improved through a regulatory stewardship model. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Superseded | This recommendation has been superseded by the Regulatory Reform Program arising out of TERC. |

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| NCC W | Recommendation | dovernment response | Status | DITT is currently implementing the actions under the Implementation Plan on Regulating for Growth (TERC recommendations RG1 and RG2) including: • Mapping regulatory processes in selected priority sectors identified by TERC, such as retail and hospitality, mining and agribusiness. • Identifying timeframe requirements within regulations and identify improvements to processes that will reduce time and increase efficiency. • Recommending standards and timeframes for efficiency |
| | | | | regulatory approvals. • Contemporising the Regulation Making Framework. |
| 5.5.10 | Mandate the use of sunset clauses in new regulations that affect the cost of doing business in the Territory. | Implement in the 2020 Budget. | Superseded | This recommendation has been superseded by the Regulatory Reform Program arising out of TERC. Refer to recommendation 5.5.6. |

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) Lead Agency

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| Infrastru | astructure Centralisation | | | | | | | |
| 5.4.2 | Further centralise infrastructure planning, | Phased implementation commencing | Complete | Completed as part of 2019 Machinery of Government changes. Further | | | | |
| | management and delivery into the | 1 July 2019. Management of housing | | centralisation of housing infrastructure into DIPL occurred in 2021 | | | | |
| | Department of Infrastructure, Planning | infrastructure to remain with the | | following 2020 Machinery of Government changes involving the former | | | | |
| | and Logistics, including repairs and | Department of Local Government, | | Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development | | | | |
| | maintenance budgets. | Housing and Community Development. | | and the new Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities. | | | | |

Summary Table

| Agency | Complete | Nearly Complete | Underway | Deferred | Superseded | Total |
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| DTF | 37 | - | - | - | - | 37 |
| CM&C | 7 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 10 |
| OCPE | 11 | - | - | 1 | - | 12 |
| DCDD | 7 | - | 1 | - | - | 8 |
| DITT | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 6 |
| DIPL | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTAL | 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 74 |