Budget 2005-06
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and significant programs in the 2005-06 Budget for the seven Territory regions.

The paper details initiatives in service delivery, tailored specifically for each region in the areas of business, jobs and training, safer communities, schooling and health, regional development, lifestyle and environment. It also includes Territory-wide initiatives, which apply across all the regions.

Important infrastructure projects are identified for each region as well as on a Territory-wide basis.

Regional Highlights complements the extensive information in the other Budget Papers by presenting budget details of significance and particular relevance to the communities in each of the Territory’s regions.

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The Barkly region extends from Barrow Creek to Elliott, east across the Barkly Tablelands to Queensland, and north-east to include the town of Borroloola. About 50 per cent of the region’s population of 6700 is Indigenous. There is a high proportion of young people in the region, with around 43 per cent aged 24 years and under.

With the commencement of the Adelaide to Darwin railway service and the anticipated development of a road-rail interchange for east-west traffic, Tennant Creek is expected to attract increased freight throughput. Pastoral, tourism and mining-related activities are major contributors to the regional economy, including the Barkly Tablelands as a significant pastoral area and Bootu Creek mine.

**Supporting Business**
- $0.39M for integrated fire and weed advisory services to landholders
- $0.29M for animal health services including inspection, treatment, certification services and animal surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- $0.2M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- $48 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development
- $20 000 to support Battery Hill Mining Centre operations

**Jobs and Training**
- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.82M in Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth and the Regional Training Centre
- $0.15M to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements

**Safer Communities**
- $5.67M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the Barkly region including five police stations, one fire station, one volunteer
- $0.33M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region’s police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $27 000 for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- $0.34M for Tennant Creek community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- $0.13M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Elliott, Ali Curung and Borroloola. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Tennant Creek
- $0.16M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy addressing the health, wellbeing and antisocial behaviours of itinerant groups, providing opportunities for itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles and return to their home communities or lead more productive lifestyles in town

**Better Schooling**
- $8.23M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 14 remote schools
- $4.53M for secondary education for students at Tennant Creek High School
- $0.18M for Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools
• $3.7M for primary and early childhood education at Tennant Creek Primary School
• $0.74M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support
• $0.67M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve Indigenous education
• $0.17M for programs to support students with a disability
• $0.37M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
• $0.6M for Territory student assistant travel schemes and remote teacher housing

Better Health
• $9M for acute care services in the region, which incorporates initiatives to maximise access to acute care services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme, as well as provision of inpatient and outpatient clinical services
• $4.7M for non-acute health and community services in the region
• $0.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
• $84 000 to provide program coordination and case management for Alcohol and Other Drugs clients

Regional Development
• $1.03M in grant funding will be provided to the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for distribution to community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage housing stock for Indigenous clients
• $0.21M for priority repairs and maintenance of various aerodromes in rural and remote areas
• $0.17M for regional libraries at Tennant Creek, Elliott and Borroloola

Lifestyle and Environment
• $60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program to assist Indigenous people in managing their sea country through monitoring illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection, feral animal, noxious plant control and community education
• $27 000 for visitor management programs in the region’s parks, and for tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive materials
• $0.1M for visitor management programs in regional parks
• $40 000 to prepare new management plans for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management agreements
• $0.65M to develop a feral action plan that includes a survey and strategic boundary fencing of the Davenport Ranges National Park including the jointly managed area
• $90 000 for weed management and feral animal control in parks
• $51 000 for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
• $37 000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance to remote schools and communities
• $0.3M to monitor and assess the quality and quantity of the region’s water resources
• $30 000 in grants for regional and remote festivals in the Barkly region as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’
• $0.1M to implement the Joint Management Agreement which provides the framework for negotiations with traditional owners on the establishment, maintenance and management of parks and reserves
• $0.1M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers to provide links between Territory sporting organisations and communities
• $0.1M for visitor management programs in regional parks
• $40 000 to prepare new management plans for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management agreements
The East Arnhem region covers East Arnhem Land and adjacent coastal islands including Groote Eylandt. Mining is the dominant industry and source of employment, and the mining towns of Nhulunbuy and Alyangula are the region’s major centres. The Gove Peninsula is the site of the Alcan bauxite/alumina project, while high-grade manganese is produced on Groote Eylandt. Other industries include buffalo harvesting, aquaculture, forestry and fishing. Local Indigenous culture attracts many tourists to the region.

Around 60 per cent of the region’s widely dispersed and comparatively young population of about 14,000 is Indigenous. Almost 50 per cent of the population is aged under 24, with only 2 per cent aged 65 years and over.

**Supporting Business**
- $0.2M additional funding for mining regulatory activities including the Alcan Gove expansion
- $0.14M for a Government coordinator to assist with obligations and development opportunities related to the Alcan expansion
- $89,000 for an Indigenous enterprise development officer based in Nhulunbuy to assist Indigenous small business development

**Jobs and Training**
- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.68M Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

**Safer Communities**
- $7.56M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the East Arnhem region, including three police stations, two police posts, one fire station, one volunteer fire brigade unit and two volunteer emergency services groups
- $0.3M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region’s police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $0.56M for Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- $0.17M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and Galiwinku
- $0.15M additional funding for a community patrol at Nhulunbuy
- $0.21M support for the Arnhem Fire Control District to improve fire control and management services to Indigenous communities in the East Arnhem and Top End Rural regions

**Better Schooling**
- $27.4M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 11 remote schools in the region
- $5.1M for primary and early childhood education at Nhulunbuy Primary School
- $4.3M for secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School
- $1.66M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support

**Infrastructure Highlights**
- $1M Mapurru Homeland Centre – part of the remote schools program
- $1.47M Central Arnhem Road – further work on selected upgrades to river crossings and sections of road, and road re-sheeting between Beswick and Gove to improve access to the region
- $0.5M Ngukurr/Numbulwar – causeway at Rose River and upgrade road to improve accessibility to communities during the wet season
- $0.7M Shepherdson College – complete new secondary facility as part of the remote schools upgrade program
- $1.1M Milingimbi – complete additional sewerage ponds and rising mains
- $1M Numbulwar – complete the new police post
- $3.76M Alyangula – complete 21 Government employee housing units to replace housing returned to Gemco in 2005
- $0.75M Donyddji Homeland Centre – remote schools program new classrooms, ablutions facilities and teacher accommodation
- $0.26M – complete health centre upgrades in Galiwinku, Umbakumba and Ramingining as part of the remote health centres program
- $0.57M Numbulwar – replace bulk fuel storage and upgrade fuel bunding
- $1.09M Gapuwiyak – complete relocation of sewerage ponds and redirect rising mains
- $0.55M Bulman aerodrome – upgrade to all-weather standard
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East Arnhem

• $1.2M for assistance to non-government schools in the region
• $2.45M in Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
• $1.5M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve Indigenous education
• $0.83M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
• $0.38M for programs to support students with a disability
• $90 000 to continue to employ Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

Better Health

• $19M for acute care services in the region, including initiatives to maximise access to acute care services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as inpatient and outpatient clinical services
• $12.5M for non-acute health and community services in the region
• $0.5M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
• $0.43M additional funding for the Nhulunbuy Special Care Centre, including operation and staff training requirements
• $72 000 for Volatile Substance Abuse rehabilitation services

Regional Development

• $3.93M in grants for the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage Indigenous community housing stock
• $0.46M to provide school and special transport services in the region
• $0.17M for priority repairs and maintenance of various aerodromes and barge landings in rural and remote areas

Lifestyle and Environment

• $0.14M to monitor the environmental impact of operational and closed mine sites in the region including the Alcan Gove expansion
• $0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program for Indigenous communities managing their sea country through monitoring illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection, and feral animal and noxious plant control
• $40 000 in grants for regional and remote festivals in East Arnhem as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’
• $0.19M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers
• $0.1M for visitor management programs in regional parks
• $0.1M for monitoring, assessing and advising on the region’s general ground and surface water resources
• $72 000 for feral animal control
• $82 000 for weed management in parks
• $82 000 for fire management and prescribed burning in parks
• $7 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program

Cyclone Ingrid Restoration

Cyclone Ingrid hit communities along the Territory’s north-eastern coastline on Sunday 13 March 2005 causing damage to Government assets valued in excess of $0.6M. Recovery works have been completed and restoration works will continue into the 2005-06 financial year including:

• $0.22M Nhulunbuy Housing – repairs and tree rationalisation
• $22 000 Nhulunbuy High School – shade sail replacement and repairs to grounds
• $42 000 Nhulunbuy Primary School – shade sail replacement, repairs to fences and walkways
• $25 000 Nhulunbuy Preschool – shade sail replacement
• $11 000 Nhulunbuy Child-care Centre – shade sail replacement and repairs to fences
• $32 000 Gove District Hospital – shade sail replacement
• $15 000 repairs to water supply fencing at Yirrkala and Milingimbi

• $0.2M for regional and joint-use libraries at Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi, Umbakumba, Angurugu, Ramingining and Alyangula
• $0.16M for land information and associated services to support sustainable development
• $0.22M Nhulunbuy Housing – repairs and tree rationalisation
• $22 000 Nhulunbuy High School – shade sail replacement and repairs to grounds
• $42 000 Nhulunbuy Primary School – shade sail replacement, repairs to fences and walkways
• $25 000 Nhulunbuy Preschool – shade sail replacement
• $11 000 Nhulunbuy Child-care Centre – shade sail replacement and repairs to fences
• $32 000 Gove District Hospital – shade sail replacement
• $15 000 repairs to water supply fencing at Yirrkala and Milingimbi
Palmerston and Litchfield is the fastest growing Northern Territory region, with a population of about 38,100. In the five years to 2001, population growth averaged 7.2 per cent per annum. The region has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent aged 24 years and under and less than 5 per cent aged 65 and over. Covering 3000 square kilometres, the region encompasses the city of Palmerston and the Litchfield Shire, including East Arm.

The operation of the railway and completion of stage 2 of East Arm Port is creating a regional transport and logistics hub linking southern Australia with Darwin and Asia. The region is home to several tourist attractions including Howard Springs, Berry Springs and Fogg Dam. Channel Island power station is also in the region. Primary industries include mangoes and other horticulture and aquaculture, as well as cattle and crocodiles.

Supporting Business
- $1.34M support for Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories to provide animal health testing services to livestock industries
- $0.42M for animal health services including inspection, treatment and certification services and animal disease surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- $0.52M for horticultural development projects including citrus, nursery, cut flower and tropical fruit sectors, improving information services, monitoring banana varieties for resistance to Panama disease, assessing the suitability of cocoa production in the Territory, and continuing research into bamboo and ginger varieties
- $1.38M for aquaculture research and development including barramundi fingerlings production and creation of a trepang hatchery to support the Territory aquaculture industry
- $0.32M for Beatrice Hill facilities for buffalo industry research
- $0.25M for mango industry strategies including harvest labour, code of practice, market quality monitoring and industry communications, and continued participation in the national project to develop new varieties and production practices for future Territory market growth
- $0.15M for the Palmerston Information Centre to provide general government, Territory business and community justice services in the Palmerston region

Jobs and Training
- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.89M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- $80,000 for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

Safer Communities
- $23.2M for safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- $9.45M to provide police, fire and emergency services including one police station, one fire station, one combined police and fire station, six volunteer fire brigade units and one volunteer emergency services group
- $3.4M for safe and secure juvenile detention at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including care and rehabilitation of young offenders
- $0.73M for Palmerston community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- $0.24M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region’s police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $0.31M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- $10,000 for births, deaths and marriages registration at Palmerston Community Care Centre

Better Schooling
- $41.24M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- $16.47M for secondary education at Palmerston High School, Taminmin High School and Don Dale Centre
- $16.5M assistance to non-government schools
- $0.5M for early childhood, primary and post primary education at Middle Point School
- $2.62M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support
- $2.24M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve Indigenous education
- $0.6M for programs to support students with a disability
$1.32M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy

$0.56M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing

$0.41M to continue to employ Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

Better Health

$0.22M for acute care services in the region, which incorporate initiatives to maximise access to acute services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as provision of outpatient services

$2.6M for non-acute health and community services in the region

$0.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment

Regional Development

$12.24M for public transport services in the Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield regions

$4.73M for school and special transport services in the Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield regions

$0.4M funding for libraries at Palmerston and Taminmin

Lifestyle and Environment

$0.29M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

$20,000 in grants for festivals in the region as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’

$0.62M for weed management programs in parks

$0.61M for visitor management programs in the region’s parks

$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks

$0.3M to maximise the sustainable use of the groundwater resources of the Darwin Rural Area, while protecting ground and surface water dependent ecosystems

$25,000 for Channel Island asbestos clean-up and construction of protective structures

$0.13M for plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region

$0.15M for feral animal control programs

$75,000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance to schools and communities

$50,000 to develop Indigenous interpretive and visitor experiences in collaboration with traditional owners at Territory Wildlife Park

$50,000 to develop new visitor experiences at Territory Wildlife Park focused on interstate and international visitors

$14,000 to upgrade the power generator at Manton Dam

$35,000 for handrail at the billabong exhibit at Territory Wildlife Park

$25,000 to upgrade the interpretive signage at Territory Wildlife Park

Infrastructure Highlights

$3.5M Darwin Correctional Centre – program and living unit facilities including classroom/activities room, undercover programs area, storage and offices; and complete low security facility

$5M Palmerston Recreation Centre – capital grant for two-court multi-purpose indoor recreation centre

$0.3M Palmerston Recreation Centre site – complete headworks

$10M Palmerston – continuing progress towards a new senior secondary facility, with design and scope of works subject to stakeholder and community consultation

$1.6M Stuart Highway – complete duplication between Noonamah and Cox Peninsula Road, and Cox Peninsula Road intersection

East Arm

$1.4M – complete oil pipelines to transfer fuel from new bulk liquids berth to the terminal

$5.2M – complete bulk loading facility

$2M – complete incinerator to manage quarantine and hazardous waste

$2.15M Darwin Business Park – extend sewerage headworks to remaining blocks in stage 1 adjacent to the AustralAsia Railway and complete headworks to joint user Darwin Industry Fuel Terminal

$1.2M Berrimah Road – complete duplication to Cochrane Street
The Top End Rural region covers a land mass of 140 000 square kilometres (about 10 per cent of the Territory’s land mass) and has many small communities, the largest being Wadeye and Jabiru. Around 60 per cent of the region’s population of about 14 700 is Indigenous. It has a relatively young population, with about 45 per cent aged 24 years and under, and less than 5 per cent aged 65 years and over.

The main industries in the area include cattle and agriculture, supported by the Douglas Daly Research Farm, and tourism. The natural beauty of the Tiwi Islands and their Indigenous art and crafts attract many tourists to the region, as well as the well-known Litchfield and Kakadu National Parks. The Daly and other rivers also attract many recreational fishers and campers.

Supporting Business
- $0.95M for animal health services including inspection, treatment, certification services and animal surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- $1.91M for integrated land, water and weed management advice to landholders to promote sustainable agriculture and development
- $1M for research facilities at the Douglas Daly Research Farm to enable research into more intensive cattle production from improved pastures and hay, seed and crop production
- $0.2M for irrigated peanut and fodder research programs at the Douglas Daly Research Farm
- $0.32M for integrated support to the Territory pastoral industry through lease administration, advisory, monitoring and regulatory services
- $97 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

Jobs and Training
- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.55M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- $0.44M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- $0.15M for a regional coordinator in Jabiru to provide necessary Government support for the West Arnhem region

Safer Communities
- $3.78M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region including nine police stations, one fire station, one volunteer fire brigade unit and nine volunteer emergency services groups
- $0.44M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the Top End Rural region police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $0.37M for Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Islands community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- $0.14M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Darwin
- $0.16M to purchase a 7.4 metre police vessel for Wadeye
- $0.34M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- $0.21M ongoing support for the Arnhem Fire Control District to improve fire control and management services to Indigenous communities in the Top End Rural and East Arnhem regions
### Infrastructure Highlights

- **$6.73M Litchfield Loop** – continuing work to reconstruct and seal the Litchfield Park Road
- **$1.5M Cox Peninsula Road** – continuing work on an additional 7km of seal to Belyuen, including reconstruction and drainage improvements to improve access
- **$2.4M Wadeye** – construct six Government employment housing dwellings for teachers
- **$2.24M Wadeye** – new science block and classrooms
- **$1.95M Litchfield National Park** – visitor and commercial facilities works at Wangi Falls, Florence Falls and Buley Rockhole campgrounds and southern park entrance
- **$1.6M Point Stuart Road** – beef road to seal standard
- **$0.8M Arnhem Highway** – pavement strengthening and widening to preserve and maintain the existing network’s integrity
- **$1.37M Milikapiti** – to construct a new health centre to improve primary health services in the region
- **$0.99M Emu Point Homeland Centre** – construct new classroom, ablutions facilities and teacher accommodation as part of the remote schools program
- **$0.75M Gumbalanya Community Education Centre** – new classroom block as part of the remote schools program
- **$0.5M Mary River Wetlands desalination** – constructing new and upgrading existing weirs
- **$1.52M Channel Point** – development of park infrastructure including a boat launching facility, campground, road, parking, interpretative signage, ranger accommodation and secure storage facilities, and fencing and upgrade works on access road
- **$0.62M Daly River** – complete the new health centre to improve primary health services in the region
- **$0.2M Maningrida Community Education Centre stage 2** – complete new classrooms, toilet block and roof over sports court
- **$0.1M to construct a new barge landing at Cape Don**
- **$0.46M Peppimenarti** – upgrade water storage
- **$0.37M Belyuen** – upgrade water storage tank
- **$0.31M Daly River** – upgrade power generator
- **0.34M Daly River** – complete stage 2 of Wooliana powerline
- **$0.55M Nguiu** – upgrade power generator
- **$0.52M Peppimenarti and Palumpa** – upgrade bulk fuel storage and fuel bunding
- **$0.43M Minjilang** – upgrade water storage

### Better Schooling

- **$22.1M** for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 19 remote schools
- **$5.74M** assistance to non-government schools
- **$1.37M** for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- **$0.99M** for student and school support services including curricula and special education support
- **$0.9M** for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve Indigenous education
- **$0.49M** for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- **$0.23M** for programs to support students with a disability
- **$0.12M** for Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

### Better Health

- **$24M** for non-acute health and community services in the region
- **$17,000** for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
- **$0.13M** to establish a disability support service in Wadeye
- **$36,000** for Volatile Substance Abuse rehabilitation services

### Regional Development

- **$4.41M** in grants to the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage Indigenous community housing stock
- **$0.44M** for priority repairs and maintenance of various aerodromes and barge landings in the region
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• $0.29M funding for regional libraries at Batchelor, Adelaide River, Wadeye, Peppimenarti, Jabiru, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti
• $0.11M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

Lifestyle and Environment

• $0.18M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers to provide links between Territory sporting organisations and communities
• $40,000 in grants for festivals in the Top End region as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’
• $0.4M to monitor the environmental impact of operational and closed mine sites in the region
• $1.12M for bushfire mitigation and control operations in the region
• $60,000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance to remote schools and communities
• $1.07M to improve resource studies in the Daly River catchment to support sustainable use and environmental protection, as part of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality
• $0.4M for weed management projects throughout wetlands parks and Aboriginal land around Murgenella including the Mary River Weed-a-thon volunteer program
• $0.3M to monitor and assess the region’s general ground and surface water resources
• $0.12M for the ongoing Cabomba weed eradication and awareness
• $60,000 for the Marine Ranger Program for Indigenous communities managing their sea country through monitoring illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control, and community education
• $40,000 for flood forecasting services for the Daly River
• $40,000 for access to the McKinlay River sector of the proposed Mary River National Park
• $25,000 to improve access to the boat ramp at Point Stuart for recreational fishing
• $10,000 for bat control programs in Batchelor

Cyclone Ingrid Restoration

Cyclone Ingrid hit communities along the Territory’s northern coastline on Sunday 13 and Monday 14 March 2005, causing damage to Government assets in excess of $7.4M. Restoration works to be undertaken in 2005-06 include:

• $2.7M Minjilang – new health centre to improve primary health services in the region and take into account the impact of Cyclone Ingrid
• $2M Minjilang – replace Mamaruni School destroyed in Cyclone Ingrid
• $0.31M Gurig National Park – repair and replacement of buildings at Black Point, Smith Point and Cape Don
• $0.36M Minjilang – replace 3 bedroom dwelling
• $25,000 Melville Island – regravelling and pavement repairs
• $0.15M Goulburn Island – replace elevated water tank
• $30,000 Croker Island – repair fencing on water supply infrastructure
Katherine

The Katherine region has a population of around 16,600, of which about 40 per cent is Indigenous. About 45 per cent of the population is aged 24 years and under with only about six per cent aged 65 years and over. The region extends to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east and to the Ord-Bonaparte area in the west. The region contains many pastoral properties, Indigenous communities and tourist attractions, and is home to the RAAF Base Tindal.

Its industry base is diverse and includes tourism, mining and pastoralism, mixed farming and horticultural enterprises. Katherine is developing as a road-rail transport hub servicing the region, including for horticulture output from Western Australia.

Supporting Business

- $0.9M to assist with the sustainable allocation of water resources of the Katherine River and adjacent aquifers
- $0.72M for animal health services including inspections, treatment and certification services and animal surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets, and to develop Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness
- $0.19M for continued strategic weed management planning and coordination, advice and extension services to landholders to promote sustainable agriculture and development in the region
- $0.46M for integrated support to the pastoral industry through lease administration, advisory, monitoring and regulatory services
- $0.37M for horticultural industry development including research and extension services for the mango, citrus, crop and vegetable industries and information services for industry
- $0.25M for a collaborative research project with Heytesbury Beef and Meat and Livestock Australia to investigate the more efficient use of pastoral land
- $0.17M to continue the Tuberculosis Freedom Assurance Program (TFAP 2) to complete the national tuberculosis eradication program
- $0.18M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- $35 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development
- $0.32M for integrated land and water advice to landholders to promote sustainable agriculture and development in the region

Jobs and Training

- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.58M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- $0.92M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- $50 000 for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

Safer Communities

- $9.45M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region including seven police stations, one fire station, two volunteer fire brigade units and three volunteer emergency services groups
- $0.15M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
### Infrastructure Highlights
- $15M Victoria Highway stage 2 – complete floodplain upgrade, lifting and strengthening sections of road pavement and four new bridges at Victoria River, Joe Creek, Lost Creek and Sandy Creek
- $5M Victoria Highway stage 1 – continue floodplain upgrade of Victoria River and Lost Creek bridges to improve access
- $0.63M Pigeon Hole aerodrome – relocate and upgrade to all-weather operation and upgrade emergency runway lighting system, signal area and provide shade structure. Completed work will be to Civil Aviation Authority Standards
- $0.74M Manyallaluk Homeland Centre – complete new school including classrooms as part of the remote schools upgrade program
- $0.71M Gregory National Park, Victoria River sector – complete river access and boat ramp
- $0.5M Katherine Cultural Precinct – complete headworks incorporating power, water and sewerage services, stormwater drainage and roadworks prior to the construction of a centre to showcase the region’s art, heritage and culture
- $0.5M Warrego Road – complete upgrade of selected sections from Lajamanu to Tennant Creek, with appropriate clearances from the Central Land Council
- $0.3M Dorisvale Road – beef road, complete selected grading and drainage enhancements to improve access
- $0.25M Buntine Highway – beef road, upgrade to selected sections
- $90 000 Casuarina Street Primary School – upgrade airconditioning
- $60 000 Victoria River Research Station – replace the wind-driven pumps with solar pumping systems
- $42 000 Jilkminggan – construct covered roof over basketball court
- $20 000 Jilkminggan School – transportable classroom
- $0.34M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the Katherine region police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $0.81M for region’s community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- $0.32M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkaringi and Lajamanu. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Katherine
- $20 000 support for the Kalano Community Patrol
- $0.21M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, wellbeing and antisocial behaviours of itinerant groups

### Better Schooling
- $13.9M for primary and early childhood education in six urban schools
- $14.65M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 15 remote schools
- $7.78M for secondary education for students at Katherine High School
- $2.67M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air
- $2.46M for assistance to non-government schools
- $1.76M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support
- $1.6M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve the education of Indigenous students
- $1.15M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- $0.88M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- $0.4M for programs to support students with a disability
- $0.18M for Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

### Better Health
- $24M for acute care services in the region, including health and community initiatives to maximise access to acute care services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as inpatient and outpatient clinical services
- $16M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- $0.6M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
- $20 000 to extend the hours of the Sobering Up Shelter

### Regional Development
- $3M in grants to the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage housing stock for Indigenous clients
- $0.3M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people obtain and maintain public housing
- $0.55M for repairs and maintenance of aerodromes in remote areas
- $1.03M for school and special transport services
- $0.38M for libraries at Katherine, Pine Creek, Lajamanu, Ngukurr, Mataranka and Barunga-Manyallaluk
- $39 000 for power and water services to proposed new houses at Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Katherine

- $0.12M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

Lifestyle and Environment
- $50,000 in grants for regional and remote festivals in the region as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’
- $0.21M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers to provide links between Territory sporting organisations and communities
- $1.23M for visitor management programs in regional parks
- $0.63M for weed management programs in parks

- $0.48M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- $0.15M to prepare regional plans of management for parks
- $0.37M to manage and maintain the Mt Todd mine site and to minimise the impact on the environment
- $30,000 to monitor the environmental impact of operational and closed mine sites in the region
- $0.17M for problem vertebrate animal management including installing a sprinkler system to deter flying foxes from roosting at Mataranka Hot Springs

- $0.78M Buntine Highway – replace Negri Crossing
- $40,000 Buntine Highway – regravelling and pavement repairs

Cyclone Ingrid Restoration
Cyclone Ingrid hit communities across the Territory’s northern coastline on Sunday 13 and Monday 14 March 2005 causing damage to Government assets valued in excess of $10M. After hitting communities on the northern coast of Western Australia the cyclone dissipated over the Kimberley and Katherine regions, causing flooding damage to road infrastructure valued in excess of $2.1M. 2005-06 restoration works include:
- $0.1M for a flood forecasting system for the Katherine, Victoria, Waterhouse and Roper Rivers
- $0.13M towards a collaborative research project on flying foxes with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries, the University of California and the USA Center for Conservation Medicine
- $0.36M for feral animal control programs
- $0.1M for crocodile management
- $30,000 for fire management and early burning projects in Gregory and Keep River National Parks
- $12,000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program

- $25,000 for chemical storage facilities at Nitmiluk National Park
- $0.58M for visitor facilities including toilet, access roads and campgrounds at Limmen National Park
- $15,000 to conduct bat control programs in Katherine
- $15,000 for the annual Devils Claw Festival involving traditional owner and volunteer assistance to survey and control the weed
- $11,000 to upgrade toilet facilities at Big Horse Campground, Gregory National Park
Alice Springs

The Alice Springs region is 40 per cent of the Territory’s land mass and has a population of about 39,000 people (about 20 per cent of the Territory’s population). The region extends to the Western Australian, South Australian and Queensland borders and includes the mineral-rich Tanami Desert. Alice Springs is home to the joint defence facility at Pine Gap. The region has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent aged 24 years and under and only 6 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Major industries in the region include pastoralism, mining, oil and gas, defence, tourism, and Indigenous arts and culture. The region is a major tourist destination, home to Uluru, the Olgas and Kings Canyon, and has modern road, air and rail transport infrastructure to support tourism-related activity.

Supporting Business

- $0.32M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- $0.31M for integrated support to the Territory pastoral industry through lease administration, advisory, monitoring and regulatory services
- $0.24M for extension and advisory services to landholders in the region
- $0.22M to develop new table grape varieties, and to support the industry to improve productivity and quality
- $0.21M for animal health services including inspection, treatment, certification services and animal surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- $0.15M to develop a pastoral research facility on a portion of Owen Springs Station to provide advice to pastoralists in arid areas on long-term viability, develop and promote environmentally friendly industry practices and contribute to a more profitable pastoral industry
- $30 000 for horticultural research and development into the sustainable use of recycled water to treat sewerage effluent in Alice Springs to develop new regional horticultural enterprises
- $0.13M to provide consumer and trade measurement advice and assistance in Alice Springs

Jobs and Training

- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.6M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- $0.6M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- $50 000 for services to young people with disabilities with high support needs, to develop skills and training in pursuit of employment and participation in the community
- $0.4M to train and employ traditional owners to work on parks and reserves as part of joint management park arrangements
- $0.14M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

Safer Communities

- $28.36M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region including nine police stations, one police post, two fire stations, one volunteer fire brigade unit and eleven volunteer emergency services groups
- $19.8M for safe and secure custodial services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- $2.1M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities. The Supreme Court sits at Alice Springs for 32 weeks a year and magistrates travel to Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Hermannsburg, Ti Tree and Docker River. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Alice Springs
- $0.68M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region’s police, fire and emergency services facilities
• $0.21M for expanded fire and emergency services at Yulara with Voyages Hotels group
• $0.21M for a Northern Territory Emergency Service presence at Kings Canyon to provide professional first response to accidents and training
• $0.1M for a mobile police station in Alice Springs to provide flexible and immediate response to crime trends, hot spots and community needs
• $37 000 for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
• $1.3M for Alice Springs community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including reintegration into the community
• $0.48M for a safe and secure juvenile holding facility at Aranda House
• $0.52M for the Office of Crime Prevention to work with Indigenous communities on reintegrating offenders into their communities as part of a community justice process
• $40 000 in extra funding to domestic violence legal and advocacy services
• $0.27M for the Ombudsman’s Office, including health and community services complaints
• $0.25M for ongoing land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration services, and a wills service

Better Schooling

• $23.5M for primary and early childhood education in seven urban schools
• $18M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 28 remote schools
• $22M for assistance to non-government schools

Desert Knowledge Precinct

• $4.03M Desert Knowledge Precinct – Business and Innovation Centre – central precinct management including the headquarters of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
• $5.86M Desert People’s Centre – learning themes building – stage A
• $5.85M Desert People’s Centre – complete central administration building
• $5.43M Desert Knowledge Precinct – complete headworks providing essential services to the Precinct
• $0.74M Desert People’s Centre – complete project preparation works
• $0.85M continued support for the Desert Knowledge Australia Corporation and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
Better Health

- $106M for acute care services in the region, including initiatives to maximise access to acute care services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as provision of inpatient and outpatient clinical services
- $52.1M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- $6.2M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatment
- $0.35M to deliver positive behaviour support and training for people with disabilities and their carers
Lifestyle and Environment

- $60,000 in grants for regional and remote festivals as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’
- $0.32M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers to provide links between Territory sporting organisations and communities
- $0.93M to manage facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre, the Museum of Central Australia and the Strehlow Research Centre
- $3M in rebates for renewable energy projects in the Alice Springs region
- $0.87M for visitor management programs in regional parks to provide resources and services, including tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive material
- $0.6M to implement the Joint Management Agreement with traditional owners on establishing, maintaining and managing parks and reserves
- $0.66M for weed management and feral animal programs
- $0.6M to monitor and assess the region’s water resources
- $0.2M to provide information on the water requirements of groundwater dependent ecosystems in the Ti Tree Basin with water resource studies
- $0.54M for bushfire mitigation and control
- $0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and flora and fauna in parks
- $40,000 for animal holding facilities at the Alice Springs Desert Park
- $0.17M to prepare new management plans for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements
- $80,000 for 200 audio guides, in three languages, at Alice Springs Desert Park
- $40,000 to monitor the environmental impact of operational mine sites in the Tanami region including Groundrush and the Granites
- $40,000 for flood forecasting services for the Todd River
- $10,000 to support an inaugural Central Australian Basins Symposium at Alice Springs Convention Centre in August 2005
- $0.1M to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance to remote schools and communities
- $25,000 to rehabilitate erosion gullies at Chambers Pillar, Rainbow Valley and Trephina Gorge

Regional Development

- $0.98M to collect pre-exploration minerals data as part of Building the Territory’s Resource Base
- $0.79M to provide public transport services in Alice Springs
- $0.6M for school and special transport services in the region
- $0.62M for public community libraries including Alice Springs, Ti Tree, Ayers Rock and Lyentye Apurte
- $6.08M in grants for the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for distribution to Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage housing stock
- $0.63M for priority repairs and maintenance of various aerodromes in rural and remote areas
- $0.2M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- $0.3M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing
- $0.15M for the Northern Territory Electoral Commission’s office, including community education
Darwin

With a population of around 69,000, Darwin is the Territory’s capital and houses the centre of government. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, with 30 per cent of its population born overseas and almost 9 per cent Indigenous. The public sector, construction, defence and tourism are Darwin’s major industries.

Darwin is Northern Australia’s gateway to Asia and attracts significant numbers of domestic and international tourists. The Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment is expected to significantly boost visitor numbers when the world-class convention centre and exhibition centre is completed in 2008, with further construction continuing over the next decade or so. Darwin is also an important defence base with a significant army, navy and air force presence.

**Supporting Business**
- $0.79M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products

**Jobs and Training**
- $7.74M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- $1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at $3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of $7000 each
- $0.73M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- $0.8M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

**Safer Communities**
- $124.8M to provide police, fire and emergency services including three police stations, two fire stations, one volunteer emergency services group and police college and forensic laboratory
- $0.97M for repairs, maintenance and minor works for the region’s police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $0.1M for a mobile police station in Darwin to provide flexible and immediate response to crime trends, hot spots and community needs
- $17.3M for courts to administer justice at the Darwin Magistrates and Supreme Courts

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**Darwin City Waterfront Redevelopment Project**

The Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment project will drive economic growth and create jobs for locals, resulting in an important addition to our great Territory lifestyle.

Stage 1 of the redevelopment is due to commence in 2005 and be completed in 2008. It will include most of the public buildings, the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre and the Avenue of Honour connecting the Waterfront via Smith Street and the Esplanade to Darwin’s central business district.

The world-class Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre, which will seat 1500 people and provide 4000m2 of exhibition space, has been designed to provide an extensive area able to accommodate a wide range of activities.

It is estimated that $260 million will be injected into the local economy over the first three years, generating about 1000 jobs along the way.

Government’s contribution to the project includes necessary site works:
- $7.3M – Stage 3, headworks to the Waterfront Precinct’s boundary to enable the developer to service the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre
- $2.5M – Stage 2 to complete decontamination and demolition works and electrical works

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Darwin

• $1.47M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
• $1.23M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, wellbeing and antisocial behaviours of itinerant groups
• $0.33M for the Community Justice Centre, a dispute resolution service to the community
• $60 000 in extra funding to domestic violence, legal and advocacy services
• $2.48M for ongoing land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration services, and estate and trust management services
• $0.22M for a community day patrol to provide health services in Darwin

Better Schooling

• $60.2M for primary and early childhood education in 19 schools
• $45.54M for secondary education in six high schools
• $23.15M for assistance to non-government schools
• $12.64M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music, language, health and physical education
• $5.34M to provide student and school support services including curricula, and special needs education support
• $4.85M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve Indigenous education
• $2.67M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy

Better Health

• $186M for acute care services in the region, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, and inpatient and outpatient clinical services at Royal Darwin Hospital
• $232M for non-acute health and community services
• $8.1M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
• $0.18M for a therapeutic extended care service at A New Start Towards Independence (ANSTI)
• $1.87M ongoing for the 12 bed hospice at Royal Darwin Hospital
• $0.4M for the new Birthing Centre and expansion of the Community Midwifery Program at Royal Darwin Hospital
• $0.42M for Volatile Substance Abuse rehabilitation services
• $0.35M additional funding for enhanced mental health and disability clinical and behavioural support services to the Darwin Correctional Centre

Regional Development

• $12.24M to provide public transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield
• $1.22M for programs to support students with a disability
• $0.9M for Territory student assistance travel schemes
• $0.1M to expand the Post School Options Program for young adults with high support needs who are leaving school, to include centre-based activity programs for up to 17 young people
• $1M for Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

Lifestyle and Environment

• $4.73M to provide school and special transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield
• $3.5M to provide support services for the effective operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Committees
• $1.75M to repair and maintain arts, museums and library facilities including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Fannie Bay Gaol, Frog Hollow Centre for the Arts, Brown’s Mart, QANTAS Hangar, Lyons Cottage and Australian Pearling Exhibition
• $1M in grants for the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for distribution to Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage housing stock
• $0.3M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing
• $0.33M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
• $98 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

$0.75M additional recurrent funding to maintain programs at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory at Bullocky Point

$0.16M for festival grants as part of ‘Showcasing Territory Arts’
### Infrastructure Highlights

- $8.5M Darwin High School redevelopment – complete new science and home economics facilities, and upgrade block A following relocation of science laboratories, remove demountables and relocate Special Intensive English Unit
- $5.8M Darwin Soccer Stadium – two-field playing arena, grandstand and offices
- $4.61M Parap Primary School – construct new classrooms, redevelop assembly area, new canteen and landscaping
- $3.6M Marrara Fire Station – construct a facility for fire and rescue services
- $3M capital grant to Power and Water Corporation to continue undergrounding powerlines in Darwin’s suburbs
- $1.5M for shopping centre upgrades including Jingili, Nightcliff and Wulagi
- $7.02M Old Admiralty House and Minerals House – complete the fitout of five floors for Department of Justice
- $2.5M Royal Darwin Hospital Birthing Centre
- $2.02M Royal Darwin Hospital – complete the medical records unit redevelopment
- $2M Lands Information Office fitout
- $1.85M Alawa Primary School stage 1 – complete redevelopment of one classroom block
- $0.14M in grants to Darwin City Council for community-based sport and recreation officers
- $0.3M for the Festival of Darwin and the International Guitar Festival
- $60 000 for Northern Territory Sports Awards to recognise the achievements of the Territory’s top athletes
- $60 000 to stage National Basketball Association fixtures at Marrara
- $0.3M for crocodile management in Darwin Harbour
- $0.17M for weed management programs in Darwin district parks
- $0.16M for fire management and prescribed burning in parks
- $0.1M to upgrade shade and visitor facilities at Leanyer Recreation Park
- $0.21M for the Marine Ranger Program to assist Indigenous people in managing their sea country
- $0.13M for plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region
Territory-wide

In addition to the information specific to each region, there are some initiatives that cannot be accurately apportioned between regions, but that are nevertheless important and broadly relevant across the Territory.

Supporting Business

- $10M, as part of $27.5M in additional funding over three years, for tourism marketing programs directed at overseas and domestic markets
- $1.5M to continue investment in tourist attractions led by the Chief Minister, and other marketing efforts, to position the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest
- $3.15M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment opportunities under Building the Territory’s Resource Base exploration program
- $0.3M for a Business Development Program to assist in establishing Indigenous enterprises, supporting formation of partnerships and joint ventures between Indigenous and other corporate entities, and providing business support services
- $0.25M to enhance the Government’s capacity to grant exploration and mining titles across all forms of land tenure
- $0.22M for the Northern Territory Show Council to support the Territory’s show circuit
- $50 000 for the Online Motor Vehicle Dealer System, an internet-based vehicle registration and licence renewal system

Jobs and Training

- $50.47M for the Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- $13.7M to support and train trainees and apprentices
- $0.61M for 40 higher education scholarships
- $3.58M for Jobs Plan I and 2, Building the Northern Territory Workforce, which aims to deliver enhanced training and skills development, support apprentices and trainees, and offer incentives for employees
- $0.98M for additional public sector trainees and apprentices
- $0.59M for the Northern Territory Business and Skilled Migration strategy to access overseas skilled workers and facilitate international business migration
- $0.5M contribution to a national campaign for the recruitment and retention of nurses to the Territory
- $0.2M new funding to provide partial financial support for five nurses to study locally as midwives. Local training reduces the need to recruit from interstate or overseas, and also provides a greater understanding of Northern Territory health issues

Territory-wide
Territory-wide

Infrastructure Highlights
- $3.05M – Darwin and Alice Springs office accommodation, complete refurbishment and fitout
- $3M – pavement rehabilitation and widening of isolated sections on the Stuart, Victoria and Barkly Highways to AusLink Network standards
- $6.63M – new and replacement Government employee housing in remote localities
- $3.36M – new and continued upgrades to Government employee housing for carports, storage areas and fencing, and replacement of substandard fittings
- $1.8M – continue renewal of public housing in urban centres to improve quality and amenity
- $1.15M – sports and cultural facilities minor new works
- $0.7M – complete general-purpose housing in centres other than Darwin and Palmerston
- $0.4M – upgrade and expand renal facilities in remote communities under renal facilities stage 3
- $0.7M – improved recreational fishing infrastructure to provide safer and more readily accessible landing and boat launching facilities
- $1M – Blackspot Program, for continuing improvements to known danger areas and cost-effective road safety projects to reduce the road toll
- $24.23M – various Indigenous housing projects undertaken by the Indigenous Housing Authority in regional and remote communities
- $4.04M – Roads to Recovery Program, complete sectional drainage and pavement upgrades for local roads
- $2M – Stuart Highway, further pavement rehabilitation and widening selected sections to provide a safe and efficient road network
- $1.96M – complete renewal of public housing in urban centres to improve quality and amenity level
- $0.7M – upgrade strength-deficient bridges to meet higher mass limits at Chinaman Creek, Salt Creek and Coomalie
- $1.19M – lands servicing for housing programs in remote localities
- $1.58M – complete security screening of public dwellings to improve the safety and security of tenants
- $1.2M – Darwin and Alice Springs Mental Health – community-based residential facilities to provide 24-hour support for people with mental illness
- $1M – National Highways, complete overtaking lanes between Darwin and Katherine in danger zones
- $2M – urban enhancement renewal and landscaping works
- $0.1M – complete road safety upgrades of selected intersections to provide protected turning lanes, erosion control and rehabilitation, and better roadside amenities including interpretive and reassurance signs, shade and shelter
- $0.75M – airstrips and barge landings minor new works
- $0.38M – improvements to Alice Springs Desert Park and Territory Wildlife Park
- $0.75M – increased funding for Aboriginal Community Police Officers in remote communities with police-owned vehicles to carry out their duties
- $0.35M for Regional and Indigenous Regional Crime Prevention Councils to support the implementation of approved community safety plans
- $0.18M ongoing to improve the capacity of the Department of Justice to provide assessments and advice on volatile substance abuse to the Court
- $0.3M ongoing funding for the specialist drug court program CREDIT (NT)
- $0.54M for the Fines Recovery Unit to collect fines and penalties throughout the Territory
- $0.76M for the Coroner’s Office to provide coronial and related services
- $0.72M increase in funding for the Legal Aid Commission to provide legal assistance in matters arising under Territory law
- $0.2M additional funding to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute sexual assault matters
- $0.27M to support new youth services in Gunbalanya, Gove, Willoura, Belyuen, Timber Creek, Grooto Eylandt and Alice Springs
- $0.9M to enhance youth services across the Territory including new initiatives and projects
- $6.55M for occupational health and safety training for industry, employers and employees
- $0.8M to upgrade the Work Health Information System
- $0.5M for road safety equipment

Safer Communities
- $5.2M to implement Review of Adult Custodial Services in the Territory recommendations
- $0.4M in grants to support crime prevention projects by community organisations
- $0.44M Stage 1 to provide Aboriginal Community Police Officers in remote communities with police-owned vehicles to carry out their duties
- $0.35M for Regional and Indigenous Regional Crime Prevention Councils to support the implementation of approved community safety plans
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- $0.8M to upgrade the Work Health Information System
- $0.5M for road safety equipment
Better Schooling
• $9.74M for ‘Building Better Schools’ to improve the quality and delivery of secondary education programs in urban, rural and remote communities. This includes the facilitation of the Secondary Education Report
• $1.43M for community-based education organisations including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Life Education Unit and School Sport NT
• $1.13M for English as a Second Language in remote schools
• $0.61M for a literacy and numeracy testing program for students in years 3, 5 and 7
• $2.03M for the Accelerated Literacy Project to improve English literacy outcomes for students throughout the Territory
• $0.5M to replace and upgrade furniture in remote teacher housing
• $0.5M to meet capital equipment needs of urban and remote schools

Better Health
• $1.12M to implement the Alcohol Framework, including establishing the Office of Alcohol Policy and a full review of the Liquor Act
• $0.34M to enhance services for Territorians with chronic pain as part of the Taskforce on Illicit Drugs recommendations
• $2.2M for 25 specialist child health staff and community-based child health workers across the Territory
• $2.34M for community grants, and gambling amelioration and research activities to reduce the effects of problem gambling on individuals and their families
• $1M to provide tailored services to high-need children in care
• $0.5M for an intensive family support service to provide specialised, short-term, intensive therapeutic and practical support for families
• $0.5M for Indigenous cadets and foster care support workers, and community resource staff to work with families and Indigenous communities
• $1M to deliver out-of-home care services to young people with disabilities across the Territory
• $0.31M to non-government organisations for mental health consumer and carer support and rehabilitation services
• $0.6M additional funding for community-based residential services with 24-hour support for people with mental illness and their carers in Darwin and Alice Springs
• $0.12M extra funding for the Maternity Outreach Service to provide midwife services in remote communities
• $0.6M additional funding for the Oral Health Program to continue a dentist recruitment drive and equipment upgrade, employ an additional oral health promotion officer and prosthetist, and an electronic client management system
• $0.5M for the first year of operations for a new telephone-based service providing Territory residents and visitors with access to health advice
• $2.1M for the Ombudsman’s Office, including health and community services complaints
• $0.5M extra funding for HIV/STI treatment and prevention programs across the Territory
• $3.1M over four years to continue medical specialist service delivery to remote communities
• $1.8M for blood services across the Territory
• $0.5M to improve care and support services for Territorians requiring interstate radiotherapy treatment
• $0.1M to review cardiac services across the Territory

Regional Development
• $50.44M for Power and Water Corporation to provide water and sewerage services to all customers, and power to domestic customers and small and medium-sized businesses at subsidised tariffs
• $47.24M for Power and Water Corporation to provide power, water and sewerage services to 34 300 people in remote Indigenous communities
• $0.4M to deliver minerals and energy knowledge-building programs to regional and remote communities across the Territory
• $0.1M to continue education for Indigenous people throughout the Territory about their consumer rights
• $43.34M for local government grants
• $1.24M to manage arts, cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections
• $60M for HomeNorth Schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
• $23.2M for rental rebates to assist low income families to access public housing
• $0.6M for community organisations to purchase or upgrade properties to accommodate people with special housing needs or who are homeless and in crisis
• $3.07M for Aboriginal sacred site protection, including site registration and issuing of authority certificates in support of land use and development on or near sacred sites across the Territory
- $0.4M for crisis accommodation and medium-term housing
- $0.6M for the Capacity Development Fund to help develop Indigenous governance
- $0.5M for the Regional Development Fund to support regional development
- $50 000 for capacity-building training for incorporated associations across the Northern Territory, relating to the Associations Act

**Lifestyle and Environment**
- $11.69M for grants to sport and recreation organisations
- $4.9M for arts sponsorship programs
- $6.47M for a renegotiated thoroughbred racing industry funding agreement including capital funding for the Darwin, Alice Springs and country racing clubs
- $0.7M for Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program projects to promote cultural and linguistic diversity, with $0.5M continued support to improve multicultural community facilities
- $2.61M for ongoing grant support to seniors, women, multicultural, youth and other community sectors
- $50 000 extra funding for the Northern Territory Film Office grants program to enhance the potential of the film, television and digital media industries in the Territory
- $0.5M for Public Art Strategy projects
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- $0.33M as part of the new three-year greyhound industry funding agreement
- $0.29M extra funding towards the V8 Supercars Championships event
- $0.3M to assist elite Territory athletes to compete at national and international levels
- $0.27M to stage Australian Football League matches at Marrara Oval and Traeger Park and players’ and coaches’ camps in the Territory
- $0.31M for the recreational fishing management program including recreational fishing access and Riverwatch
- $0.8M to support the water analytical testing laboratory to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies
- $0.4M for regulatory and administrative activities involved with veterinary medicines and agricultural chemicals and the continued development of the new Plant Health Bill
- $3.4M in rebates for renewable energy projects throughout the Territory including pastoral properties, roadhouses and Indigenous communities
- $0.14M to continue specific eradication and surveillance programs including the completion of Grapevine Leaf Rust Eradication and the exotic fruit fly, first port of call, surveillance program
- $0.8M to collect, collate and communicate information on soil, vegetation and land capability to reduce risks and achieve sustainable development of land
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