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Appropriation Bill

2015-16

Part 1

Speech

Delivered on
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by

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Treasurer

of the

Northern Territory of Australia

Introduction

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

I table the 2015-16 Appropriation Bill and related papers.

This Government has a clear economic plan for a better, more secure future for all Territorians and their families.

The Government started on a simple plan to fix the massive Labor debt by being smarter and more efficient with government spending while at the same time driving private enterprise investment and jobs.

This Government stopped the waste and then purposely invested our funds into very specific projects to create a more sustainable economy, which protects and enhances our lifestyle and social fabric.

Slashing Debt and Deficit

The Northern Territory has turned the debt corner. No longer is it a stone around our neck.

A great deal of this has been achieved by our public servants, who have embraced change and who are working hard to create a more efficient government.

Labor has run a relentless campaign claiming the Giles Government would slash government jobs. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have achieved these exceptional outcomes by maintaining public service numbers and awarding them pay increases higher than any other government jurisdiction in the nation.

I am pleased to report that this \$6.3 billion Budget achieves the goal of returning to surplus by 2017-18 as we continue to reduce the debt burden left behind by the Labor Party.

As a direct result of two years of focused discipline, the fiscal balance in 2017-18 achieves the Government's target, to balance the budget, with a surplus of \$9 million, growing to \$35 million in 2018-19.

The focus on expenditure restraint will result in a cumulative budget improvement in excess of \$400 million per annum by the end of the Budget year. The fiscal surplus in 2017-18 is on top of the Giles Government already achieving a general government operating surplus in 2013-14, a full three years ahead of schedule.

Let me reiterate again, these efficiencies have been achieved without job cuts or reduced services, and by targeting priorities and ensuring that the days of Labor waste and frivolous spending are well and truly behind us.

The Giles Government's plan to grow the economy by focussing on and promoting private sector enterprise has seen increases in revenues that have contributed to the improved outcome in this Budget. Increased stamp duties and payroll tax receipts are a result of our focus on growing the local economy.

The improved fiscal position over the last two budgets, and the effect of bringing the Motor Accident Compensation Scheme into general government, has resulted in significantly reduced net debt levels. Net debt is now projected to be \$2.6 billion by 2018-19, less than half Labor's projected \$5.5 billion.

Labor's net debt to revenue ratio was projected to reach 98 per cent, and is now slashed to 39 per cent in 2018-19. Let me repeat that for the benefit of Members opposite, Labor's net debt to revenue ratio that was projected to reach 98 per cent, is now slashed to 39 per cent in 2018-19.

Under Labor the annual interest burden was projected to soar to \$425 million or well in excess of \$1.1 million each and every day. Under the Giles Government the projected interest in 2015-16 has been significantly reduced by almost \$300 000 a day.

This is nothing short of astounding and has been achieved while delivering quality services and importantly has allowed the Government to invest \$1.39 billion in targeted infrastructure projects.

In the wake of cyclones Lam and Nathan, we have already begun the long and expensive rebuild process, estimated to cost in excess of \$100 million. Funds that Labor would have had to borrow if they had remained in government, have now been set aside in Budget 2015, and can be paid directly from general revenue to accommodate this effort over the months ahead.

Our Growing Economy

The Government's plan is to diversify the economy and stimulate private sector investment, now and beyond the INPEX construction phase.

Last year the Territory economy grew by an impressive 6.5 per cent, surpassing previous forecasts. Since the Country Liberal Party came into Government in August 2012, the economy has expanded by 11 per cent, more than double the national growth.

This strong growth in the Territory economy has been underpinned by \$20.6 billion in business investment over the past two years, an amount without equal in the Territory's history.

This included 9500 new jobs – an increase of 8 per cent. The unemployment rate has averaged 4.4 per cent, well below the national average of 5.9 per cent.

Leveraging Opportunity

I would now like to expand on the Government's plan of putting the right building blocks in place for a better future – building blocks that are linked to improved economic and social outcomes for our community.

Let's consider health and safety. We are investing large amounts into hospitals and police.

But interrelated to health and safety are a whole range of other factors such as regional and remote economic development, jobs, education, sporting and cultural facilities and alcohol abuse.

This Budget not only supports our hospitals and police but it also deals with these other interrelated factors. It addresses the causes and precursors to health and crime problems. This is good for the community on a broader scale, while supporting the wellbeing and safety of individuals.

Turning to the cost of living. We deliberately combined a change in the first home owners grant to new homes and apartments, while fast tracking land release across the Territory.

This has resulted in lower housing and rent costs while boosting the local economy with an expansion of the residential building sector, which also has very good synergies with a range of other industries.

We have an integrated plan for tourism. This is part of the Government's diversification plan for the economy and to bring sustainability to our tourism industry, while at the same time improving the lifestyle of Territorians.

This Budget provides for better products to enhance visitor experiences including parks, sporting facilities and cultural events. We have also invested heavily in roads and a range of

other infrastructure such as fishing facilities. This is obviously good for the Tourism sector, but plenty of Territorians will also welcome these investments.

Not only has this Government focussed on how we operate within our borders, but we have also worked with our neighbours to leverage opportunities that can benefit Territorians.

This Government has been working with the West Australian, Queensland and Commonwealth governments on the Northern Australia Strategy and we are planning the next round of future development for the Territory.

We have strongly engaged our trading neighbours and we are planning a program to take advantage of the new Free Trade Agreements to further expand and diversify our economy.

This Government is pushing on all fronts to ensure we have a strong local economy and a competitive, export-focussed culture in our business sector.

Better Outcomes

The Giles Government has been focussed on its plans for a better future. I appreciate that not everyone in the Territory agreed with the Government changes to the Power and Water Corporation or the Territory Insurance Office (TIO).

The Government's utilities reform agenda and the effects of structural separation are resulting in ongoing sustainable improvements in the performance of the three newly separated utility entities.

There have been considerable benefits already for business and the community following the breakup of the Power and Water Corporation including greater transparency, reduced wholesale prices and improved reliability.

Let me turn to the TIO. The direct benefit to the local community is that TIO is now here to stay. By freeing the organisation from government ownership, it has been able to dilute its risk and bring its reinsurance costs into line with its competitors. Make no mistake, TIO would have withered on the vine if it remained in government hands.

The decision to sell TIO has also benefited our community by the immediate recycling of \$200 million into productive and social assets for the people of the Territory.

Budget 2015 includes as part of this reinvestment:

- \$57.5 million for flood mitigation across the Territory;
- \$23.5 million for regional roads to support economic development including the Roper Highway and Tanami Road;
- \$79.6 million in tourism infrastructure including:
 - \$28.5 million to complete sealing the Litchfield Park road, including the Lower Finnis River bridge;
 - \$25 million for completion of the Mereenie Inner Loop;
 - \$21.1 million for enhancing the visitor experience at both the Casuarina Coastal Reserve and Litchfield National Park; and
- \$41.4 million in social infrastructure.

Not only is there a direct and tangible immediate benefit to the community, but the benefits will be long lasting.

The balance of TIO sale proceeds will be invested in an infrastructure fund to support the future economic wellbeing of the Territory.

Again the Government is being smarter about the way we support growing our economy and this fund will provide the seed money to facilitate additional funds being invested into projects by the private sector.

Community Benefit Fund

Let me turn to fairness. Currently hotels and local pubs pay a levy from their electronic gaming machines into the Community Benefit Fund, whereas casinos do not.

In order to level the playing field for all those organisations that have poker machines, the Government will remove this concession from casinos.

It will not affect the number of machines in the casinos or an individual who wants to go to the casino; it means the casinos who have had ample time to establish their operations will be paying the same rate as hotels, that is 10 per cent.

This new revenue estimated to be around \$8 million, increasing the fund to \$11 million, will go directly into our community so that all Territorians will benefit. The Government will not use the money to pay off debt, nor for other government-funded projects.

I would urge all community groups in every part of the Territory to start working on their next round of applications.

Other Minor Revenue Measures

In addition to the changes to the Community Benefit Fund, and in line with other jurisdictions, we have also clarified that for payroll tax purposes, exemptions are not provided for commercial activities undertaken by charities or for those entities that promote trade, industry, commerce or professional associations. Importantly these amendments do not affect the exemption provided to traditional charities, which have a sole or dominant purpose for the relief of poverty or the advancement of education or religion.

Consistent with the provisions of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, Motor Accident Compensation contributions will continue to rise in line with the consumer price index.

Reducing the Cost of Living

The cost of living continues to be a critical issue for all Territorians and the Government is delivering on its promise to reduce this burden on Territory families.

Darwin inflation fell from 3.9 per cent in 2013 to 2.9 per cent in 2014 and is forecast to continue moderating over the medium term. This is evidence that Government policies aimed at reducing cost of living pressures are working.

Following the success of the Fuel Summit, the Government is continuing to explore options to ensure that Territorians are paying a fair price for their fuel.

Budget 2015 includes two specific measures to reduce the tax burden on Territorians. The Senior, Pensioner and Carer stamp duty concession has been increased from \$8500 to \$10 000, with effect from today.

The Giles Government has also abolished stamp duty on life insurance with effect from 1 July 2015.

In addition, Budget 2015 continues the Government's support for families with \$20 million invested through the \$150 Back to School vouchers, the \$200 Sports Voucher scheme and the childcare subsidy.

Madam Speaker, the Territory Government's land release program is securing a reliable supply to support affordable and accessible home ownership for all Territorians.

The Bringing on Territory Land Release program is fast tracking land release and will deliver 6500 dwellings over 10 years.

In the 2014 December quarter, the proportion of income required to meet home loan repayments in the Territory was 28.1 per cent, which is below the national average of 31.5 per cent.

In 2013-14, residential dwelling completions increased by 51 per cent to 2146, the highest annual figure since 1999. Growth was driven by nearly a 150 per cent increase in the number of dwelling completions.

But we now have the capacity to achieve more. Budget 2015 supports residential land release and related projects with \$45.5 million to unlock the Territory's potential, including Borroloola, Alice Springs and the development of infill Crown land in Darwin.

This Budget also invests in urban public housing with \$3 million to redevelop older unit complexes across all regions, including Darwin, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Alice Springs. Further support for public housing across the Territory includes \$27.5 million for repairs and maintenance.

Keeping Territorians Safe and Secure

Budget 2015 invests heavily in all areas of law and order with \$735 million to create a safer community for all Territorians. Key to this is providing an additional \$8.7 million dedicated to fulfilling our commitment of an additional 120 police officers across the Territory.

This Budget also provides additional resources to policing services, including:

- \$2 million to recruit and support an additional 13 Aboriginal Community Police Officers;
- \$1.7 million for new protective equipment for frontline officers; and
- \$600 000 for additional CCTV cameras in Palmerston, taking the total network to 180 cameras Territory-wide.

The Giles Government continues to deliver on community safety with alcohol-related assaults down by 16 per cent in the year to February 2015. This is due to measures including Alcohol Protection Orders, policing bottle shops, getting prisoners into work, mandatory alcohol rehabilitation programs and the expansion of security cameras in crime hot spots.

Alcohol Mandatory Treatment is making a real difference in keeping our community safer with more than 600 people assessed and provided with medical withdrawal, treatment and rehabilitation services since its inception in July 2013.

Budget 2015 continues to support Mandatory Rehabilitation for problem drinkers with total funding of \$28.4 million and expanded services in both Alice Springs and Katherine. These expanded services include an additional \$7.9 million to continue the construction of a purpose-built secure assessment and treatment centre in Alice Springs and services in Darwin operating from the newly refurbished facility at Berrimah.

Budget 2015 continues to support the roll out of the Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy with \$6 million, including \$3 million from the Commonwealth, aimed at increasing

the safety of victims and their children, reducing trauma and increasing the accountability of offenders.

The Budget also invests in the wider community to support safety initiatives. This includes \$42 million for fire and emergency services and \$1.1 million for the Bus Network to increase the safety and security of drivers and passengers.

Securing our Children's Future

The Giles Government well understands the challenges we all face when it comes to raising our children. The Government is being smarter in the way in which we ensure they get the very best start in life. The previous Labor Government saw no problem with saddling our children with \$5.5 billion of debt and a 98 per cent net debt to revenue ratio.

This Government will not sacrifice our children's future. Our previous budgets set out to eliminate Labor's intergenerational debt and this Budget is building on those foundations.

Our plan delivers \$991 million for education services, reforms and training to support students and schools so they can improve their learning outcomes and create better employment pathways.

It also builds for a brighter future with \$152.4 million for school infrastructure including:

- \$30.5 million to continue the construction of the new Henbury School for special needs students;
- \$21.4 million for stage 1 for a new preschool and primary school for special needs students in Palmerston;
- \$20 million, in conjunction with the Commonwealth, for a regional boarding facility at Nhulunbuy;
- \$5.5 million for a new 70-place child and family centre at Larapinta Primary School; and
- \$4 million to construct a preschool on the Braitling Primary School site.

Our education reforms that deliver greater flexibility and choice to school councils and principals, are supported by real dollars in this budget, including:

- \$368 million directly for government schools in the Global School Budget pool plus \$57.5 million to meet centralised school costs;
- an additional \$23 million over four years, increasing the transition package to \$40 million, to provide schools with greater autonomy; and
- \$2 million to support the implementation of the Independent Public Schools initiative, which empowers schools with proven governance and leadership capabilities to tailor their school programs to meet their students' needs and improve outcomes.

Our plan allocates almost \$100 million for job-ready training, including employer support schemes and vocational education training programs.

In order to better target incentives for apprentices and trainees, the Government is changing the way in which it provides these incentives. The payroll tax exemption for apprentices and trainees will be removed and replaced with a \$4.4 million direct financial incentive to employ apprentices and trainees.

In addition to this, the Budget provides \$800 000 for vocational education and training, and employment pathways in schools. This includes avenues through trade training centres and

pre-employment programs across the Territory in partnership with mining, pastoral, tourism and other industries.

This Government believes that hard work and being a good citizen are important and I am delighted to announce today a new scheme that encourages our youth to drive safely. For drivers who complete their P-plate period with an unblemished record, the Government will reward them with a free 10-year licence.

Protecting our Children

The Giles Government understands that protecting our most vulnerable youth is fundamental and we are investing \$172.4 million on a range of services to protect children from harm, including:

- an additional \$8 million for out of home care services aimed at addressing current demand and providing safe, secure accommodation for children in protective care;
- \$500 000 has been made available to advertise and promote foster care opportunities;
- \$450 000 for a new Neighbourhood Activity Centre in Sanderson;
- \$1.1 million for youth initiatives focused on localised prevention and early intervention programs; and
- \$2.7 million for the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre to support stage 3 and 4 upgrades.

The combination of these programs have a deliberate and specific target to provide sustainable and improved outcomes for our children and youth. However, more importantly we are providing them with a tangible future – a future that holds genuine hope and opportunity.

Keeping Territorians Healthy

Keeping people healthy is a key priority of any Government.

By sticking to our plan to reduce waste and cut the Labor interest bill, this Government has been able to increase funding in areas that deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for Territorians.

Budget 2015 provides for a major expansion of hospital facilities and increases to critical services. It delivers \$1.42 billion in total health-related expenditure and \$220 million for new and upgraded health facilities.

This includes \$69 million to upgrade Royal Darwin Hospital including \$40 million for a staged redevelopment, \$4 million for additional refurbishment of the paediatric ward and \$500 000 for a wide-ranging scoping study for a standalone ambulatory care facility.

Royal Darwin Hospital remains the Government's main focus for tertiary health services. Under Labor the hospital was neglected and run down. Our simple plan of tackling debt and focusing funding is paying off for staff and patients at the Royal Darwin Hospital.

Budget 2015 invests \$25 million towards the \$150 million Palmerston Regional Hospital, with construction commencing later this year.

The hospital will deliver 116 new beds, a 24-hour emergency department, birthing suites and medical and surgical services including cardiology, renal medicine, cancer services, paediatric, and antenatal and postnatal obstetric services.

Palmerston Regional Hospital major construction works are expected to be completed, and the hospital operational, in 2018.

Other areas of important hospital upgrades and services include:

- \$34.2 million to continue remediation works and upgrades at Alice Springs Hospital;
- \$2.5 million to upgrade fire safety systems at Gove District Hospital;
- \$3.9 million to operate the new 12-bed emergency medicine unit within the Royal Darwin Hospital emergency department; and
- \$1.1 million for the Hospital in the Home and Midwifery services for the Alice Springs community.

This Budget will also provide a \$20 million investment in health equipment, technology and system upgrades that will simplify the way care is delivered and enhance patient outcomes.

Mental Health is an important part of Territorians wellbeing and Budget 2015 provides additional funding of \$4.9 million to enhance mental health services.

This Budget also supports the three-year Northern Territory Suicide Prevention Strategic Action Plan, which was recently released and is aimed at reducing the rates and impact of suicide and self-harm across the Territory.

Indigenous Economic and Community Development

The Giles Government believes that the best form of welfare is a job. Improving the employment opportunities of Aboriginal Territorians is also key to breaking the cycle of welfare dependency.

We will continue to roll out and expand the successful model on the Tiwi Islands to other remote areas in the pursuit of jobs in the bush, in line with our plan.

Budget 2015 fosters locally led economic development projects in remote communities by providing additional funding of \$18 million over three years.

This money will support a new Community Champions Program for a total of 13 Aboriginal communities and regions across the Territory, and an additional \$4 million over two years to assist Aboriginal community organisations pursue economic development opportunities.

This Budget also includes \$6 million over three years to establish the Business in the Bush program to support Indigenous business start-ups and increase Indigenous jobs.

Other key highlights to assist people in the bush include:

- an additional \$22.4 million to upgrade, repair and maintain water and sewerage infrastructure;
- \$8.2 million to improve Indigenous student outcomes as part of Government's 10-year Indigenous Education Strategy; and
- \$3 million to expand telecommunications services.

This Budget continues the Remote Home Ownership Program with up to 50 per cent of all remote public housing stock potentially sold back to tenants to further the aspiration of private home ownership.

The Budget also supports Indigenous culture by providing \$20 million towards the future development of a nationally recognised Indigenous Cultural Centre.

Expanding Tourism

The Government continues its push to strengthen the Territory's tourism industry and boost visitor numbers by investing \$50.4 million.

The Government will spend around \$28 million of this on tourism marketing programs to build on last year's growth of 8.5 per cent in international tourist numbers, following a decade of neglect under Labor.

The remainder will be invested as follows:

- \$8 million to develop tourism infrastructure, products and marketing;
- \$4.75 million for a Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund for use right across the Territory with a focus on regional, remote and Indigenous tourism products; and
- \$1 million over two years to provide free public WiFi in key locations utilised by travellers and visitors.

In addition, the Government is investing a further \$8 million for the continued enhancement of the Darwin Waterfront including new facilities for the cruise ship industry.

Growing Primary Industry

This Government has continued to drive agricultural production. By way of example:

- international live cattle exports have reached record levels in 2014 through our efforts in engaging our Asian partners;
- AACo's new Livingstone abattoir has come into production; and
- crocodile production is growing, as are buffalo exports.

Budget 2015 also strategically positions the Territory's primary industry sector through:

- \$2 million to purchase a replacement drilling rig for investigation, assessment and allocation of water resources for economic development;
- \$1.2 million over two years to support the establishment of the Central Australian Horticultural Development Program;
- \$1.2 million to implement an interest rate subsidy scheme to assist growers who were affected by the cucumber green mottle mosaic virus; and
- \$750 000 over three years to establish a Fishery Enhancement Program for the production and release of fingerlings of target fish species such as golden snapper.

Backing the Resources Sector

The value of mining in the Territory grew by an impressive 11.8 per cent in 2013-14, above the 10-year average of 4.8 per cent. However, it is clear that the Australian resources sector is moderating. The Giles Government understands that commodity prices are cyclical and periods of slower growth are the ideal time to put in place the building blocks for future activity. Budget 2015 continues to support the resources sector through the Creating Opportunities for Resource Exploration (CORE) program. CORE positions the Territory for when the resource sector rebounds.

In addition, the Government has established a competitive market process to select the proponent to construct another pipeline, to connect the Territory with the east coast network. This will provide not only an incentive for gas producers, but will add an important energy corridor through some of the most remote regions in Australia.

These policies have been specifically set in place by the Government to stimulate and grow the economy in regional areas of the Territory and link into the benefits generated by new roads and other infrastructure.

Supporting Defence

Defence continues to be a significant component of our economy. This Government is committed to supporting our defence personnel, our defence support industries and our relationships with other countries who participate in training and defence operations in the Territory.

The Giles Government is developing the Marine Industry Park in the East Arm Logistics precinct, which will support the strong and growing defence presence in Darwin. We are enhancing the Australian Defence Forces' ability to operate in Australia's northern waters, but this major facility also has significant benefit for other marine industries. As part of an overall plan for the wider Darwin Harbour, it links in well with our growing off-shore drilling and maintenance industries.

Paving the Way for Better Roads

I have outlined the main building blocks for growth and sustainability in this Budget, but the cement for all these blocks is roads and transport infrastructure.

This Government is providing a record investment of \$587 million in transport infrastructure and road projects, including \$78.5 million in road maintenance. This investment will make Territorians' lives simpler by cutting travel times and connecting business, and creating new investment opportunities.

In addition to the road projects that will be funded from the TIO sale, this Budget includes the following highlights:

- \$33.5 million over three years to upgrade and seal the Pickertaramoor Road on the Tiwi Islands;
- \$32 million in conjunction with the Commonwealth to improve Outback Way roads;
- \$27.5 million to support the Regional Roads Productivity Package, in conjunction with the Commonwealth;
- \$11.5 million for the duplication of Vanderlin Drive from the Leanyer Recreation Park to the McMillans Road roundabout; and
- \$4 million in Palmerston for the Roystonea Avenue extension to Owston Avenue.

Protecting and Enhancing our Great Territory Lifestyle

Territorians love their sport and our ability to easily get out into the bush and enjoy all it has to offer. The Giles Government is proud of the Territory lifestyle and this Budget supports Territorians who want to lead a healthy, active and balanced lifestyle, with greater resources for sport, recreation and cultural activities.

In line with the Government's plan to create synergies with its spending, this Budget invests \$57.3 million for sports infrastructure projects, which will also tie in with tourism growth, youth projects and other important programs such as Sports Vouchers.

Major sporting projects in this Budget include:

- \$20 million to upgrade facilities and expand seating capacity at Richardson Park;
- \$8 million towards a regional tennis centre at Marrara;
- \$12.3 million for netball, athletics, riding for the disabled, lawn bowls, golf and cycling facilities across the Territory; and
- \$2 million to upgrade remote ovals across the Territory.

Budget 2015 supports motor sports infrastructure with \$12.7 million provided for facilities across the Territory, including \$8 million for infrastructure upgrades at the Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex.

The Budget provides for expanded sporting events for all Territorians, including the inaugural RedCentreNATS, the hosting of the Davis Cup quarterfinal and a Four Nations Women's Hockey Test Match in Darwin.

We will invest \$69 million to provide improved arts and cultural activities, including \$18.3 million, incorporating funding from external sources, to redevelop the Chan Building into a dedicated visual arts gallery.

This Government supports development of the Territory's fishing sector with \$6.5 million to upgrade the Dundee Beach and Shady Camp boat ramps.

These are in addition to the upgrades to Casuarina Coastal Reserve and Litchfield National Park facilities announced earlier.

Conclusion

Madam Speaker, we have a plan for the Territory.

We have cut Government waste and debt.

We will continue to promote jobs and the private sector.

Our plan looks ahead by making deliberate decisions now.

Our plan binds our society into a more sustainable economy while protecting our lifestyle and natural environment.

Our plan benefits all Territorians.

Our plan carefully manages our wealth.

Our plan is about making our lives simpler, safer and smarter.

Madam Speaker, I commend the 2015 Budget to the House.

Part 2

Appropriation Bill

Serial #

Appropriation (2015-2016) Bill 2015

Mr Tollner

A BILL FOR AN ACT

to authorise an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the financial year
ending 30 June 2016

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

APPROPRIATION (2015-2016) ACT 2015

Act No. [] of 2015

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. [] of 2015

An Act to authorise an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2016

[Assented to [] 2015]

[Second reading [] 2015]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation (2015-2016) Act 2015*.

2 Appropriation

- (1) An amount in aggregate of \$5 198 880 000 is authorised to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.
- (2) The amount is authorised to be paid to each Purpose of an Agency that is specified in the Schedule, in the amount specified opposite the Purpose.

3 Expiry of Act

This Act expires on 1 July 2016.

Appropriation (2015-2016) Act 2015
SCHEDULE

Purposes	Amounts
	\$000
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE	
Output	3 178
Capital	
Commonwealth	
NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL COMMISSION	
Output	2 039
Capital	
Commonwealth	
OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE	
Output	1 933
Capital	
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER	
Output	86 646
Capital	395
Commonwealth	2 755
DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Output	23 395
Capital	41
Commonwealth	
TOURISM NT	
Output	47 515
Capital	
Commonwealth	775
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES	
Output	43 162
Capital	251
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
Output	35 496
Capital	2 450
Commonwealth	240
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT	
Output	5 296
Capital	
Commonwealth	

Appropriation (2015-2016) Act 2015
SCHEDULE – continued

Purposes	Amounts
	\$000
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE	
Output	104 436
Capital	
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
Output	72 497
Capital	729
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY	
Output	26 001
Capital	
Commonwealth	4 295
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE	
Output	80 617
Capital	
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	
Output	147 020
Capital	
Commonwealth	16 147
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Output	1 010 764
Capital	6 292
Commonwealth	44 218
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	
Output	192 449
Capital	3 787
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS	
Output	145 208
Capital	
Commonwealth	23 095
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES	
Output	132 761
Capital	179
Commonwealth	

Appropriation (2015-2016) Act 2015
SCHEDULE – continued

Purposes	Amounts
	\$000
NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Output	311 626
Capital	11 912
Commonwealth	28 228
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
Output	521 527
Capital	933
Commonwealth	314 735
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	
Output	154 603
Capital	113 630
Commonwealth	116 360
DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE	
Output	53 017
Capital	228 163
Commonwealth	94 996
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Output	155 544
Capital	
Commonwealth	24 976
ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY	
Output	2 696
Capital	
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING	
Output	76 052
Capital	16 817
Commonwealth	142 516
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY	
Output	43 004
Capital	260
Commonwealth	
DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION	
Output	46 604
Capital	
Commonwealth	

Appropriation (2015-2016) Act 2015
SCHEDULE – continued

Purposes	Amounts
	\$000
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS	
Output	34 292
Capital	45
Commonwealth	752
CENTRAL HOLDING AUTHORITY	
Treasurer's Advance	30 000
Interest, Taxes and Administration	177 671
Employee Entitlements	231 859
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	5 198 880
Output	3 559 378
Capital	385 884
Commonwealth	814 088
Treasurer's Advance	30 000
Interest, Taxes and Administration	177 671
Employee Entitlements	231 859