
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

ALICE SPRINGS

1999-00

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the

1999-00 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in three broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

CAPITAL WORKS

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

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$51 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

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OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$190 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office:

- **Government Agencies and Local Government – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 30
- **Police – receive and process complaints and liaison with the member of the Police Professional Responsibility Unit in Alice Springs;** 25
- **Correctional Services – the larger prison population has resulted in more complaints, and of a more serious nature;** 50
- **Access and Awareness Program – visits to Urban Aboriginal Associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities including Santa Teresa, Hermannsburg, Ali Curung and Yuendumu; and** 3
- **Outreach Activities.** 2

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

- **provide a complaint resolution for the Northern Region and the Southern Region;** 20
- **undertake a comprehensive campaign including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to each of the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities;** 5
- **give priority to producing brochures etc and information to special needs groups throughout the Northern Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and** 5

	Estimated Cost \$000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure that people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll free.	1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 495 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Office of Women's Policy

Initiate, plan, and implement a wide and consultative process to assist Government determine Northern Territory women's priorities for the Year 2000. The Office will produce by the end of 1999 proposed new strategic directions for the new millennium (across all regions) 50

Administer the Northern Territory Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which promote the status of women in the Territory (across all regions) 20

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

Plan, initiate and manage a major evaluation of the Northern Territory Domestic Violence Strategy designed to review the processes and outcomes achieved to date under the Strategy, and identify possible future directions for Government to consider (across all regions) 180

Office of Youth Affairs

1999 Northern Territory Youth Festival - staged for the second time. Activities will be conducted throughout the Territory and will include a regional musical tour, opening event in Darwin, closing event in Alice Springs, community events sponsored through Festival grants and Internet activities (across all regions) 55

Regional Youth Forums - opportunity for young Territorians to raise issues and participate in the development of appropriate responses to areas of concern to young people (across all regions) 5

Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians - a youth advisory group, with membership of the Round Table Territory-wide (across all regions) 65

	Estimated Cost \$000
Other significant programs of the Office of Youth Affairs (across all regions) include:	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Grants Program, providing financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. There is a strong emphasis on the need for young people to be involved at all stages of any activity or project, including the planning, implementation and evaluation. There are three funding categories: (1) drug and alcohol free entertainment events; (2) youth leadership/youth development activities; and (3) youth festival projects; and • the Office's participation in the Regional Show Circuit. Specific attention will be paid in 1999-00 to promoting the Northern Territory Youth Festival through the Office display. 	
Office of Ethnic Affairs	
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program – provides support to migrant communities for projects which encourage greater community relations (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter Service – assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to communicate more effectively when accessing public and private sector services (across all regions)	250
A range of initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include cross cultural awareness and information sessions, assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their skills in Australia and Interpreter Card to facilitate communication access to government information (across all regions)	115

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 304 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provide the Northern Territory Parliament and its Members with high quality and timely support for the effective operation of electorate offices of the Members for Araluen, Braitling, Grotorex, MacDonnell and Stuart

1 236

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
PROSECUTIONS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$812 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Victim Support Unit - a support service for victims of crime, witnesses,
and their families** **100**

**Services for students - ongoing work experience and vacation
employment for students, and the donation of law prizes to school
students and students of the Northern Territory University** **1**

**Articled Clerk - ongoing employment of an articled clerk. Offering
selected law graduates of Northern Territory University the practical
training necessary to obtain admission to practice** **26**

Information technology replacement program **20**

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$30 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of anti-discrimination public education courses four times a year. Additionally, members of the Commission travel to the Alice Springs region to carry out conciliation of complaints on a monthly basis

30

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 449 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Judges and Magistrates - provision of assistance and support to judges and magistrates to ensure the operation of courts in the Alice Springs area meet Australian standards 556

Court facilities - provision of courts and associated facilities that are of appropriate standards and dimensions to accommodate demand 433

Promotional services - liaison with media and community groups to promote a positive image of court processes and operations 24

Access - assuring equal treatment and access to services for all parties participating in judicial proceedings 12

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **Alice Springs Courthouse.** 38

CAPITAL WORKS

Various Minor New Works at the Magistrate Court including replacement of carpet, installation of roller door, installation of security doors to Judges Chambers, amplification from witness box - Court 1, installation of viewing panels in all courtroom doors, provision of audio and video link and renovations to reception, jury and muster rooms 149

NORTHERN TERRITORY ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$739 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Ongoing provision of registration services in respect of land titles and births, deaths and marriages	60
Domestic Violence Legal Service - ongoing provision of financial support	130
Continued research and development of a facility to enable remote searching of land titles information, including historical titles and scanned instruments, via a web browser located off site	30
Provision of legal services in matters relating to Aboriginal Land	370

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 770 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Tourism Marketing Duty funding for the Central Australian Tourism Industry Association – funds collected from the Tourism Marketing Duty are redistributed to the regional tourism associations to assist in the marketing of their prospective tourist attractions and facilities	563
Office renovations	50
Tourism Awareness – promotion of local tourism enterprises to the immediate community	22
Brolga Awards - awards are granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	140
Walkabout Workshop - held with interstate travel agents and local tourism and hotel operators in order to promote the Central Australia's tourist attractions (across Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions)	20
Event Marketing Funding - financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)	115
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion - active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars (across all regions)	100
Northern Territory Travel Monitor - ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	77
Regional Discovery Trails – an integrated visitor information system including maps and tour itineraries (across Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions)	30
General Marketing Activity - particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity because of visitors' expenditure in these regions (across all regions)	16 000

**NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$21 913 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
The third year of the program to increase the police establishment by 150 police personnel	810
Continuation of the replacement of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) Criminal History and Property Recording Systems (across all regions)	207
Continuation of the replacement of the existing NT Police Computer Aided Dispatch System and the provision of an integrated communications dispatching system within the NTPFES (across all regions)	332
Replacement and upgrade of NTPFES radio communications	310
Replacement of obsolete computing equipment (across all regions)	252

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 409 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Bushfires Council – administration and operational costs associated with Southern base and East and West District operations. Outlays include:

477

- **\$10 000 in fire equipment subsidies to landholders;**
- **\$24 000 for training of volunteers and landholders in fire fighting techniques;**
- **\$9 500 funding for Alice Springs Volunteer Brigade; and**
- **\$20 000 for provision of firebreaks.**

Wetlands – develop inventory of significant wetlands in the arid portion of the Northern Territory

61

Continuation of Junior Ranger Program

75

Indigenous Land Management Facilitator – provide advice to Aboriginal Communities on land management and conservation. Funds are provided by the Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust (works across Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Barkly region)

95

Development of an enclosure for the conservation of threatened and regionally extinct desert mammals. A 25km square predator proof enclosure will be built and free-living populations of animals such as mala and bilby introduced. These populations will form the nucleus of populations for re-introduction programs

450

CAPITAL WORKS

Simpsons Gap – upgrade the reticulation system and the connection into the Alice Springs town water supply

160

Various locations – provision of interpretative signs and information for Agency facilities throughout the Territory (across all regions)

150

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$41 505 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Alice Springs Bus Service – provision of a subsidy to the Alice Springs Town Council for the operation of the public bus service	405
School Transport Services – for students in Alice Springs	697
CAPITAL WORKS	
CFC refrigerant management program, stage 4 of a 5 stage program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory (across all regions)	1 203
National Highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet National Highway Standards (across all regions except Darwin)	3 000
National Highways – landscaping of median strips and verges on parts of the Stuart and Victoria Highways in Katherine, and the Stuart Highway in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs (across Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions)	150
National Highways – enhance roadside facilities including fencing to control wandering stock and improved signage, shade and shelter amenities for the tourism drive (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Alice Springs to Kings Canyon - gravel and seal tourist loop comprising Namatjira Drive and Larapinta Drive	1 000
Local sealed roads – reconstruct isolated failed sections of roads across the Territory (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Rural Arterials – reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory rural arterials (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000
Alice Springs – landscape arterial roads and upgrade the foot and cyclepath networks	150

	Estimated Cost \$000
Rural arterial roads – selected alignment improvements and seal widening of sections of the Carpentaria Highway, Plenty Highway and Tanami Road (across Katherine and Alice Springs regions)	500
Kaltukatjara (Docker River) – upgrade airstrip and access to increase flood immunity of the airstrip	280

WORK HEALTH AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$278 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Work Place Safety - provision of education and inspection services and operator licenses in order to reduce the incidence of accidents, injuries and illness in the work place **268**

Workers Compensation - developing programs which encourage employers to have workers compensation insurance and ensure effective rehabilitation services are available to injured employees **5**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various repairs and maintenance including:

- to the Explosives Reserve to ensure the ongoing safe storage of explosive materials and office accommodation.** **5**

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 473 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of support to business and industry in the Alice Springs region through:

1 469

- **implementing industry assistance programs;**
- **promoting business opportunities in the Alice Springs region;**
- **advancing awareness of the Northern Territory made logo, and firms accredited to use the Northern Territory Products symbol;**
- **identifying regional projects suitable for funding assistance, in conjunction with the Regional Economic Development Committee;**
- **provision of an ongoing education program for school students, consumers and traders on matters relating to fair trading and consumer affairs; and**
- **registration and searches of business names, incorporated associations and co-operative societies.**

RACING AND GAMING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$489 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Significant ongoing initiatives include:

190

- **regionalisation and integration of inspectorates, increased inspections and surveillance of licensed premises;**
- **establishment of accredited training modules for inspectors;**
- **analysis of liquor restrictions in the community;**
- **routine screening of liquor; and**
- **research and provision of statistical information on liquor and kava matters.**

Operation of the Alice Springs office with respect to gaming activity in the region

299

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$690 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred Site avoidance surveys

653

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 587 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Natural Resources and Environment

Determine environmental water requirements for major ecosystems in the Ti Tree Basin to assess in water allocation planning	100
Implement through the Ti Tree Water Advisory Committee a regional water resource management strategy including beneficial use declarations and water allocation plan	20
Land and water conservation extension and advisory services to Aboriginal land managers	70
Monitoring pastoral land condition in conjunction with landholders throughout the region	70
Hydrographic data services for floodwarning at Alice Springs and for sustainable groundwater management and development in the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions	260
Drilling and testing investigation bores throughout the region to prove regional groundwater resources	430

CAPITAL WORKS

Various regional centres – urban and heritage enhancement program including heritage trails, landscaping, displays, shelters and signage	180
Alice Springs – construction of retention basins in the Abattoir Valley to protect the current development of the Western Precinct	1 300
Alice Springs – construction of retention basins in the Bloomfield and Bradshaw catchments	600

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$200 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

200

- **building key international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key Government Agencies and to the private sector;**
- **opening new trade markets and opportunities; and**
- **winning key new international investments in the Northern Territory economy.**

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 712 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Mining	
Equivalent of 1.5 staff involved in maintaining and auditing mines	100
Commencement of an integrated geoscientific study of the Tanami Goldfields to establish model for mineralisation controls	1 660
Resource Development	
Oversee maintenance of gas pipelines, and oil and gas field operations	24
Regional geoscientific studies to establish geological link between Tanami and Tennant Creek areas	170
Helicopter gravity surveys in conjunction with Australian Geological Survey Organisation (AGSO) in Tanami Region	93
Major aeromagnetic survey northeast of Alice Springs and over Amadeus Basin	1 348
Pedirka Basin – promotion and marketing of onshore petroleum reserves	25
Garnet sands operation at Hart’s Range – facilitation of project development	10
Wonarah phosphate deposits – investigation and facilitation of development	20
Petroleum, Mining Supply and Service local content seminars	20
Tanami – infrastructure studies and support	15

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION **\$3 925 000**

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of Department of Corporate and Information Services regional office	3 432
Establishment of outsourced records storage (Costs for this initiative will be met by respective Agencies)	-
Functioning of regional libraries at Alice Springs, Yulara and Ltyentye Purte	493

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 945 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sector wide strategies and specific training programs are developed that encourage best practice throughout the Northern Territory Public Sector

76

Property Management - identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client Agencies. Presently fifteen buildings are leased from the private sector

2 590

Outsource building services including cleaning and security

278

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$47 650 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Primary and preschools - delivery of primary and early childhood education in thirty-five primary and twenty-two preschools	17 400
Secondary schools - delivery of secondary education at Alice Springs High School and Anzac Hill High School	8 700
Alice Springs School of the Air	1 100
Student and School Support Services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers	5 800
Open Learning – provide educational programs to students regardless of their location and support for teachers in the specialist fields of music, languages, health and physical education	400
Additional school based staff and teachers arising out of 1998 education review	500
Northern Territory assistance to the non-government sector	7 200
Increased funding to meet growth in community demand for services	700
CAPITAL WORKS	
Larapinta Preschool – extend and modify to include activity space, resource store, quiet area and covered area	310

CENTRALIAN COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$14 909 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Ongoing delivery of education programs for year eleven and twelve.
Ongoing delivery of Vocational Education and Training programs** **10 409**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

**Increased Repairs and Maintenance program to rectify building
structural defects and routine maintenance** **1 253**

CAPITAL WORKS

**Alice Springs – relocation of the Tourism and Hospitality Facility to
Sadadeen Campus** **5 000**

BATCHELOR COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 094 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The College provides tertiary education in both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas of Education Studies, Health, Community Studies and General Studies as well as short VET courses in communities across this region. There is an expansion of remote area delivery in response to community needs

5 897

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

197

- **provision of demountable for the Residential/Campus Manager;**
- **expansion and fit out of kitchen dining hall;**
- **provision of staff accommodation at Mt Liebig; and**
- **provision of a new study centre at Kaltukatjara (Docker River).**

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$100 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Courses are offered in cooperation with Centralian College, with the aim of improving the number of courses available

100

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 685 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants - provided to sport, recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions)	1 364
Sport and Recreation Grants - provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions)	3 561
Regional and Club Development Grants - provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level	100
Special Assistance Grants - provided to assist new and emerging sport and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is required	100

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 228 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Vocational Education and Training (VET) provided by Centralian College	4 955
VET programs, delivered by private sector	800
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up to date with modern industry needs while retaining the strengths of the existing employment based training system	1 256
Specific Allocation for community radio for Central Australia	93
Expansion of competitive market for VET	389
Trainee Administrative Services – delivers management and promotional services for the development of the apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities	183
Flexible response funding to meet training needs on communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal recurrent funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	270
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various Repairs and Maintenance including:	
• buildings at Centralian College used for VET Programs; and	1 162
• Alice Springs campus of Batchelor College used for VET Programs.	106

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 125 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Alice Springs Cultural Precinct – management of cultural facilities and collections including Araluen, Centre for Arts and Entertainment and Museum of Central Australia	1 625
Regional Museum Grants Support Program – provides financial assistance grants to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions)	100
Regional Arts Fund – supports arts projects and events across all art forms	64
Regional Exhibition and Performing Arts Touring Program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to Northern Territory regions	41
Regional Crafts Support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres	53
Other Major Arts Organisation and Program Services – including Arts Scholarship, Skills Development, Major Touring, Artists in Schools, and major organisations servicing Dance, Visual Arts, Literature and Music across all Territory regions	165
Arts Marketing, Promotion, Industry and Support Programs – major initiatives include <i>Territory Artifacts</i>, a quarterly magazine showcasing arts, culture and heritage topics throughout the Territory and regional forums	120
Regional Arts Development Strategy – including the Regional Development Office based in Alice Springs and further initiatives for regional Territorians to participate in arts and cultural activities	55
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various repairs and maintenance including:	335
• Araluen Centre – replace carpets;	

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

- **Strehlow Research Centre – external and internal painting; and**
- **Old Supreme Court House –painting.**

STREHLOW RESEARCH CENTRE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$363 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

342

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$93 698 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Hospital

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

53 113

Public Health Services

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

280

School nursing services

273

Dental Services

Provision of dental services through dental clinics, community health centres, urban and rural schools and rural communities

1 272

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Provision of substance abuse and care services and community education and promotional material

1 409

Mental Health Services

Life Promotion Program provides inter sector awareness of youth suicide, intervention and support

150

Family, Aged and Disability

Family, Aged and Disability Services program provides improved child care services

150

	Estimated Cost \$000
Primary Health Care Urban	
Review of the provision of allied health services	75
Allied Health Therapists services in schools	279
Palliative care treatment and support	205
Primary Health Care Rural	
Promote the health of women during and after pregnancy including the Strong Women, Strong Babies program	172
Primary Health Care Rural - extra services will be provided under the remote communities incentives funding	787
CAPITAL WORKS	
Redevelopment of Alice Springs Hospital site to provide improved services and facilities for public and private patients	14 763

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 978 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

10 002

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

1 800

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$14 453 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

6 568

**Continuation of Community Service Obligations funding to the
Housing Business Division (across all regions)**

7 885

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$300 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

300

- **research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;**
- **Economic Development - assistance will be provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and**
- **Law and Justice - a major effort is undertaken by the Office to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility to law and order issues by Aboriginal people. In the Alice Springs region, work will be progressed on developing plans at Imanpa.**

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND
FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 940 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Horticulture

Assist in the preparation of a regional horticulture strategy for development of Aboriginal land 10

Develop nutrition and irrigation data to improve management of table grape productivity and quality 10

Industry Services

Establishment of fruit fly monitoring grids in the Alice Springs urban area and the horticultural areas of Ti Tree, Limestone Bore and Deep Well 60

Research into improved control of spinifex termites in grape plantings 10

Extended control of Athel pine on the Finke River increased by 200km 255

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$14 433 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Correctional Centre - administration and management of the Alice Springs Gaol to ensure the secure imprisonment of prisoners **13 038**

Juvenile Detention Centre - administration and management of the short term holding facility in Alice Springs **61**

Alice Springs Community Corrections Offices - responsible for supervising community based orders made by the courts and the parole board, and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region **795**

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

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 676 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Alice Springs Desert Park - employment of additional guides (two full-time and two casual)

129

Alice Springs Desert Park - purchase of electric eight seater passenger buggy unit, providing improved transportation within the park for visitors who are aged or have special needs

46

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 628 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of vehicles

6 960

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles

1 090

Auctioneer fees

85

Vehicle fleet management

40

GENERAL RECEIPTS

Assets sold through public sector auctions

4 100

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 062 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

484

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

3 578

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

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$69 536 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

**Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity,
water, sewerage and trade waste** **51 225**

aboriginal essential services

**Provision of electricity, water and sewerage services in
twenty-seven communities and the provision of water in ten
outstations;** **10 923**

CAPITAL WORKS

Commercial Services

**Alice Springs - construct 22kv feeder from Ron Goodin Power Station
to Blatherskite Park and reconductor 5km of overhead line south of
Heavitree Gap** **1 100**

**Alice Springs - extend Temple Bar pump station building and provide
switchroom and installation of shutdown system** **215**

Ilparpa - construct a pump station, using variable speed pump drives **200**

**Alice Springs - modify existing sewerage ponds and installation of
new transfer pumps** **530**

Aboriginal Essential Services

**Upgrade of existing fuel storage bunds including installation of
impermeable floors to prevent seepage of spilt fuel into soil and
underlying water table (across all regions)** **600**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Ikuntji (Haasts Bluff) – extend power station to include an enclosed control room, install new 100kW generating set, distribution switchboard and station management and engine control systems	380
Harts Range – investigate and drill two new production bores	105
Areyonga – install two 228kL ground level storage tanks and make other modifications to improve water supply and quality	380
Wilora – construct powerline and install electric bore pumps and switchboard. Provide telemetry and pumping control system	190

TAB

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$726 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Estimated commission payments to TAB agencies in the region

501

Radio 8TAB - funding for the radio station that provides broadcasts of Darwin and Alice Springs racing, and racing across the country (across all regions)

150

Marketing and advertising (across all regions)

50

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT
SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 197 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of information technology services to all Government Agencies	3 197
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NT HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 133 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance - includes a range of schemes designed to assist Northern Territory people to purchase their first home or, if Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (expenditure will be across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) **31 891**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis on repairs and maintenance expenditure has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs **2 781**

CAPITAL WORKS

Various centres – construction of two and three bedroom public dwellings (across all regions) **500**

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

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) **100**

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

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

Various Minor New Works including:

- **Public Housing; and** **400**
- **Government Employee Housing.** **120**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
ARNHEM AND TIWI ISLANDS

1999-00

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the

1999-00 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in three broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

CAPITAL WORKS

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

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$56 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office:

- **Government Agencies and Local Government – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 15
- **Police – processing and resolution of complaints generally, implementation of minor complaints resolution process and training in relation to the program;** 10
- **Access and Awareness Program – visits to Urban Aboriginal Associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and** 1
- **Outreach Activities – covering all areas outside Darwin south to Katherine and the Top End.** 1

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

- **provide a complaint resolution for the Northern Region and the Southern Region;** 10
- **undertake a comprehensive campaign including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to each of the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities;** 5
- **give priority to producing brochures etc and information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and** 5
- **provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll free.** 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 692 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Office of Women's Affairs

Initiate, plan, and implement a wide and consultative process to assist Government determine Territory women's priorities for the Year 2000. The Office will produce by the end of 1999 proposed new strategic directions for the new millennium (across all regions) **50**

Administer the Northern Territory Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which promote the status of women in the Territory (across all regions) **20**

Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award – the awards are presented to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to their neighbourhood, region or the Territory as a whole (across all regions) **10**

Plan, initiate and manage a major evaluation of the Northern Territory Domestic Violence Strategy designed to review the processes and outcomes achieved to date under the Strategy, and identify possible future directions for Government to consider (across all regions) **180**

Office of Youth Affairs

1999 Northern Territory Youth Festival – staged for the second time. Activities will be conducted throughout the Territory and will include a regional musical tour, opening event in Darwin, closing event in Alice Springs, community events sponsored through Festival grants and Internet activities (across all regions) **55**

Regional Youth Forums – opportunity for young Territorians to raise issues and participate in the development of appropriate responses to areas of concern to young people (across all regions) **5**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians - a youth advisory group, with membership of the Round Table Territory-wide (across all regions)	65
Other significant programs of the Office of Youth Affairs (across all regions) include:	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Grants Program, providing financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. There is a strong emphasis on the need for young people to be involved at all stages of any activity or project, including the planning, implementation and evaluation. There are three funding categories: (1) drug and alcohol free entertainment events; (2) youth leadership/youth development activities; and (3) youth festival projects; and • the Office's participation in the Regional Show Circuit. Specific attention will be paid in 1999-00 to promoting the Northern Territory Youth Festival through the Office display. 	
Office of Ethnic Affairs	
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - provides support to migrant communities for projects which encourage greater community relations (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to communicate more effectively when accessing public and private sector services (across all regions)	250
A range of initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include cross cultural awareness and information sessions, assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their skills in Australia and Interpreter Card to facilitate communication access to government information (across all regions)	115

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$260 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Electorate Offices - administration and maintenance of the electorate office of the Member for Nhulunbuy, and support for the Members for Arafura and Arnhem

247

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

5

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$373 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Magistrates' Circuit Courts - monthly court sittings at Pularumpi and Nguiu in the Tiwi Islands, and at Pularumpi, Maningrida, Nhulunbuy, Yirkala, Alyangula and Galiwinku **190**

Court facilities - provision of courts and associated facilities that are of appropriate standards and dimensions to accommodate demand **128**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various repairs and maintenance including:

- **Alyangula and Nhulunbuy Courthouses.** **15**

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$50 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Brolga Awards - awards are granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	140
Walkabout Workshop - held with interstate travel agents and local tourism and hotel operators in order to promote the Top End's tourist attractions (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine and Arnhem and Tiwi Islands)	20
Event Marketing Funding - financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	115
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion - active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars (across all regions)	100
Northern Territory Travel Monitor - ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	77
General Marketing Activity - particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity because of visitors' expenditure in these regions (across all regions)	16 000

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 041 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
The third year of the program to increase the police establishment by 150 police personnel	195
Continuation of the replacement of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) Criminal History and Property Recording Systems (across all regions)	207
Continuation of the replacement of the existing NT Police Computer Aided Dispatch System and the provision of an integrated communications dispatching system within the NTPFES (across all regions)	332
The second year of the program allowing for the timely and structured replacement of specialist fire fighting and rescue vehicles. The program will allow for the purchase of a tanker unit for Nhulunbuy	250
Replacement and upgrade of NTPFES radio communications	80
Replacement of obsolete computing equipment (across all regions)	252
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various remote locations – modify and upgrade cells to comply with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, in Borroloola, Elliott and Pirlangimpi	120

**PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 116 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Bushfires Council - administration and operational costs associated with Arafura Regions. Outlays include: **232**

- **\$55 000 in fire equipment subsidies to landholders; and**
- **\$12 000 for fire training for volunteers and landholders.**

Major initiative to undertake extensive monitoring of fire using satellite imagery to provide a base for future management **346**

Amorrduk - construct ranger residence to support Agency presence **125**

Harrison Dam - repair dam wall to enhance water retention for waterfowl habitat in line with the *Lower Adelaide River Concept Plan* **45**

Management Strategy and Protected Areas System for Coastal Wildlife - collation of information on shorebirds providing an assessment of the sites along the Northern Territory coastline for international migratory birds. Defining management requirements for the key sites **100**

CAPITAL WORKS

Various locations - provision of interpretative signs and information for Agency facilities throughout the Territory (across all regions) **150**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 115 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

School Transport Services - for students in Nhulunbuy

368

CAPITAL WORKS

CFC refrigerant management program, stage 4 of a 5 stage program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory (across all regions)

1 203

National Highways - pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet National Highway Standards (across all regions except Darwin)

3 000

National Highways - enhance roadside facilities including fencing to control wandering stock and improved signage, shade and shelter amenities for the tourism drive (across all regions except Darwin)

500

Local sealed roads - reconstruct isolated failed sections of roads across the Territory (across all regions except Darwin)

500

Rural Arterials - reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory rural arterials (across all regions except Darwin)

1 000

RACING AND GAMING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$238 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Significant ongoing initiatives include:

238

- **ongoing inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region;**
- **implementation of the *Kava Management Act*;**
- **negotiations in the control and regulations of Kava in remote communities; and**
- **analysis of liquor restrictions in the community.**

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Registration of Sacred Sites

10

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING
AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 367 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Natural Resources and Environment	
Gibson cage fish farm (pilot stage monitoring)	1
Assessment of land and water resources suitability for horticultural development	200
Water resource surveys and mapping in Arnhem Land to support community development and sustainable resource management	200
Land and water conservation extension and advisory service to Aboriginal land managers	320
CAPITAL WORKS	
Mary River Wetlands - construction of weirs and barrages for saltwater intrusion control	500

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

5

- **building key international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key Government Agencies and the private sector;**
- **opening new trade markets and opportunities; and**
- **winning key new international investments in the Northern Territory economy.**

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$268 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Resource Development

Monitoring program, auditing and investigations into safety and environmental matters **100**

Gas to Gove - domestic gas studies and development **40**

Gemco Manganese development - potential development expansion studies **20**

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$775 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Operation of Department of Corporate and Information Services
regional office** **390**

**Functioning of regional libraries at Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi,
Angurugu, Alyangula, Umbakumba, Pirlangimpi, Jabiru,
Ramingining and Milikapti** **385**

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$176 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management - identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client Agencies. Presently three buildings are leased from the private sector

148

Outsourced building services including cleaning and security

28

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$27 650 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Primary and preschools - delivery of primary and early childhood education in eighteen primary and seventeen preschools	15 300
Secondary schools - delivery of secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School	2 700
Student and School Support Services - provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers	3 300
Additional school based staff and teachers arising out of 1998 education review	100
Northern Territory assistance to the non-government sector	1 600
Increased funding to meet growth in community demand for services	400

BATCHELOR COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 971 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The College provides tertiary education in both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas of Education Studies, Health, Community Studies and General Studies as well as short VET courses in communities across this region. There is an expansion of remote area delivery in response to community needs

3 928

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$888 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Remote Area Training Unit (formerly Northern Territory Open College) - providing vocational education in the region with the aim of improving both the information technology resources and an expanded range of courses

888

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$569 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants - provided to sport, recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions) **1 364**

Sport and Recreation Grants - provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions) **3 561**

Regional and Club Development Grants - provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level **100**

Special Assistance Grants - provided to assist new and emerging sport and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is required **100**

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$908 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme - bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up to date with modern industry needs while retaining the strengths of the existing employment based training system	190
Flexible response funding to meet training needs on communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal recurrent funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	340
Trainee Administrative Services - delivers management and promotional services for the development of the apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities	178

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 153 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections	918
Regional Arts Fund – supporting arts projects and events across all art forms	38
Regional Exhibition and Performing Arts Touring Program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory	33
Other Major Arts Organisation and Program Services – including Arts Scholarship, Skills Development, Major Touring, Artists in Schools, and major organisations servicing Dance, Visual Arts, Literature and Music across all Territory regions	89
Arts Management Program Target Estimates – reflect staffing and operational outlays particularly for arts marketing, regional development and support programs including consultative forums planned for establishing Regional Reference Groups in Jabiru and Nhulunbuy	75

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$28 001 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Gove District Hospital

Gove District Hospital is a thirty bed hospital which provides acute medical and surgical services. Emergency and routine admissions are managed locally where possible. Hospital based doctors provide a visiting service to the rural communities. Education programs are provided for medical, nursing and Aboriginal Health Worker students **10 423**

Public Health Services

Work with Aboriginal communities to ensure minimum environmental health standards for infrastructure are provided and maintained **300**

Health Promotion programs in order to strengthen the understanding and practice of contemporary public health **150**

Disease control implements prevention and control measures to reduce the risks from new and emerging communicable diseases. Manages immunisation policy and vaccination programs **382**

Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge and also supports the Strong Women, Strong Babies program **329**

Mental Health Services

Promote positive community mental health and where necessary provide appropriate interventions for those suffering from mental illness **285**

Family, Aged and Disability

Investigate and act on reports of child abuse **194**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Family Support in the urban area and Substitute Care and Guardianship	488
Primary Health Care Rural	
Remote Health Clinics provide primary care and referral services for clients with injuries, communicable diseases, chronic diseases, child and adult immunisation, maternal and infant health, new-born to five year olds growth assessment program, school children health programs, Well Women program, ante-natal and pap smears, men's health program and aged monitoring	3 319
Coordinated care trials are currently being run in the Tiwi Islands. The trial establishes a community representative Tiwi Health Board as the fund holder for health service funding contributed by both Territory Health Services and the Commonwealth. The Health Board purchases services as required	2 370
Provide a twenty-four hour consultation service for medical emergencies and patient evacuation service to non-government managed health centres	123
Nhulunbuy Urban Community Health Centre – provides new-born to five year olds developmental assessments, childhood and adult immunisation, antenatal and post natal care, domicillary nursing including palliative care, screening for school children and women's health and group education	168
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service has a base in Gove. It provides twenty-four hour availability for medical consultations for remote communities and arranges Medivacs as required. Specialised aerial medical nurses accompany evacuation flights	1 286
Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location including interstate, if unavailable in the Territory	840

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 783 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local Government Grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities **5 022**

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

Road repairs as a result of Cyclone Thelma damage within the following communities:

- **Minjilang Community Incorporated Council area on Croker Island;** **313**
- **Pirlangimpi Community Government Council area on Melville Island;** **131**
- **Nguiu Community Council area on Bathurst Island; and** **100**
- **Milikapiti Community Government Council area on Melville Island.** **34**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 174 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

6 099

**Continuation of Community Service Obligations funding to the
Housing Business Division (across all regions)**

1 075

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$120 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

120

- **research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;**
- **Economic Development – assistance will be provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and**
- **Law and Justice – a major effort is undertaken by the Office to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility to law and order issues by Aboriginal people. In the Arnhem region, work will be progressed on developing plans with Lahna Homeland Resource Centre at Yirkala and the development of a whole of government strategy for Groote Eylandt.**

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND
FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$105 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Industry Services

Maintaining quarantine resources to service the Nabalco mine, the township of Nhulunbuy and coastal communities by increasing the public's awareness of pest and diseases that can affect their way of life

90

Control of mimosa pigra on Aboriginal land

400

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$442 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

398

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

40

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$149 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles

125

Vehicle fleet management

24

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 084 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

1 084

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

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$19 613 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

aboriginal essential services

Provision of electricity and water services to twenty-three communities, water supply to 206 outstations, and sewerage services to twenty-one remote communities **17 438**

CAPITAL WORKS

Aboriginal Essential Services

Maningrida - install a new fuel transfer pipeline from the barge landing to the power station **130**

Upgrade of existing fuel storage bunds including installation of impermeable floors to prevent seepage of spilt fuel into soil and underlying water table (across all regions) **600**

Milingimbi - install new 350kW generating set **150**

NT HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 545 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
An emphasis on repairs and maintenance expenditure has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs	1 273
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various centres – construction of two and three bedroom public dwellings (across all regions)	500
Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions)	500
Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions)	50
Various remote centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions except Darwin)	4 500
Various remote centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000
Various Minor New Works including:	
• Public Housing; and	205
• Government Employee Housing.	60

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DARWIN

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the

1999-00 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in three broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

CAPITAL WORKS

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

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 140 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

2 112

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 030 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office:

- **Government Agencies and Local Government – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 382
- **Police – processing and resolution of complaints generally, implementation of minor complaints resolution process and training in relation to the program;** 226
- **Correctional Services – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 77
- **Access and Awareness Program – visits to Urban Aboriginal Associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and** 24
- **Outreach Activities – covering all areas outside Darwin south to Katherine and the Top End.** 24

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

- **provide a complaint resolution for the Northern Region and the Southern Region;** 148
- **give priority to producing brochures and other information to special needs groups throughout the Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and** 3
- **provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll free.** 0.5

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 099 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Office of Women's Policy

Initiate, plan, and implement a wide and consultative process to assist Government determine Territory women's priorities for the Year 2000. The Office will produce by the end of 1999 proposed new strategic directions for the new millennium (across all regions) **50**

Administer the Northern Territory Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which promote the status of women in the Northern Territory (across all regions) **20**

Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award – the awards are presented to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to their neighbourhood, region or the Territory as a whole (across all regions) **10**

Plan, initiate and manage a major evaluation of the Northern Territory Domestic Violence Strategy designed to review the processes and outcomes achieved to date under the Strategy, and identify possible future directions for Government to consider (across all regions) **180**

Office of Youth Affairs

1999 Northern Territory Youth Festival – staged for the second time. Activities will be conducted throughout the Territory and will include a regional musical tour, opening event in Darwin, closing event in Alice Springs, community events sponsored through Festival grants and Internet activities (across all regions) **55**

Regional Youth Forums – opportunity for young Territorians to raise issues and participate in the development of appropriate responses to areas of concern to young people (across all regions) **5**

Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians – a youth advisory group, with membership of the Round Table Territory-wide (across all regions) **65**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Other significant programs of the Office of Youth Affairs (across all regions) include:	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Grants Program, providing financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. There is a strong emphasis on the need for young people to be involved at all stages of any activity or project, including the planning, implementation and evaluation. There are three funding categories: (1) drug and alcohol free entertainment events; (2) youth leadership/youth development activities; and (3) youth festival projects; and • the Office's participation in the Regional Show Circuit. Specific attention will be paid in 1999-00 to promoting the Northern Territory Youth Festival through the Office display. 	
Office of Ethnic Affairs	
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - provides support to migrant communities for projects which encourage greater community relations (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to communicate more effectively when accessing public and private sector services (across all regions)	250
A range of initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include cross cultural awareness and information sessions, assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their skills in Australia and Interpreter Card to facilitate communication access to government information (across all regions)	115

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 241 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

8 093

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

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
PROSECUTIONS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 436 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Victim Support Unit - a support service for victims of crime, witnesses, and their families	140
Aboriginal Support Coordinator - identifies the needs and relevant issues that affect Aboriginal victims of crime and witnesses	50
Services for students - ongoing work experience and vacation employment for students, and the donation of law prizes to school students and students of the Northern Territory University	4
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cadetship - ongoing provision of support and training	8
Victim of Crime Assistance League - ongoing provision of assistance	30
Articled Clerk - ongoing employment of an articled clerk. Offering selected law graduates of Northern Territory University the practical training necessary to obtain admission to practice	26
Criminal Case Recording Information Management System - maintenance and development	20
Information technology replacement program	66

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$788 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

1998-99 Anti-Discrimination Regional Strategy - ensure legal and public education services, associated with the administration of the *NT Anti-Discrimination Act 1992*, are accessible to all Territorians

715

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 003 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Judges and Magistrates – provision of assistance and support to judges and magistrates to ensure that the operation of courts in the Darwin area meet Australian standards **5 104**

Court Facilities – provision of courts and associated facilities that are of appropriate standards and dimensions to accommodate demand **3 894**

Promotional Services – liaison with media and community groups to promote a positive image of court processes and operations **250**

Access – assuring equal treatment and access to services for all parties participating in judicial proceedings **400**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various repairs and maintenance including:

- **Darwin Magistrates' and Supreme Courts.** **516**

NORTHERN TERRITORY ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$12 979 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Ongoing provision of registration services in respect of land titles and births, deaths and marriages **190**

Continued research and development of a facility to enable remote searching of land titles information, including historical titles and scanned instruments, via a web browser located off site **70**

Ongoing support to the Attorney-General's Law Reform Program **70**

Domestic Violence Legal Service - ongoing provision of financial support **180**

Ongoing provision of work experience, vocational and trainee programs to school students and students of the Northern Territory University **50**

Provision of legal services in matters relating to Aboriginal land **940**

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY: SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION	\$86 228 000
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	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Finance Officers in Training Scheme – aims to strengthen public sector financial management capability through a structured program for developing graduates and undergraduates in finance related disciplines	500
Territory Budget – preparation, control, monitoring and reporting on the Northern Territory Government’s annual Budget	1 700
Financial Reports – preparation of the Treasurer’s annual, mid-year and quarterly reports	370
Public Finance – including negotiation and implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the reform of Commonwealth-State financial relations	400
Financial Management – the administration of all financial management legislation pertaining to the Territory, and the development of the Territory’s own financial management legislation	1 600
Economic development, monitoring and policy advice to Government	1 609
Policy development and collection of Territory revenues	3 200
Establishment of the Utilities Commission to undertake economic regulation of electricity, water and sewerage services in the Territory	500
Implementation of a new computer based system for the development, monitoring and reporting of the Territory’s Budget	500
Various alterations and improvements to office facilities	50

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY CORPORATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$249 770 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

- **interest paid on funds raised to finance Territory infrastructure;** 176 457
- **lending funds and providing advice to the Territory Government, its Business Divisions and local authorities; and** 82 382
- **Territory Bonds display at the Northern Territory Expo, and Territory show circuit.** 1

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$20 624 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Tourism Marketing Duty funding for Darwin Region Tourism Association - funds collected from the Tourism Marketing Duty are redistributed to the regional tourism associations to assist in the marketing of their prospective tourist attractions and facilities (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural regions)	563
Discovering Darwin - a series of brochures and maps highlighting local tourism interests (across Darwin and Palmerston and Rural regions)	5
Darwin Cruise Strategy - encourage cruise line executives to include Darwin on their world cruise itineraries	49
Inbound Workshop - annual event for international tourism operators to experience the Territory and its tourist attractions (across Darwin and Palmerston and Rural regions)	55
Stokes Hill Wharf - maintain the wharf as part of the overall strategy to attract cruise ships to Darwin	1 007
Brolga Awards - awards are granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	140
Walkabout Workshop - held with interstate travel agents and local tourism and hotel operators in order to promote the Top End's tourist attractions (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural and Katherine regions)	20
Event Marketing Funding - financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	115
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion - active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars (across all regions)	100
Northern Territory Travel Monitor - ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	77

	Estimated Cost \$000
General Marketing Activity - particularly in regard to destinational advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity because of visitors' expenditure in these regions (across all regions)	16 000

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$66 501 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The third year of the program to increase the police establishment by 150 police personnel **2 160**

The establishment of a DNA database in support of legislative amendments and expanded support for DNA sampling and analysis **428**

Continuation of the replacement of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) Criminal History and Property Recording Systems (across all regions) **207**

Continuation of the replacement of the existing NT Police Computer Aided Dispatch System and the provision of an integrated communications dispatching system within the NTPFES (across all regions) **332**

Upgrading of National Registration and Inquiry System to maintain information to respond to public enquiries in relation to disaster affected persons **50**

The second year of the program allowing for the timely and structured replacement of specialist fire fighting and rescue vehicles. The program will allow for the purchase of a pumper unit for Darwin **440**

Replacement and upgrade of NTPFES radio communications **1 070**

Replacement of obsolete computing equipment (across all regions) **252**

CAPITAL WORKS

Darwin - refurbishment of Emergency Operations Centre at Peter McAulay Centre Police Complex in Berrimah **180**

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE
NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 806 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Bushfires Council of the Northern Territory – bushfires operations and executive support specifically supporting volunteer fire brigades and land owners **393**

Bushfires Council – provide VHF repeaters to improve coverage within brigade boundaries (across all regions) **60**

Charles Darwin National Park – develop war display to highlight the historic munition storage bunkers **65**

CAPITAL WORKS

Various locations – provision of interpretative signs and information for Agency facilities throughout the Territory (across all regions) **150**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$147 827 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Provision of public bus services – including network planning and timetable review (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural areas)	10 781
School Transport Services – for students in Darwin	1 411
Ferry Services – subsidy of the ferry service across Darwin Harbour to Mandorah for school students and the general public	75
Special Events – public bus service to and from the Australian Touring Car Championships at Hidden Valley	68
Taxi Licence buy back	10 000
CAPITAL WORKS	
CFC refrigerant management program, stage 4 of a 5 stage program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory (across all regions)	1 203
Darwin – landscaping of median strips and verges of Trower Road between Rapid Creek Road and Alawa Crescent	150
Darwin – reconstruction of isolated failed sections on Tiger Brennan Drive	500
Darwin – traffic management improvements to urban arterial roads	300
Bagot Road – upgrade Totem Road/Bagot Road intersection to accommodate access to the Airport	1 000

NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 468 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Secure the land acquisition to the railway line between Darwin and
Alice Springs**

10 440

WORK HEALTH AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 003 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Work Place Safety - provision of education and inspection services and operator licenses in order to reduce the incidence of accidents, injuries and illness in the workplace **3 455**

Workers Compensation - developing programs which encourage employers to have workers compensation insurance and ensure effective rehabilitation services are available to injured employees **329**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various repairs and maintenance including:

- **the Explosives Reserve to ensure the ongoing safe storage of explosive materials.** **50**

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 814 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Creation of a single organisation with improved capability to deliver more extensive, relevant and responsive services to Northern Territory industry, the business community and the general public by:

6 956

- **providing financial assistance to Territory business and industry bodies;**
- **implementation of business training and development programs;**
- **provision of business advice and information services;**
- **facilitate the establishment of appropriate tourism infrastructure, services and product necessary to cater for existing needs and to stimulate market growth;**
- **provision of an ongoing education program for school students, consumers and traders on matters relating to fair trading and consumer affairs; and**
- **registration and searches of business names, incorporated associations and co-operative societies.**

RACING AND GAMING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$18 662 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Significant ongoing initiatives include:

892

- **regionalisation and integration of inspectorates, increased inspections and surveillance of licensed premises;**
- **establishment of accredited training modules for inspectors;**
- **analysis of liquor restrictions in the community;**
- **routine screening of liquor; and**
- **research and provision of statistical information on liquor and kava matters.**

Implementation of the *Kava Management Act*. Negotiations in the control and regulation of kava in remote communities and analysis of properties of seized kava

158

Industry Assistance Fund – payments, grants or advances for operational costs of registered clubs, capital costs or specific requirements of a control body, and other purposes deemed appropriate. The fund also pays the operating costs of the Racing Appeals Tribunal

3 878

Racecourse Development Fund – payments, advances or grants for racing clubs to develop facilities for the public, the totalizator, bookers, training stabling or kennelling. The fund can also be used to acquire land to develop infrastructure at racing venues

1 174

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$580 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred Site avoidance surveys

561

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$23 516 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Land Administration

Property maintenance and management of Crown Land (across all regions) 441

Preparation of land use policy and the production and publication of policy documents, land use concepts and development guidelines to provide a framework for infrastructure development and land management activities (across all regions) 578

Review of, and amendments to, planning legislation and control plans (across all regions) 452

Implement Government Heritage incentive packages (across all regions) 110

Natural Resources and Environment

Northern Territory Oil Spill Response/Coastal Resources Atlas 100

Marine protection projects 20

Sponsorship of Northern Territory University Honours project 3

Pollution response – Territory wide freecall phone line 30

Tiger Brennan Drive extension – Public Environment Report 5

Joint Users Terminal (tank farm) East Arm – Public Environment Report 5

Computer modelling of Darwin Harbour to assess and guide infrastructure and harbour development 50

***Northern Territory Mangrove Management Strategy* including productivity studies in Darwin Harbour 100**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Stormwater Management Strategy for Winnellie Industrial Area to protect Darwin Harbour	80
Integrated Catchment Management of Rapid Creek	20
Strategic Plan for Darwin Harbour and catchments to sustain beneficial uses	104
Darwin Regional Waste Water Resource Management Strategy including water allocation plans	50
Ecologically based water monitoring system for priority areas in the Northern Territory (across all regions)	200
Hydrographic data services for floodplain management at Adelaide River, Katherine, Daly River and Mary River. Modelling of Darwin Harbour and Mary River and baseline resource data collection systems	800
Drilling and testing investigation bores in Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine and Arnhem and Tiwi regions to prove regional groundwater resources	1 300
Waterwatch – community based water quality monitoring and catchment management (across all regions)	80
Land and water resources advisory services to assist rural landholders (across all regions)	300
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various regional centres – urban and heritage enhancement program including heritage trails, landscaping, displays, shelters and signage	520

TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 263 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Administration and management of the Trade Development Zone

1 197

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 664 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

595

- **building key international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key Government Agencies and the private sector;**
- **opening new trade markets and opportunities; and**
- **winning key new international investments in the Northern Territory economy.**

Establishment of an Indonesian Customs pre-clearance facility to enhance the process of exporting goods to Indonesia

40

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$17 539 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Mining

Examine and approve mining development proposals. Monitoring programs, auditing and investigations. Provision of current information on mining 2 121

Resource Development

Administration of petroleum operations including offshore operations 200

Electronic scanning and re-digitisation of exploration company statutory reports will be accelerated and new geoscientific databases developed 30

Identification and investment attraction for new agribusiness, agribusiness infrastructure and related services opportunities 20

Bayu-Undan gas project – marketing and development 25

North Australia Gas Venture – marketing and development 55

Territory Gas for Australia – domestic gas studies and development 40

Oil and gas seminars 15

Establishment support for oil services companies 50

Infrastructure studies and support: 35

- offshore supply base capability; and
- casting basin, for constructing and launching off-shore oil rigs.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$45 554 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Human Resource Management/Financial Services

Operation of Casuarina regional office

1 747

Information Services

**Relocation of Resource Management and Development program and
collections to Winnellie**

656

**Relocation of Northern Territory Library and Information Services
Executive and Client services program**

104

Completion of Library system replacement project

2 530

Public library resource allocation

1 191

Rent assistance to local libraries

178

**Implement whole of government record management software
solution**

932

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: SUPERANNUATION OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$65 293 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Administration of the Northern Territory Public Sector
superannuation schemes and funding of:**

- **Superannuation Benefit Payments; and** **61 262**
- **Workers Compensation Benefit Payments.** **2 702**

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$37 609 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sector wide strategies and specific training programs are developed that encourage best practice throughout the public sector 413

Property Management - identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client Agencies. Presently sixty-two buildings are leased from the private sector 27 390

Outsource building services including cleaning and security 1 713

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 436 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Year 2000 Central Project team - provides the Northern Territory Government with a central coordinating and advice centre for resolution of the Year 2000 computer problem and its related technical and social ramifications. It also provides information and training to the general public on the Year 2000 problem	479
'Life in the Information Age' Presentations - provides Territorians with access to high profile speakers discussing topics such as the Internet, electronic commerce and the information economy	20
Broadcasting issues include the provision of specific television services where Commonwealth funding does not provide an adequate coverage for Territorians. This currently includes improvements in television coverage in the Darwin urban area and the provision of SBS in regional towns. Support is provided for various aspects of community broadcasting, the major funding provides a significant operating subsidy for 8TOP FM	354
The improvement of electronic services to remote communities in the Northern Territory is a major project being funded by the National Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund	3 024
Provision of advice to Government on a wide range of communications, information technology and science issues effecting Territorians	513

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$147 806 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Primary and preschools – delivery of primary and early childhood education in eighteen primary and nineteen preschools **31 000**

Secondary schools - delivery of secondary education at Darwin High School, Casuarina Senior College, Nightcliff High School, Dripstone High School and Sanderson High School **27 200**

Student and School Support Services – provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers **18 200**

Open Learning – provide educational programs to students regardless of their location and support for teachers in the specialist field of music, languages, health and physical education **5 600**

Additional school based staff and teachers arising out of 1998 education review **1 600**

Northern Territory assistance to the non-government education sector **11 700**

Increased funding to meet growth in community demand for services **2 300**

CAPITAL WORKS

Stuart Park School – refurbish primary classrooms and facilities, upgrade administration area, and preschool **3 373**

BATCHELOR COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$450 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The College provides tertiary education in both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in areas of Education Studies, Health, Community Studies and General Studies as well as short VET courses in communities across this region. There is an expansion of remote area delivery in response to community needs

450

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$58 686 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Casuarina Campus is the main teaching, research and administration centre of the University to service approximately ten thousand students in both Higher Education and Vocational Education

56 286

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 468 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants - provided to sport, recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions) **1 364**

Sport and Recreation Grants - provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions) **3 561**

Regional and Club Development Grants - provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level **100**

Special Assistance Grants - provided to assist new and emerging sport and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is required **100**

Northern Territory Institute of Sport - appointment of NTIS Cricket, Australian Rules and Netball coaches and operational expenditure for squads and athletes **150**

Northern Territory Institute of Sport - establishment of the North Australia Heat Acclimatisation Centre **70**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

• **facilities at Marrara Complex.** **298**

CAPITAL WORKS

245

Minor New Works - various venues at Marrara Complex including:

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

- **installation of underground power reticulation at Football Park;**
- **installation of additional seating on second level at Football Park;**
- **installation of lead silt trap and drainage pit at rifle stop butt at Micket Creek;**
- **provision of handicap access to Northern Territory Hockey headquarters; and**
- **provision of additional storage for Northern Territory Athletics Association.**

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$32 838 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Administrative support - delivered by the Department of Education for the Northern Territory Rural and Centralian Colleges **170**

Vocational Education and Training programs, delivered by Northern Territory University **20 042**

Vocational Employment and Training programs delivered by the private sector **1 200**

Industry Training Support provides financial assistance for Industry Training Advisory Board and industry information programs **1 960**

User Choice/New Apprenticeships national reform scheme - bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up to date with modern industry needs while retaining the strengths of the existing employment based training system **2 856**

National Vocational Education and Training in School initiative - improving Vocational Education and Training programs in secondary schools and provides an important role in preparing students for employment **835**

Trainee Administrative Services - delivers management and promotional services for the development of the apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities **1 430**

Expansion of competitive tendering equity, industry and literacy markets for Vocational Education and Training **243**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **various Casuarina Campus buildings at Northern Territory University used for Vocational Education and Training programs.** **1 120**

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 738 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections	3 006
Regional Museum Grants Support Program – provides financial assistance grants to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions)	60
Regional Arts Fund – Future Directions Scheme increasing major organisations regional profile and services	50
Regional Exhibition and Performing Arts Touring Program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory from a Darwin base	78
Regional Crafts Support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services	100
Other Major Arts Organisation and Program Services – including Arts Scholarship, Skills Development, Major Touring, Artists in Schools, and organisations servicing Dance, Visual Arts, Literature and Music across all Territory regions. Darwin specific major organisations include community and youth arts services, orchestral and theatrical activities alongside major venues	918
Arts Marketing, Promotion, Industry and Support Programs – major initiatives include Territory Artifacts, a quarterly magazine showcasing arts, culture and heritage topics throughout the Northern Territory and regional forums	179

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various repairs and maintenance including: **675**

- **Australian Pearling Exhibition – replace carpets; and**

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

- **Browns Mart Theatre, Fannie Bay Gaol, Frogs Hollow – various painting.**

CAPITAL WORKS

Brown's Mart – replace current seating and upgrade fire and emergency services to meet Building Code requirements 132

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$238 969 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Royal Darwin Hospital

Royal Darwin Hospital has 297 authorised beds. It provides a comprehensive range of inpatient, outpatient, accident and emergency services. Specialist medical services are also provided through salaried or visiting specialist staff. It includes a Clinical School in conjunction with Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide, and is a referral centre for all other Territory hospitals **109 615**

Corporate Services

Development of computerised Remote Health Information System **2 215**

Public Health Services

Biting midge investigation **39**

Clinical services and specialised nursing care to HIV positive patients and clients with sexually transmitted diseases and blood borne viruses through Clinic 34 **337**

National Pneumococcal and Influenza program **398**

Breast Screen, Cervical Screening, Remote Areas Well Women's Screening Programs and the NT Pap Smear Register **1 544**

Hearing Services including: **471**

- **diagnostic audiological assessments for all infants under three years; and**
- **school screening and hearing conservation assessments for adults.**

School Nursing Services including clinical services to high schools and health education services to students at both high schools and primary schools **577**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Healthy School Aged Kids Program	126
Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge and also supports the Strong Women, Strong Babies program	167
Dental Health	
Dental Services are provided to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Darwin Dental Clinic and children are seen at either the Children's Dental Clinic or at their own school	2 614
Alcohol and Other Drugs	
The Alcohol and Other Drugs Program services include:	
• Darwin Detoxification Unit; and	514
• Tobacco Action Project which is aimed at reducing the impact of smoking on the health of young Territorians.	71
Mental Health Services	
Mental Health Services provides:	
• integrated community and inpatient services and is the principal provider of mental health care in the Top End. Inpatient services are provided through a twenty-five bed facility at Royal Darwin Hospital, community services are based at the Tamarind Centre; and	6 775
• new policy and program initiatives providing a framework in which the community's changing needs may be responded to and negotiates agreements and new directions with the Commonwealth to ensure that the Territory receives a fair share of resources.	1 596
Family, Aged and Disability	
Aged and Disability Program – review and evaluate existing policies and programs, negotiate agreements and new program directions with the Commonwealth to ensure the Territory receives a fair share of resources	2 605

	Estimated Cost \$000
Family and Children Services is responsible for children's services including child care and adoptions, crisis accommodation and support services, support services for clients affected by domestic violence and Women's Health Program	4 533
Pensioner Concessions Scheme	7 112
Children's Services Unit	1 803
Aged care client assessment and identification of their needs	680
Coordination of care through existing services and use of brokerage to purchase new services for people with disabilities and the frail aged who have complex care needs	740
Provide specialist services for people with disabilities	1 640
Child Protection Unit investigates and reports on child maltreatment, provides support to families, counselling, and the provision of out of home care for children in the care of the Minister	3 189
Funding for residential care, supported accommodation, home support and family therapy and specialist programs	11 858
Management of children in care program	500
Primary Health Care Urban	
Community Care Centres provides school children health programs, child health clinics, health assessment, information/education and referral	4 185
Palliative Care	825
Allied health professionals provide early discharge services for children with disabilities at centres, homes and/or in the school	460
Allied Health therapist services in schools	707
Funding to enhance service delivery of personal care services, ambulance services, support to identified self help groups and specialist programs	7 880
Primary Health Care Rural	

	Estimated Cost \$000
Primary Health and Coordinated Care is responsible for developing policies, programs and strategies aimed at improving the health and well-being of individuals and the community, according to needs, within a primary health care framework	1 162
CAPITAL WORKS	
Royal Darwin Hospital – redevelopment of facilities for Accident and Emergency services	6 000

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$19 467 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local Government Grants - roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities **10 799**

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$17 257 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

1 407

**Continuation of Community Service Obligations funding to the
Housing Business Division (across all regions)**

15 053

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 000 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

1 906

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

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$19 435 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Horticulture

Assist the Nursery Industry of the Northern Territory to organise the National Conference in 2000 **20**

Participate in the Federation Centenary Flower program **3**

Fisheries

Territory contribution of the National Recreational and Indigenous Fishing Survey **62**

Black striped mussel monitoring and surveillance **510**

Industry Services

New Resource Management program aimed at promoting and demonstrating the sustainability of the Territory's pastoral and agricultural industries **150**

Publicity programs to increase public awareness of international and interstate quarantine pests and disease that can have a devastating effect on our lifestyle **150**

Increased research into control of Mastotermes in horticultural and agricultural properties **95**

Relocation of Water Laboratory to the Berrimah Farm **150**

Detector Dog program at Darwin Domestic Airport **50**

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 925 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Head Office and Community Corrections Office at Casuarina:

8 699

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

DARWIN PORT AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$26 296 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

14 995

CAPITAL WORKS

East Arm Port Stage 2A – provision of bulk liquids terminal at East Arm Port to service new joint user terminal

6 000

Stokes Hill Wharf – provide pontoon mooring platform with link span pedestrian access to Stokes Hill Wharf facilities

320

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$30 322 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of vehicles

18 063

Lease of vehicles

900

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles

1 982

Auctioneer fees

255

Vehicle fleet management

5 556

GENERAL RECEIPTS

Assets sold through public sector auctions

12 100

DARWIN BUS SERVICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 195 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Operation of the Government bus fleet which provides a safe, efficient
and reliable urban public bus service**

4 941

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$74 767 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

**Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity,
water, sewerage and trade waste** **59 027**

CAPITAL WORKS

Commercial Services

Darwin – electricity system reliability enhancements **1 000**

**Darwin – construct a new 11kV underground feeder to Casuarina
Square** **500**

**Darwin – extend existing water main from Geranium Street to Daly
Street Bridge and on to Montoro Tank** **1 800**

Darwin – upgrade Ludmilla Wastewater Treatment Plant, Stage 1 **4 500**

**Darwin – divert Larrakeyah catchment to Ludmilla Wastewater
Treatment Plant, Stage 2** **2 000**

Aboriginal Essential Services

**Upgrade of existing fuel storage bunds including installation of
impermeable floors to prevent seepage of spilt fuel into soil and
underlying water table (across all regions)** **600**

TAB

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$13 806 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Estimated commission payments to TAB agencies in the region

1 714

Radio 8TAB – funding for the radio station that provides broadcasts of Darwin and Alice Springs racing, and racing across the country (across all regions)

150

Marketing and advertising (across all regions)

50

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$60 869 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facilities Management

Provision of mainframe and data services to whole of government

14 694

Provision of technology support to agencies

12 225

Communications Services

Provision of telephone services

13 056

Provision of data services to whole of government

7 067

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 412 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Printing services outsourced to the private sector

1 700

In house printing and publishing services

5 356

NT HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$153 475 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance - includes a range of schemes designed to assist Northern Territory people to purchase their first home or, if Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (expenditure will be across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) **31 891**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis on repairs and maintenance expenditure has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs **6 377**

CAPITAL WORKS

Darwin and Palmerston – construction of one and two bedroom units (across Darwin and Palmerston regions) **11 200**

Various centres – construction of two and three bedroom public dwellings (across all regions) **500**

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

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) **180**

Various Minor New Works including:

- **Public Housing; and** **897**
- **Government Employee Housing.** **140**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

KATHERINE

1999-00

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the

1999-00 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in three broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

CAPITAL WORKS

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

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$75 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office:

- **Government Agencies and Local Government – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 20
- **Police – processing and resolution of complaints generally, implementation of minor complaints resolution process and training in relation to the program;** 10
- **Access and Awareness Program – visits to Urban Aboriginal Associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and** 4
- **Outreach Activities – covering all areas outside Darwin south to Katherine and the Top End.** 4

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

- **provide a complaint resolution for the Northern Region and the Southern Region;** 15
- **undertake a comprehensive campaign including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to each of the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities;** 5
- **give priority to producing brochures etc and information to special needs groups throughout the Northern Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and** 5
- **provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure that people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll free.** 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 544 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Office of Women's Affairs

Initiate, plan, and implement a wide and consultative process to assist Government determine Northern Territory women's priorities for the Year 2000. The Office will produce by the end of 1999 proposed new strategic directions for the new millennium (across all regions) 50

Administer the Northern Territory Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which promote the status of women in the Territory (across all regions) 20

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

Plan, initiate and manage a major evaluation of the Northern Territory Domestic Violence Strategy designed to review the processes and outcomes achieved to date under the Strategy, and identify possible future directions for Government to consider (across all regions) 180

Office of Youth Affairs

1999 Northern Territory Youth Festival – staged for the second time. Activities will be conducted throughout the Territory and will include a regional musical tour, opening event in Darwin, closing event in Alice Springs, community events sponsored through Festival grants and Internet activities (across all regions) 55

Regional Youth Forums – opportunity for young Territorians to raise issues and participate in the development of appropriate responses to areas of concern to young people (across all regions) 5

Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians – a youth advisory group, with membership of the Round Table Territory-wide (across all regions) 65

	Estimated Cost \$000
Other significant programs of the Office of Youth Affairs (across all regions) include:	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Grants Program, providing financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. There is a strong emphasis on the need for young people to be involved at all stages of any activity or project, including the planning, implementation and evaluation. There are three funding categories: (1) drug and alcohol free entertainment events; (2) youth leadership/youth development activities; and (3) youth festival projects; and • the Office's participation in the Regional Show Circuit. Specific attention will be paid in 1999-00 to promoting the Northern Territory Youth Festival through the Office display. 	
Office of Ethnic Affairs	
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program – provides support to migrant communities for projects which encourage greater community relations (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter Service – assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to communicate more effectively when accessing public and private sector services (across all regions)	250
A range of initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include cross cultural awareness and information sessions, assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their skills in Australia and Interpreter Card to facilitate communication access to government information (across all regions)	115

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION **\$782 000**

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Electorate Offices - administration and maintenance of the electorate
offices of the Members for Katherine and Victoria River** **742**

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

3

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 026 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Completion of the replacement of court electronic equipment 248

Judges and Magistrates - provision of assistance and support to judges and magistrates to ensure that the operation of courts in the Katherine area meet Australian standards 440

Court facilities - provision of courts and associated facilities that are of appropriate standards and dimensions to accommodate demand 270

Access - assuring equal treatment and access to services for all parties participating in judicial proceedings 50

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various repairs and maintenance including:

- cyclical maintenance and repairs of Katherine Courthouse. 18**

NORTHERN TERRITORY TREASURY CORPORATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION	\$1 000
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**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Territory Bonds display at the Katherine Show	1
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NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION **\$570 000**

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Tourism Marketing Duty funding for the Katherine Regional Tourist Association - funds collected from the Tourism Marketing Duty are redistributed to the regional tourism associations to assist in the marketing of their prospective tourist attractions and facilities	351
Brolga Awards - awards are granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	140
Walkabout Workshop - held with interstate travel agents and local tourism and hotel operators in order to promote the Top End's tourist attractions (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural and Katherine regions)	20
Event Marketing Funding - financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)	115
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion - active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars (across all regions)	100
Northern Territory Travel Monitor - ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	77
Regional Discovery Trails - an integrated visitor information system including maps and tour itineraries	30
General marketing activity - particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity because of visitors' expenditure in these regions (across all regions)	16 000

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 159 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The third year of the program to increase the police establishment by 150 police personnel **360**

Continuation of the replacement of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) Criminal History and Property Recording Systems (across all regions) **207**

Continuation of the replacement of the existing NT Police Computer Aided Dispatch System and the provision of an integrated communications dispatching system within the NTPFES (across all regions) **332**

Replacement and upgrade of NTPFES radio communications **380**

Replacement of obsolete computing equipment (across all regions) **252**

CAPITAL WORKS

Various remote locations - modify and upgrade cells to comply with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, in Borroloola, Elliott and Pirlangimpi **240**

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 951 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Management of natural resources, including fire management and monitoring, weed control, feral animal control, flora and fauna surveys, soil erosion control and wildlife management **176**

Bushfires Council (Katherine, Gulf and Victoria River regions) administration and operational costs include: **860**

- **\$112 000 in funding for Volunteer Brigades' vehicles and operations;**
- **\$38 000 for fire fighting training for volunteers and landholders;**
- **\$15 000 fire equipment subsidies to landholders;**
- **\$10 000 for firebreaks in Victoria River Downs; and**
- **approximately \$450 000 funded by Natural Heritage Trust, Cooperative Research Centre for Tropical Savannas and Department of Defence for fire monitoring and management projects.**

Gouldian Finch monitoring and survey programs **160**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **Repairs and Maintenance to park facilities and infrastructure; and** **550**
- **improve visitor management in the region's parks – includes development and maintenance of facilities, and improved information, interpretation and education programs.** **230**

	Estimated Cost \$000
CAPITAL WORKS	
Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) – upgrade water supply and sewerage for tourist amenities	565
Nitmiluk National Park (Edith Falls) – construct camping facilities, and ablution block and upgrade water supply	550
Various locations – provision of interpretative signs and information for Agency facilities throughout the Territory (across all regions)	150

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$20 984 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
School Transport Services – for students in Katherine	1 058
CAPITAL WORKS	
CFC refrigerant management program, stage 4 of a 5 stage program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory (across all regions)	1 203
National Highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet National Highway Standards (across all regions except Darwin)	3 000
Stuart Highway - improve overtaking opportunities between Darwin and Katherine (across Palmerston and Rural and Katherine regions)	1 400
National Highways – landscaping of median strips and verges on parts of the Stuart and Victoria Highways in Katherine, and the Stuart Highway in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs (across Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions)	75
National Highways – enhance roadside facilities including fencing to control wandering stock and improved signage, shade and shelter amenities for the tourism drive (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Stuart Highway – construction of dual carriageway from Lindsay Street to Crawford Street in Katherine	1 700
Stuart Highway – duplication at Edith River bridge	1 700
Local sealed roads – reconstruct isolated failed sections of roads across the Territory (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Rural Arterials – reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory rural arterials (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000
Rural arterial roads – selected alignment improvements and seal widening of sections of the Carpentaria Highway, Plenty Highway and Tanami Road (across Katherine and Alice Springs regions)	500

WORK HEALTH AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$65 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Work Place Safety - provision of education and inspection services and operator licenses in order to reduce the incidence of accidents, injuries and illness in the workplace

61

Workers Compensation - developing programs which encourage employers to have workers compensation insurance and ensure effective rehabilitation services are available to injured employees

2

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various minor repairs and maintenance including:

- **the Explosives Reserve to ensure the ongoing safe storage of explosive materials.**

2

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$793 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Provision of support to business and industry in the Katherine region through:

789

- **implementing industry assistance programs;**
- **promoting business opportunities in the Katherine region;**
- **advancing awareness of the Northern Territory Made logo, and firms accredited to use the Northern Territory Products symbol; and**
- **identifying regional projects suitable for funding assistance, in conjunction with the Regional Economic Development Committee.**

RACING AND GAMING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$120 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Significant ongoing initiatives include:

120

- **ongoing inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region;**
- **analysis of liquor restrictions in the community; and**
- **research and provision of statistical information on liquor matters.**

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$312 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred Site avoidance surveys

300

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 996 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Land Administration	
Katherine Flood rehabilitation program for heritage properties – completed early in the financial year	20
Natural Resources and Environment	
Maud Creek Gold Project – Environmental Impact Statement	5
Ord Stage 2 – Environmental Impact Statement	10
Land Capability Assessment of the Keep River region to aid the extension of the Ord Irrigation Scheme into the Northern Territory	150
Natural Resource Management Strategy for the Ord/Keep River Region to assess long range planning to achieve development potential	50
Land and water resource surveys and mapping on the Sturt Plateau to aid regional planning and assist landholders in sustainable development	200
Enhancements to flood forecasting on the Katherine and Daly Rivers	50
Development of regional monitoring system for land resources of the Victoria River District	253
Trials of regional monitoring systems for land resources in other tropical savanna areas	270
Determine the environmental water requirements for major aquatic ecosystems in the Daly Basin to assist in water allocation planning	200
Katherine Regional Water Resource Management Strategy including water allocation plans	50

Regional Highlights - Katherine

	Estimated Cost \$000
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various regional centres – urban and heritage enhancement program including heritage trails, landscaping, displays, shelters and signage	100
Katherine – construct 5.5km access road to Taylor Park	300

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$300 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

300

- **building key international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key Government Agencies and the private sector;**
- **opening new trade markets and opportunities; and**
- **winning key new international investments in the Northern Territory economy.**

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$785 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Mining

**Environmental monitoring programs especially with Mt Todd mine.
Increased presence of government supervisors and staff** **150**

Resource Development

**Geological synthesis and mineral prospectivity assessment of the
Victoria River District** **394**

**Commencement of a combined mineral and hydrocarbon prospectivity
assessment of the Georgina Sedimentary Basin** **184**

Oversee construction and maintenance of gas pipelines **12**

**Katherine/Daly Basin - coordination of necessary studies for sub-
division** **5**

**Cotton Industry - development and implementation of industry
strategic plan** **15**

Ord Stage 2 - complete negotiations with developers **25**

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

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$992 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Operation of the Department of Corporate and Information Services
regional office**

668

**Functioning of regional libraries at Katherine, Pine Creek, Borroloola,
Lajamanu, Yugul Mangi, Mataranka and Barunga/Manyallaluk**

324

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 049 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sector Wide training programs are developed that encourage best practice throughout the public sector	6
Property Management - identify office accommodation and negotiate leases on behalf of client Agencies. Presently three buildings are leased from the private sector	1 850
Outsourced building services including cleaning, maintenance and security	193

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$33 350 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Primary and preschools - delivery of primary and early childhood education in twenty primary and four preschools	12 100
Secondary schools - delivery of secondary education at Katherine High School	4 500
Katherine School of the Air	1 700
Student and School Support Services - provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers	4 000
Additional school based staff and teachers arising out of the 1998 education review	400
Northern Territory assistance to the non-government sector	2 500
Increased funding to meet growth in community demand for services	500

NORTHERN TERRITORY RURAL COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 321 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Repairs and maintenance for asset management and civil works used for Vocational Education and Training programs and Northern Territory Certificate of Education program

531

CAPITAL WORKS

Various Minor New Works including:

- **installation of smoke detectors for student residences.**

36

BATCHELOR COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 904 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The College provides tertiary education in both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas of Education Studies, Health, Community Studies and General Studies as well as short VET courses in communities across this region. There is an expansion of remote area delivery in response to community needs

3 859

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **maintaining various study centres.**

45

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$416 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Remote Area Training Unit (formerly Northern Territory Open College) - providing vocational education with the aim of improving both the information technology resources and an expanded range of courses

416

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$628 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Facility Development Grants - provided to sport and recreational organisations, local government, and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including oval lighting and recreation facilities (across all regions)	1 364
Sport and Recreation Grants - provide assistance to community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreation programs (across all regions)	3 561
Regional and Club Development Grants - provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level	100
Special Assistance Grants - provided to assist new and emerging sport and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is required	100

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 504 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs, delivered by Northern Territory Rural College **1 711**

VET programs delivered by the private sector **800**

Flexible response funding to meet training needs on communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal recurrent funding cycle and Territory profiles **270**

User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up to date with modern industry needs while retaining the strengths of the existing employment based training system **405**

Expansion of competitive industry market for VET **50**

Trainee Administrative Services – delivers management and promotional services for the development of the apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities **117**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **buildings at Northern Territory Rural College used for VET programs.** **618**

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 131 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory - management of cultural and scientific facilities	877
Regional Museum Grants Support Program - provides financial assistance grants to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage	20
Regional Arts Fund - supporting arts projects and events across all artforms	37
Regional Exhibition and Performing Arts Touring Program - delivers significant art exhibitions to regions throughout the Territory	23
Regional Crafts Support - initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services	29
Other Major Arts Organisation and Program Services - including Arts Scholarship, Skills Development, Major Touring, Artists in Schools, and major organisations servicing Dance, Visual Arts, Literature and Music across all Territory regions	93
Arts Management Program Target Estimates - reflect staffing and operational outlays particularly for arts marketing, regional development and support programs including consultative forums planned for establishing Regional Reference Groups in Jabiru and Nhulunbuy	72

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$33 516 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Katherine Hospital

Katherine Hospital is a sixty-bed hospital which provides acute medical and surgical services. Emergencies and routine admissions come via Aerial Medical or through the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme and are admitted or managed locally where possible. Education programs are provided for medical, nursing and Aboriginal Health Worker students. A minimal care Renal Unit is currently under development

12 367

Public Health Services

Work with Aboriginal communities to ensure minimum environmental health standards for infrastructure are provided and maintained

299

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

140

Disease control implements prevention and control measures to reduce the risks from new and emerging communicable diseases. Manages immunisation policy and vaccination programs

547

Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge and also supports the Strong Women, Strong Babies program

242

Dental Services

Dental services are provided to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Katherine Dental Clinic and in rural and remote communities from Community Health Centres

505

	Estimated Cost \$000
Alcohol and Other Drugs	
Alcohol and Other Drugs Program incorporates Living With Alcohol, an initiative designed specifically to reduce alcohol-related harm. The main objective is to promote individual and community well-being by minimising the personal, social and economic costs associated with alcohol and other drug related harm. Services in this program include Tobacco Action Plan, National Drug Strategy and Wine Cask Levy	515
Mental Health Services	
Provision of out-patient case management of clients in urban and rural locations, acute crisis intervention and assessment, psychiatric out-patients clinics, promotion and prevention	323
Family, Aged and Disability Services	
Investigate and act on reports of child abuse	794
Aged care assessment, younger adult disability assessment, physiotherapy services to the Katherine and Pine Creek area and Occupational Therapy services within the Katherine area	686
Funding and professional support for family, aged and disability service programs in non-government organisations	2 411
Primary Health Care Rural	
Katherine Urban Community Health Centre provides new-born to five year olds development assessments, childhood immunisation. Adult immunisation, antenatal and post natal care, domicillary nursing including palliative care, enuresis program, school screening, women's health and group education such as schools and mothers groups	329
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service base in Katherine provides a twenty-four hour medical consultation for remote communities and arranges Medivacs as required	1 267
Patient Assistance Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location including interstate if unavailable in the Territory	556
Primary care and referral services for clients with injuries, communicable diseases, and chronic diseases through Adelaide River Rural Health Centre	262

	Estimated Cost \$000
Coordinated Care Trials are currently being run in the Katherine district. The Trial establishes a community representative Health Board as the fund holder for health service with funding contributed by both the Territory and the Commonwealth. The Health Board purchases services as required	2 917
Twenty-four hour consultation service for medical emergencies and patient evacuation service to non-government managed health centres	765
Funding and professional support to non-government managed health services	506
CAPITAL WORKS	
Katherine - provision of Renal Facility	250

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 974 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local Government Grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities 7 253

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$7 337 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

3 753

**Continuation of Community Service Obligations funding to the
Housing Business Division (across all regions)**

3 584

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$35 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

35

- **research and policy development to facilitate a whole of government response to Aboriginal development issues;**
- **ongoing monitoring of counter disaster planning for the Katherine region;**
- **Economic Development – assistance will be provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and**
- **Law and Justice – a major effort is undertaken by the Office to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility to law and order issues by Aboriginal people. In the Katherine region, work will be progressed on developing an agreement with the Tribal Council at Lajamanu.**

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND
FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 050 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Horticulture	
Mango productivity project to be undertaken in collaboration with CSIRO, both in Darwin and Katherine	4
Evaluate a range of citrus cultivars for their yield, maturity time and fruit quality	9
Pastoral	
Publication of <i>Kidman Springs Improved Breeder Production Systems and Present levels of Breeder Productivity in Nth Australia</i>	40
Industry Services	
Recruitment and employment of a full time Horticulture Inspector to service the Katherine and rural areas newly developing horticultural industries	70
Appointment of an Extension Plant Pathologist to the Katherine Region	70
Increased protection services to expanding horticultural, agricultural and irrigated crop industries	140
Appointment of Quarantine Inspectors	60
Production of a Fire Management Handbook for Northern Territory land managers	30
Rangelands Extension Officer to be appointed to show producers how to use rangeland tools	75

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION	\$486 000
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**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Katherine Community Corrections Office - responsible for supervising community based orders made by the courts and the parole board and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region	439
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Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers - a grant of \$10 000 per annum is provided to each of the Daguragu, Lajamanu and Yugul Mangi Community Councils to assist with the employment of local Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers	30
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NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 635 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Purchase of vehicles

2 520

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles

745

Auctioneer fees

45

Vehicle fleet management

99

GENERAL RECEIPTS

Assets sold through public sector auctions

1 500

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 242 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

3 242

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

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$23 936 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

commercial services

**Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity,
water, sewerage and trade waste** **11 831**

aboriginal essential services

**Provision of electricity and water services to twenty-two
communities, water supply to ninety-three outstations, and
sewerage services to nine remote communities throughout the
Katherine region** **6 155**

CAPITAL WORKS

Commercial Services

Katherine - relocation of remote telemetry equipment **300**

**Katherine - modify remaining aboveground fire hydrants to
underground type and raise the height of Donkey Camp Pump Station
structure above 1998 flood levels to minimise risk of flood damage to
pumps and electrical equipment** **410**

**Katherine - upgrade existing access road to sewerage pumping
stations and raise electrical switchboards above flood levels** **220**

Aboriginal Essential Services

**Upgrade of existing fuel storage bunds including installation of
impermeable floors to prevent seepage of spilt fuel into soil and
underlying water table (across all regions)** **600**

**Numbulwar - drill new production bore(s) 7km north of the
community** **100**

Nguiu - construct approximately 4km of rising main **250**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Katherine - install telemetry system at communities to monitor water and sewerage infrastructure and upgrade centre monitoring system	355

TAB

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$408 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Estimated commission payments to TAB agencies in the region

382

Radio 8TAB - funding for the radio station that provides broadcasts of Darwin and Alice Springs racing, and racing across the country (across all regions)

150

Marketing and advertising (across all regions)

50

NT HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 516 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance - includes a range of schemes designed to assist Northern Territory people to purchase their first home or, if Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants (expenditure will be across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine and Alice Springs regions, depending on application) **31 891**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis on repairs and maintenance expenditure has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs **1 671**

CAPITAL WORKS

Various centres – construction of two and three bedroom public dwellings (across all regions) **500**

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

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) **70**

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

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

Various Minor New Works including:

- **Public Housing; and** **153**
- **Government Employee Housing.** **50**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
PALMERSTON AND RURAL

1999-00

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the

1999-00 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of Government, operating in a Region, in three broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

CAPITAL WORKS

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

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$60 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office:

- **Government Agencies and Local Government – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 15
- **Police – processing and resolution of complaints generally, implementation of minor complaints resolution process and training in relation to the program;** 10
- **Access and Awareness Program – visits to Urban Aboriginal Associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities and other remote areas; and** 1
- **Outreach Activities – covering all areas outside Darwin south to Katherine and the Top End.** 1

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

- **provide a complaint resolution for the Northern Region and the Southern Region;** 20
- **undertake a comprehensive campaign including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to each of the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities;** 2
- **give priority to producing brochures etc and information to special needs groups throughout the Northern Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and** 2
- **provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll free.** 0.5

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 510 000

Estimated Cost
\$000

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Office of Women's Affairs

Initiate, plan, and implement a wide and consultative process to assist Government determine Northern Territory women's priorities for the Year 2000. The Office will produce by the end of 1999 proposed new strategic directions for the new millennium (across all regions) 50

Administer the Northern Territory Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which promote the status of women in the Territory (across all regions) 20

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

Plan, initiate and manage a major evaluation of the Northern Territory Domestic Violence Strategy designed to review the processes and outcomes achieved to date under the Strategy, and identify possible future directions for Government to consider (across all regions) 180

Office of Youth Affairs

1999 Northern Territory Youth Festival - staged for the second time. Activities will be conducted throughout the Territory and will include a regional musical tour, opening event in Darwin, closing event in Alice Springs, community events sponsored through Festival grants and Internet activities (across all regions) 55

Regional Youth Forums - opportunity for young Territorians to raise issues and participate in the development of appropriate responses to areas of concern to young people (across all regions) 5

Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians - a youth advisory group, with membership of the Round Table Territory-wide (across all regions) 65

	Estimated Cost \$000
Other significant programs of the Office of Youth Affairs (across all regions) include:	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Grants Program, providing financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. There is a strong emphasis on the need for young people to be involved at all stages of any activity or project, including the planning, implementation and evaluation. There are three funding categories: (1) drug and alcohol free entertainment events; (2) youth leadership/youth development activities; and (3) youth festival projects; and • the Office's participation in the Regional Show Circuit. Specific attention will be paid in 1999-00 to promoting the Northern Territory Youth Festival through the Office display. 	
Office of Ethnic Affairs	
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - provides support to migrant communities for projects which encourage greater community relations (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to communicate more effectively when accessing public and private sector services (across all regions)	250
A range of initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include cross cultural awareness and information sessions, assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their skills in Australia, and Interpreter Card to facilitate communication access to government information (across all regions)	115

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 043 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

989

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Education and conciliation services - provision of anti-discrimination
public education courses on a regular basis**

5

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$50 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Magistrates' Circuit Courts - monthly court sittings held at Port Keats,
Jabiru and Daly River**

50

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$250 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Tourism Marketing Duty funding for the Darwin Regional Tourist Association – funds collected from the Tourism Marketing Duty are redistributed to the regional tourism associations to assist in the marketing of their prospective tourist attractions and facilities (across Darwin and Palmerston and Rural regions)	563
Discovering Darwin – a series of brochures and maps highlighting local tourism interests (across Darwin and Palmerston and Rural regions)	5
Inbound Workshop – annual event for international tourism operators to experience the Territory and its tourist attractions (across Darwin and Palmerston and Rural regions)	55
Brolga Awards – awards are granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	140
Walkabout Workshop - held with interstate travel agents and local tourism and hotel operators in order to promote the Top End's tourist attractions (across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural and Katherine regions)	20
Event Marketing Funding - financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)	115
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion - active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars (across all regions)	100
Northern Territory Travel Monitor – ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	77

	Estimated Cost \$000
General marketing activity - particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity because of visitors' expenditure in these regions (across all regions)	16 000

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$12 550 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The third year of the program to increase the police establishment by 150 police personnel	330
Continuation of the replacement of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) Criminal History and Property Recording Systems (across all regions)	207
Continuation of the replacement of the existing NT Police Computer Aided Dispatch System and the provision of an integrated communications dispatching system within the NTPFES (across all regions)	332
Replacement and upgrade of NTPFES radio communications	550
Replacement of obsolete computing equipment (across all regions)	252

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 773 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Bushfires Council - administration and operational costs including:

798

- **\$416 000 in funding for Volunteer Brigades vehicles and operations;**
- **\$15 000 for fire fighting training for volunteers; and**
- **\$5 000 fire equipment subsidies to landholders.**

Litchfield National Park – continued development of this high profile National Park with improvements to the upgrading of Sandy Creek day use and camping area

50

Management of the Marine Environments in the Fog Bay Region – a three year project that involves mapping marine habitats and in particular sea-grass in the Fog Bay region, west of Darwin

75

Indigenous Land Management Facilitator for the northern area – provides advice to Aboriginal communities on land management and conservation. Funding provided through Natural Heritage Trust

95

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **park facilities and infrastructure.**

552

CAPITAL WORKS

Various locations – provision of interpretative signs and information for Agency facilities throughout the Northern Territory (across all regions)

150

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$26 839 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
School Transport Services - for students in the Palmerston, Jabiru, Pine Creek and rural areas	2 186
CAPITAL WORKS	
CFC refrigerant management program, stage 4 of a 5 stage program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory (across all regions)	1 203
National Highways - pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet National Highway Standards (across all regions except Darwin)	3 000
Stuart Highway - stage 2 of a 3 stage program to provide 12km of dual carriageway from the Arnhem Highway to Cox Peninsula Road	2 500
Stuart Highway - improve overtaking opportunities between Darwin and Katherine (across Palmerston and Rural and Katherine regions)	1 400
National Highways - enhance roadside facilities including fencing to control wandering stock and improved signage, shade and shelter amenities for the tourism drive (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Litchfield Park road - upgrade and seal Cox Peninsula Road between Lower Finnis Crossing and Park Boundary	800
Local sealed roads - reconstruct isolated failed sections of roads across the Territory (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Fog Bay Road - sealing of selected sections and upgrade of stream crossings west of Leviathan Creek	1 000
Rural Arterials - reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory rural arterials (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000
Palmerston - landscape medians and verges of Chung Wah Terrace between Rolyat Street and Lambrick Avenue	150

	Estimated Cost \$000
Arnhem Highway - selected culvert extension, embankment protection and shoulder reconstruction at sections of the Arnhem Highway near Wildman River	250

RACING AND GAMING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$90 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Significant ongoing initiatives include:

90

- **inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region;**
- **analysis of liquor restrictions in the community; and**
- **research and provision of statistical information on liquor matters.**

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$370 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred Site avoidance surveys

350

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 674 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Natural Resources and Environment

Woodside Liquid Natural Gas plant Glyde Point - Environmental Impact Statement 12

Aquaculture proposals (liaison with proponents and others) 2

Survey and documentation of mangroves from Bynoe Harbour to Adelaide River mouth 150

Support to rural Landcare Groups 140

Implementation of Mary River Integrated Catchment Management Plan including establishment of Advisory Committee, water resource beneficial use planning, and wetlands and water quality monitoring system 350

CAPITAL WORKS

Various regional centres - urban and heritage enhancement program including heritage trails, landscaping, displays, shelters and signage 120

Palmerston - third and final stage of a program to construct underground drainage system to protect Mitchell Creek Conservation area 620

Litchfield - extension of power, water and sewerage headworks for rural residential subdivision 1 450

Middle Arm - Berry Springs connector road, stage 1 to construct 5km of sealed road between Cox Peninsula Road and Finn Road 1 000

Palmerston - headworks and land servicing for Health Precinct 450

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$200 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

200

- **building key international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key Government Agencies and the private sector;**
- **opening new trade markets and opportunities; and**
- **winning key new international investments in the Northern Territory economy.**

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$401 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Mining

Continued monitoring program at Ranger Mine, including the maintenance of the laboratory. Additional resources for the continued monitoring of the Jabiluka Project during construction phase. The equivalent of 2.5 staff are involved in activities in the region **230**

Resource Development

Commencement of geological and geotechnical documentation of extractive mineral resources of the Outer Darwin area **131**

Katherine-Daly Basin - coordination of necessary studies for subdivision **10**

Brown's Prospect polymetallic deposit - facilitate development **10**

Mt Grace magnesite - facilitate and assist with prefeasibility study **20**

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 144 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Operation of Palmerston regional office

1 670

**Functioning of regional libraries in Palmerston, Taminmin, Coomalie,
Kardu Numida and Peppimenarti**

474

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$36 350 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Primary and preschools - delivery of primary and early childhood education in twenty primary and seventeen preschools 22 100

Secondary schools - delivery of secondary education at Palmerston High School and Taminmin High School 7 600

Student and School Support Services - provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers 4 000

Additional school based staff and teachers arising out of 1998 education review 800

Northern Territory assistance to the non-government sector 1 600

Increased funding to meet growth in community demand for services 500

CAPITAL WORKS

Bees Creek School - construct additional 120 student capacity primary block and additional carparking 800

Durack Primary School - construct additional 120 student capacity classroom block including one transportable classroom 800

BATCHELOR COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 033 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The College provides:

4 758

- **tertiary education in both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas of Education Studies, Health, Community Studies and General Studies as well as short VET courses in communities across this region. There is an expansion of remote area delivery in response to community needs;**
- **ongoing establishment costs of the College becoming an independent institution;**
- **development of cross cultural orientation programs;**
- **research and development of technologies for teaching and learning programs; and**
- **development of artist-in-residence programs through Coomalie Cultural Centre.**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **works on main campus at Batchelor, western campus and Coomalie Cultural Centre.**

309

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$6 967 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**The Palmerston Campus offers studies in the Tourism and Hospitality
and Foundation Studies areas**

1 840

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$583 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Facility Development Grants - provided to sport, recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions)	1 364
Sport and Recreation Grants - provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions)	3 561
Regional and Club Development Grants - provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level	100
Special Assistance Grants - provided to assist new and emerging sport and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is required	100

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$14 779 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs, delivered by Batchelor College **6 462**

VET programs delivered by the private sector **800**

Flexible response funding to meet training needs on communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal recurrent funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles **250**

User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme – bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up to date with modern industry needs while retaining the strengths of the existing employment based training system **372**

Expansion of competitive industry market for VET **400**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Various Repairs and Maintenance including:

- **buildings at Batchelor College used for VET programs; and** **321**
- **buildings at Northern Territory University Palmerston campus used for VET programs.** **135**

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 862 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory – management of cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections	1 252
Regional Arts Fund – supporting arts projects and events across all art forms	51
Regional Exhibition and Performing Arts Touring Program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Territory	33
Regional Crafts Support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres	42
Other Major Arts Organisation and Program Services – including Arts Scholarship, Skills Development, Major Touring, Artists in Schools, and organisations servicing Dance, Visual Arts, Literature and Music across all Territory regions	382

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$19 320 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Public Health Services

Work with Aboriginal communities to ensure minimum environmental health standards for infrastructure are provided and maintained 220

Nutrition services to improve community food and nutrition knowledge and also supports the Strong Women, Strong Babies program 252

Dental Services

Dental services are provided to eligible clients. Adult services are provided at the Palmerston Dental Clinic and in rural communities at Community Health Centres 410

Mental Health Services

Promote positive community mental health and where necessary provide appropriate interventions for those suffering from mental illness 266

Family, Aged and Disability Services

Investigate and act on reports of child abuse 453

Provide assessment and therapy services to frail aged and disabled clients 324

Support to families through positive parenting programs and counselling services 1 530

	Estimated Cost \$000
Primary Health Care Urban	
Community health nurses, specialist nurses, and allied health professionals, provide home nursing and specialist services to maintain clients with acute or long term health needs in their own environment. The Palmerston Community Care Centre provides child health clinics, school children health programs, health assessment, information/education and referral on health matters	1 290
Primary Health Care Rural	
Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service has a base at Darwin. It provides twenty-four hour availability for medical consultation for remote communities and arranges Medivacs as required. Specialised aerial medical nurses accompany evacuation flights	2 327
Patient Assistant Travel Scheme assists with travel and accommodation costs for patients referred for specialist treatment at a distant location including interstate if unavailable in the Territory	598
Remote Health Clinics provide primary care and referral services for clients with injuries, communicable and chronic diseases, child and adult immunisation, maternal and infant health program, new born to five year olds growth assessment program, school aged children health program, Well Women program, antenatal and pap smears, men's health program and aged monitoring	4 573
Medical Officers provide medical visits to six communities	728
Provide funding and professional support to non-government managed health services	1 264

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 400 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Local Government Grants – roads, dumps, capital and operational grants paid to municipal and community government councils and other organisations that carry out local government functions in remote communities **2 400**

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 218 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

3 050

**Continuation of Community Service Obligations funding to the
Housing Business Division (across all regions)**

7 168

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND
FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$8 481 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Horticulture

Mango productivity project to be undertaken in collaboration with CSIRO, both in Darwin and Katherine **6**

Promote sustainable Asian vegetable production with improved prospects for export to South East Asia **9**

Develop nutrition and irrigation data to improve management of banana and rambutan productivity and quality **10**

Pastoral

Market consolidation and expansion for beef cattle export to Indonesia **182**

Industry Services

Continue to develop and implement Interstate Certification Assurance arrangements that enable industry to carry out self certification of horticultural produce destined for interstate markets **260**

Increased protection services (diseases) for the expanding horticultural, ornamental and agricultural industries **15**

Continuation of the banana Fusarium Wilt monitoring program to protect the banana industry **10**

Demonstrations of sustainable Asian vegetable production through improved pest control and horticultural practices **80**

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$18 869 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Darwin Correctional Centre - administration and management of Berrimah Gaol to ensure the secure imprisonment of prisoners	15 295
Juvenile Detention Centres - administration and management of the Don Dale Centre at Berrimah and the Wilderness Work Camp at Wildman River	2 504
Community Corrections Offices at Palmerston and Port Keats - responsible for supervising community based orders made by the courts and the parole board, and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region	450
Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers - a grant to the Port Keats Community Council to assist with the employment of an Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers	10

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 005 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

**Territory Wildlife Parks – continue the development of this important
tourist attraction with the provision of toilet facilities in the raptor area**

70

CAPITAL WORKS

Territory Wildlife Parks – upgrade Nocturnal House exhibits

300

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$20 691 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

9 503

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

10 488

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

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$122 957 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

**Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity,
water, sewerage and trade waste** **121 430**

CAPITAL WORKS

Commercial Services

**Darwin River Dam Pumping Station – install variable speed drives to
two existing pumps** **200**

Aboriginal Essential Services

**Upgrade existing fuel storage bunds including installation of
impermeable floors to prevent seepage of spilt fuel into soil and
underlying water table (across all regions)** **600**

TAB

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$231 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Estimated commission payments to TAB agencies in the region	206
Radio 8TAB - funding for the radio station that provides broadcasts of Darwin and Alice Springs racing, and racing across the country (across all regions)	150
Marketing and advertising (across all regions)	50

NT HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 137 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

HomeNorth home purchase assistance – includes a range of schemes designed to assist Northern Territory people to purchase their first home or, if Housing tenants, to purchase their dwellings. This year will be the third year of the shared equity scheme to tenants. Expenditure will be across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural, Katherine and Alice Springs regions, depending on application **31 891**

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

An emphasis on repairs and maintenance expenditure has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs **1 750**

CAPITAL WORKS

Darwin and Palmerston – construction of one and two bedroom units (across Darwin and Palmerston regions) **11 200**

Various centres – construction of two and three bedroom public dwellings (across all regions) **500**

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

Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions) **85**

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

	Estimated Cost \$000
Various remote centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000
Various Minor New Works including:	
• Public Housing.	226

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
TENNANT CREEK

1999-00

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The objective of these books is to present details of significant initiatives funded in the 1999-00 Budget. Information is presented for those Agencies of

Government, operating in a Region, in three broad categories.

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The range of services provided to the Northern Territory community.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of Government's assets.

CAPITAL WORKS

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

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$54 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The primary functions of the Ombudsman's Office are:

- **Government Agencies and Local Government – processing and resolution of complaints generally;** 10
- **Police – processing and resolution of complaints and liaison with the member of the Police Professional Responsibility Unit in Alice Springs;** 10
- **Access and Awareness Program – visits to Urban Aboriginal Associations in townships, and to Aboriginal communities including Santa Teresa, Hermannsburg, Ali Curung and Yuendumu; and** 2
- **Outreach Activities.** 2

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

- **provide a complaint resolution for the Northern Region and the Southern Region;** 10
- **undertake a comprehensive campaign including visits to rural and remote Aboriginal communities. The program includes at least one visit to each of the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and at least one visit to another five communities;** 5
- **give priority to producing brochures etc and information to special needs groups throughout the Northern Territory. These include various ethnic groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and** 5
- **provide a 1800 telephone number to ensure that people in remote areas and those from special needs groups are able to contact the Commission toll free.** 1

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$984 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Office of Women's Affairs

Initiate, plan, and implement a wide and consultative process to assist Government determine Northern Territory women's priorities for the Year 2000. The Office will produce by the end of 1999 proposed new strategic directions for the new millennium (across all regions) **50**

Administer the Northern Territory Women's Fellowship to encourage initiatives which promote the status of women in the Territory (across all regions) **20**

Administer and promote the Chief Minister's Women's Achievement Award – the awards are presented to women who have made a major contribution over a significant period of time to their neighbourhood, region or the Territory as a whole (across all regions) **10**

Plan, initiate and manage a major evaluation of the Northern Territory Domestic Violence Strategy designed to review the processes and outcomes achieved to date under the Strategy, and identify possible future directions for Government to consider (across all regions) **180**

Office of Youth Affairs

1999 Northern Territory Youth Festival – staged for the second time. Activities will be conducted throughout the Territory and will include a regional musical tour, opening event in Darwin, closing event in Alice Springs, community events sponsored through Festival grants and Internet activities (across all regions) **55**

Regional Youth Forums - opportunity for young Territorians to raise issues and participate in the development of appropriate responses to areas of concern to young people (across all regions) **5**

	Estimated Cost \$000
Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians - a youth advisory group, with membership of the Round Table Territory-wide (across all regions)	65
Other significant programs of the Office of Youth Affairs (across all regions) include:	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Grants Program, providing financial support for young Territorians to become involved in a diverse range of events and activities. There is a strong emphasis on the need for young people to be involved at all stages of any activity or project, including the planning, implementation and evaluation. There are three funding categories: (1) drug and alcohol free entertainment events; (2) youth leadership/youth development activities; and (3) youth festival projects; and • the Office's participation in the Regional Show Circuit. Specific attention will be paid in 1999-00 to promoting the Northern Territory Youth Festival through the Office display. 	
Office of Ethnic Affairs	
Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program - provides support to migrant communities for projects which encourage greater community relations (across all regions)	447
Northern Territory Interpreter Service - assists people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to communicate more effectively when accessing public and private sector services (across all regions)	250
A range of initiatives to promote and facilitate mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural, racial, linguistic and religious diversity amongst all Territorians. Initiatives include cross cultural awareness and information sessions, assistance for overseas trained people to gain recognition of their skills in Australia and Interpreter Card to facilitate communication access to government information (across all regions)	115

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$260 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

247

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$5 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

5

OFFICE OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$152 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Judges and Magistrates - provision of assistance and support to judges and magistrates to ensure that the operation of Tennant Creek Courthouse meets Australian standards	90
Court Facilities - provision of courts and associated facilities that are of appropriate standards and dimensions to accommodate demand	30
Access - assuring equal treatment and access to services for all parties participating in judicial proceedings	7
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
Various repairs and maintenance including:	
• corrective and cyclical maintenance on Tennant Creek Courthouse.	7

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION **\$515 000**

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Tourism Marketing Duty funding for Tennant Creek Regional Tourist Association – funds collected from the Tourism Marketing Duty are redistributed to the regional tourism associations to assist in the marketing of their prospective tourist attractions and facilities	281
Brolga Awards – awards are granted to tourism operators for excellence and innovation in service delivery (across all regions)	140
Walkabout Workshop - held with interstate travel agents and local tourism and hotel operators in order to promote the Central Australia's tourist attractions (across Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions)	20
Event Marketing Funding - financial support for event organisers to assist them in raising the profile of their events throughout the Territory (across all regions)	115
Convention Bureau Marketing and Promotion - active promotion of Darwin and Alice Springs as suitable destinations to host conventions and seminars (across all regions)	100
Northern Territory Travel Monitor - ongoing tourism market survey and analysis (across all regions)	77
Regional Discovery Trails – an integrated visitor information system including maps and tour itineraries (across Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions)	30
General Marketing Activity - particularly in regard to destination advertising interstate and overseas. All regions benefit from this activity because of visitors' expenditure in these regions (across all regions)	16 000

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 421 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
The third year of the program to increase the police establishment by 150 police personnel	150
Continuation of the replacement of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) Criminal History and Property Recording Systems (across all regions)	207
Continuation of the replacement of the existing NT Police Computer Aided Dispatch System and the provision of an integrated communications dispatching system within the NTPFES (across all regions)	332
Replacement and upgrade of NTPFES radio communications	380
Replacement of obsolete computing equipment (across all regions)	252

**PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 430 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Bushfires Council - administration and operational costs associated with Elliott/Wauchope and Barkly Regions. Outlays include:	286
• \$10,000 in fire fighting equipment subsidies to landholders; and	
• \$29,000 for fire training for volunteers and landholders.	
Dingo baiting on pastoral properties - continued assistance to landholders	50
Sparrow control - continued efforts to arrest movements of this pest species from Queensland into the northern areas of the Northern Territory	33
Aerial survey of Barkly Tablelands to determine numbers and densities of kangaroos and horses	95
Indigenous Land Management Facilitator - provide advice to Aboriginal Communities on land management and conservation. Funds are provided by the Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust (works across Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Barkly region)	95
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various locations - provision of interpretative signs and information for Agency facilities throughout the Territory (across all regions)	150

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 684 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
School Transport Services – for students in Tennant Creek	55
CAPITAL WORKS	
CFC refrigerant management program, stage 4 of a 5 stage program targeting educational and health facilities across the Northern Territory (across all regions)	1 203
National Highways – pavement rehabilitation and widening of selected sections of the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways to meet National Highway Standards (across all regions except Darwin)	3 000
National Highways – landscaping of median strips and verges on parts of the Stuart and Victoria Highways in Katherine, and the Stuart Highway in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs (across Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions)	75
National Highways – enhance roadside facilities including fencing to control wandering stock and improved signage, shade and shelter amenities for the tourism drive (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Local sealed roads – reconstruct isolated failed sections of roads across the Territory (across all regions except Darwin)	500
Rural Arterials – reconstruct isolated failed sections of sealed Territory rural arterials (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$569 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

565

- **implementing industry assistance programs;**
- **promoting business opportunities in the Tennant Creek region;**
- **advancing awareness of the Northern Territory Made logo, and firms accredited to use the Northern Territory Products symbol; and**
- **identifying regional projects suitable for funding assistance, in conjunction with the Regional Economic Development Committee.**

RACING AND GAMING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$90 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Significant ongoing initiatives include:

90

- **ongoing inspections and surveillance of licensed premises and restricted areas in the region;**
- **review of liquor restrictions in the community; and**
- **research and provision of statistical information on liquor matters.**

Note: The Agency is part of the administrative structure of the Department of Industries and Business with statutory adjustments to be made during 1999-00.

ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$415 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Sacred Site avoidance surveys

400

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING
AND ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$656 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Natural Resources and Environment

**Investigation of groundwater resource to assess suitability for
irrigation development** **100**

CAPITAL WORKS

**Various regional centres - urban and heritage enhancement program
including heritage trails, landscaping, displays, shelters and signage** **80**

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$200 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

200

- **building key international relationships in the region in cooperation with other key Government Agencies and the private sector;**
- **opening new trade markets and opportunities; and**
- **winning key new international investments in the Northern Territory economy.**

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$917 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Mining

Surveillance of existing operations especially with the closure of the Normandy mines - equivalent of 1.5 staff members operating in the region **100**

Resource Development

Oversee maintenance of gas pipelines **4**

Complete the geological and mineral assessment of the Tennant Creek Goldfields **210**

Extensive airborne geophysical surveys around the Tennant Creek Inlier **578**

Georgina Basin - promotion and marketing of onshore petroleum reserves **25**

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION
SERVICES: GENERAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION **\$557 000**

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Operation of regional office	442
Functioning of regional libraries at Tennant Creek and Elliott	115

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$283 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Property Management - manage Government owned and leased office accommodation and warehousing, on behalf of client Agencies. Presently one is leased from the private sector and one is Government owned

234

Outsource building services including cleaning and security

49

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$11 500 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Primary and preschools - delivery of primary and early childhood education in sixteen primary and ten preschools	6 500
Secondary schools - delivery of secondary education at Tennant Creek High School	2 700
Student and School Support Services - provision of curriculum services and professional support for students and teachers	1 100
Additional school based staff and teachers arising out of 1998 education review	100
Increased funding to meet growth in community demand for services	100
CAPITAL WORKS	
Elliott Community Education Centre - construct a transportable standard single unit preschool	193

BATCHELOR COLLEGE

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 757 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

The College provides tertiary education in both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in areas of Education Studies, Health, Community Studies and General Studies as well as short VET courses in communities across this region. There is an expansion of remote area delivery in response to community needs

1 739

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$387 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Facility Development Grants - provided to sport, recreational organisations, local government and Aboriginal communities for the construction, upgrade and development of sporting facilities, including ovals, lights and recreational facilities (across all regions)	1 364
Sport and Recreation Grants - provided to assist community organisations and peak sporting bodies in the delivery and administration of sport and recreational programs (across all regions)	3 561
Regional and Club Development Grants - provided to affiliated regional sport associations or clubs, existing community recreation organisations and local government authorities to promote the development of sport and recreation at regional and club level	100
Special Assistance Grants - provided to assist new and emerging sport and recreation organisations or organisations where one-off special assistance is required	100

NORTHERN TERRITORY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 160 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Vocational Education and Training programs, delivered by private sector	200
Flexible response funding to meet training needs on communities and regional centres which arise outside the normal recurrent funding cycle and Northern Territory profiles	270
User Choice/New Apprenticeships National Reform Scheme - bringing apprenticeships and traineeships up to date with modern industry needs while retaining the strengths of the existing employment based training system	190

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND MUSEUMS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$383 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
GENERAL OUTLAYS	
Alice Springs Cultural Precinct – management of cultural facilities and collections including Araluen, Centre for Arts and Entertainment and Museum of Central Australia	293
Regional Museum Grants Support Program – provides financial assistance grants to regional museums to assist in the preservation, collection and display of community heritage (across all regions)	20
Regional Arts Fund – supporting arts projects and events across all art forms	11
Regional Exhibition and Performing Arts Touring Program – delivers significant art exhibitions and performances to regions throughout the Northern Territory	8
Regional Crafts Support – initiatives include workshops, exhibitions, forums, seminars, newsletters and advisory services through regional branches in main Territory centres	9
Other Major Arts Organisation and Program Services – including Arts Scholarship, Skills Development, Major Touring, Artists in Schools, and organisations servicing Dance, Visual Arts, Literature and Music across all Territory regions. A major initiative is support to the Barkly Arts Management Board	30
Arts Management Program Target Estimates – reflect staffing and operational outlays particularly for arts marketing, regional development and support programs	32

TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$10 949 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Tennant Creek Hospital

Tennant Creek Hospital provides a regional hospital with twenty authorised beds with services supplemented by visiting specialists **6 290**

Public Health Services

Enhancement of Aboriginal health AIDS/STD services through the employment of an Aboriginal Health Educator **111**

Enhancement of Health Promotion services through additional resources **37**

Family, Aged and Disability

Provision of funds to a non-government organisation to provide services in relation to domestic violence **50**

Improved child care services **50**

Primary Health Care Rural

Primary Health Care Rural – extra services will be provided under the remote communities incentives funding **515**

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$2 340 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

2 058

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

1 800

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$3 656 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Aboriginal Housing Grants

2 580

**Continuation of Community Service Obligations funding to the
Housing Business Division (across all regions)**

1 075

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$120 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Expenditure is directed towards:

120

- **research, policy development and coordination to facilitate a whole of government effort in Aboriginal development;**
- **Economic Development - assistance will be provided to Aboriginal groups and individuals who wish to establish business enterprises; and**
- **Law and Justice - a major effort is undertaken by the Office to coordinate the development of community law and order plans under the Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy. These plans enable greater participation and acceptance of responsibility to law and order issues by Aboriginal people. In the Tennant Creek region, the existing agreement at Ali Curung will be monitored and work will be progressed on developing a community plan at Elliott.**

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND
FISHERIES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 630 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Pastoral

Native pasture management for Barkly grazing enterprises project funded by Natural Heritage Trust Supplementation strategies for the Barkly project jointly funded by Ridley AgriProducts and Meat and Livestock Australia **20**

Industry Services

Establishment of a fruit fly monitoring grid **5**

Pilot mapping exercise on Playford River for weeds infestation **3**

NORTHERN TERRITORY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$225 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Tennant Creek Community Corrections Offices – responsible for supervising community based orders made by the courts and the parole board, and providing local community activities aimed at addressing law, justice and social issues of the region

217

NT FLEET

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$389 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles

185

Vehicle fleet management

71

CONSTRUCTION AGENCY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$1 621 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

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

1 621

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

POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$15 284 000

**Estimated Cost
000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Commercial Services

**Provision of economical and environmentally sound electricity,
water, sewerage and trade waste** **11 354**

Aboriginal essential services

**Provision of electricity and water services to five communities,
water supply to forty-eight outstations and sewerage services to
remote communities throughout the Tennant Creek region** **2 230**

CAPITAL WORKS

Aboriginal Essential Services

**Upgrade of existing fuel storage bunds including installation of
impermeable floors to prevent seepage of spilt fuel into soil and
underlying water table (across all regions)** **600**

**Alpurrurulam (Lake Nash) - install 80kL elevated tank and construct
rising main** **360**

TAB

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$164 000

**Estimated Cost
\$000**

GENERAL OUTLAYS

Estimated commission payments to TAB agencies in the region	147
Radio 8TAB - funding for the radio station that provides broadcasts of Darwin and Alice Springs racing, and racing across the country (across all regions)	150
Marketing and advertising (across all regions)	50

NT HOUSING

TOTAL BUDGET FOR REGION

\$4 988 000

	Estimated Cost \$000
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
An emphasis on repairs and maintenance expenditure has been placed on revitalising the condition of older dwellings and on reducing unforeseen maintenance costs	661
CAPITAL WORKS	
Various centres – construction of two and three bedroom public dwellings (across all regions)	500
Various centres – construction of new crisis or medium term housing and upgrade of existing premises (across all regions)	500
Various urban centres – upgrade and enhancement of public dwellings including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions)	15
Various remote centres – construction of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, for use as Government employee housing (across all regions except Darwin)	4 500
Various remote centres – upgrade and enhancement of Government employee housing including internal improvements and enhancement of external areas (across all regions except Darwin)	1 000
Various Minor New Works including:	
• Public Housing; and	119
• Government Employee Housing.	40