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Chief Minister

In accordance with the provisions of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, I am pleased to submit to you the 2006-07 Annual Report of the Department of the Chief Minister.

Pursuant to the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, *Financial Management Act* and *Information Act*, I advise that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a) proper records of all transactions affecting the department are kept and the employees under my control observe the provisions of the *Financial Management Act*, the Financial Management Regulations and the Treasurer's Directions;
- b) procedures within the agency afford proper internal control, and that these procedures are recorded in the Accounting and Property Manual, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act*;
- c) there is no indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in, or omission from, the accounts and records;
- d) the internal audit capacity available to the agency is adequate and the results of internal audits have been reported to me;
- e) the Financial Statement included in the Annual Report has been prepared from proper accounts and records and is in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions;
- f) all Employment Instructions issued by the Commissioner for Public Employment have been satisfied.



Paul Tyrrell
Chief Executive

30 September 2007

Purpose of this Report

This report provides the Chief Minister, Parliament, Territorians and others with insights into the department's actions and priorities that support the government's strategic outcomes for the Northern Territory.

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Chief Executive's Overview

The last year has been one of many challenges and significant achievements for the Department of the Chief Minister. The department has continued to coordinate a number of activities to implement the government's priorities and to underpin the Territory's economic and social development.

Within the department, preparations commenced for the amalgamation of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment and the Department of the Chief Minister's corporate functions, in readiness for the transfer on 1 July 2007. Events Branch staff from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport transferred to the Major Events Company. Arrangements were also put in place for the transfer of the Seniors Card to the Department of Health and Community Services, and the Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport.

The department continued to recognise and develop young Territorians through vacation employment, apprentice and graduate programs. One of the department's apprentices, Charleeann Reid, received a NAIDOC Community Award for dedication and outstanding achievement as a student and school-based apprentice.

A balance between work and life outside work was encouraged through flexible work arrangements and a number of staff have taken this opportunity. The department continued to build capacity through supporting professional development opportunities and maintaining a comprehensive learning and training program.

KEEPING TERRITORIANS INFORMED

During 2006-07 the department was responsible for the development and delivery of several large public awareness campaigns on a number of important NT Government initiatives. These included *Creating Darwin's Future*, a collection of major proposals and initiatives designed to stimulate discussion about the future of Darwin and *Moving Alice Ahead*, a communications strategy to support a series of projects developed to address social, economic and community issues in Alice Springs.

Other campaigns included an integrated public awareness package to support the introduction of the NT Government's new road safety measures, an information campaign to communicate temporary arrangements for commercial and recreational fishing following the Blue Mud Bay decision and a marketing campaign resulting from the O'Sullivan Report which aimed to attract more recruits to the NT Police Force.

FACILITATING MAJOR PROJECTS

The department continued to coordinate major projects that will deliver long-term economic benefits and growth for the Northern Territory. These projects included:

- **Darwin as a Centre for Gas Development**

Attracting new onshore gas-based developments, including additional LNG and future gas-based manufacturing, is a priority for government.

In 2006-07 the department coordinated and was involved in the Chief Minister's travel to Japan to meet with key LNG and Timor Gas stakeholders. Follow-up discussions were also pursued with key gas industry stakeholders during the South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference (SEAAOC) and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Energy Minister's meeting held in Darwin. This included strong engagement with the Australian Government and the undertaking of strategic research to support the case for the Ichthys gas resource to come to Darwin.

The department also continued to chair a high-level taskforce to ensure that the proposed Bonaparte Gas Pipeline project (a 275km pipeline, linking the onshore Blacktip Gas Processing facility with the existing Amadeus to Darwin pipeline) is delivered in a timely manner.

- **Creating Darwin's Future**

During 2006-07 the department was responsible for developing and coordinating the delivery of the *Creating Darwin's Future* initiative.

Creating Darwin's Future brought together 93 proposals and initiatives to make Darwin an outstanding tropical harbour city and addressed three key themes: Recreation and Lifestyle; Tourism and Heritage; and Development.

The department was also responsible for coordinating the extensive community consultation process for *Creating Darwin's Future*, including workshops with key interest groups, shopping centre displays, the establishment of a website and the development of community information material.

- **Moving Alice Ahead**

The department manages the *Moving Alice Ahead* initiative, which includes 11 critical projects developed in consultation with stakeholders to address social, community and economic issues in Alice Springs.

A number of these projects include significant investment, which will create an environment that will benefit Central Australia, revitalise and stimulate confidence in the community, and make Alice Springs a better place to live, work and raise a family.

- **Growing the AustralAsia Trade Route**

The department continued to coordinate the government's efforts to grow the AustralAsia Trade Route.

Success was achieved in attracting new international shipping links between Indonesia (Surabaya) and Darwin along with continued growth of the Shanghai to Darwin shipping service. New bulk mineral exports commenced with the export of manganese from the Bootu Creek mine to China, with iron-ore shipments expected to commence in September 2007 from Frances Creek.

Investment in the Darwin Business Park continued to grow including the completion of the Toll Stage 2 facility for the Foster's Group and commitment by John Bain Westrans and Shaws Transport to develop new transport consolidation/distribution facilities.

These successes were assisted through the hosting of the Global Freight Connect Conference in April 2007.

ASIAN RELATIONS AND TRADE

The department continued to work in partnership with industry to pursue new trade opportunities. This included leading joint industry and government trade missions to Indonesia and Vietnam with a focus on mining supply and service opportunities, education and training, and growing our live cattle trade.

The department has also been actively involved in facilitating Indigenous art and craft buyers' missions from the USA and Europe to the Northern Territory, resulting in significant new sales.

Political and cultural linkages within the Asian region have been strengthened through ministerial and other visits into the Asian region, as well as receiving a number of delegations to the Territory. The department played a key role in coordinating these visits.

DARWIN WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

Significant progress has been made at the Darwin Waterfront with a number of elements well advanced in their construction, including the Darwin Convention Centre which will be completed in mid 2008. The 656 metre-long sea wall has been completed and work on the cruise ship terminal will commence in the near future. Construction of the wave lagoon commenced and will be completed in June 2008. The remaining public domain is well underway and the residential and hospitality development, which includes two hotels and 138 residential apartments, is on schedule for completion in early 2009.

The construction phase of the project has already delivered real economic benefits to the Territory with contracts worth more than \$135 million awarded to local companies and 1200 jobs generated.

In late 2006 the government established the Darwin Waterfront Corporation to serve as a client during construction of Stage One. The corporation will deliver local government type services and manage and promote the Waterfront precinct once completed.

The corporation, which received support and services from the Department of the Chief Minister throughout the year, has been working closely with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as the agency responsible for managing project delivery to the end of Stage One. The corporation has also been preparing for the commencement of operations at the precinct.

POLICY, COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Towards the end of the financial year, a minor restructure resulted in the amalgamation of the Policy and Coordination Unit with Risk Management Services to form the Policy Coordination and Implementation Division. The focus of the division now includes working proactively with NT Government agencies to assist in ensuring that the priorities of government are achieved, the best information is provided to government for decision-making, and government decisions and plans are implemented.

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

The year has seen substantial activity in the area of Indigenous affairs. The department has taken a leading role in establishing and maintaining effective partnerships with both the Australian Government and Indigenous Territorians.

The Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse released its report titled *Little Children Are Sacred* in June 2007.

The 316 page report contained 97 recommendations for improving the safety of Aboriginal children in the Territory. The clear message from the Inquiry was that a long-term commitment was needed to address the underlying social and environmental factors contributing to child sexual abuse. The findings of the *Little Children are Sacred* report created substantial coordination work for this department as planning took place across government to address the recommendations in the report. The announcement in June 2007 of the Australian Government's intention to intervene in the management of Indigenous affairs in the Northern Territory added to the coordination requirements of the department in addressing Indigenous disadvantage. The intervention required the department to be involved in the National Emergency Response at the highest levels and to negotiate with the Australian Government for long-term additional funding support in key areas to improve outcomes for Indigenous Territorians.

The department is coordinating the development of a whole-of-government generational plan to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage. The plan will also respond to the Inquiry report and will be released in August 2007.

COMMUNITY CABINET

The Community Cabinet program saw Cabinet visit communities throughout the Territory to meet and talk directly with Territorians about the issues affecting them. The communities visited during the year were Groote Eylandt, Coolalinga, Katherine East Region (Eva Valley, Barunga, Beswick, Bulman and Weemol) Alice Springs, East Arnhem Region (Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku) and Nightcliff.

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The department continued to fund community organisations through various grants programs and undertook initiatives to involve community members in government decision-making.

Through the Cabinet Office and Office of Women's Policy, the department supported four Community Cabinet Women's Forums at Groote Eylandt, Katherine East Region, Alice Springs and the East Arnhem Region.

The highly successful Say No to Violence and the Stop the Violence television and radio advertising campaign commenced.

The department extended the Ethnic Communities Facilities Development Program for a further three years and 105 recreational and developmental initiatives for young people were funded through the Youth Engagement Grants Program.

A new Advisory Council on Ageing was established to provide advice to the Minister for Senior Territorians on issues affecting the Territory's ageing population.

The year also saw the NT Major Events Company once again raise the number of Territorians attending popular events such as the BASSINTHEGRASS and BASSINTHEDUST youth concerts and the V8 Supercars.

In closing, I would like to thank all departmental staff for their commitment and professionalism in responding to the changes and challenges that arose during 2006-07, and pay tribute to their achievements and contributions.



Paul Tyrrell

30 September 2007

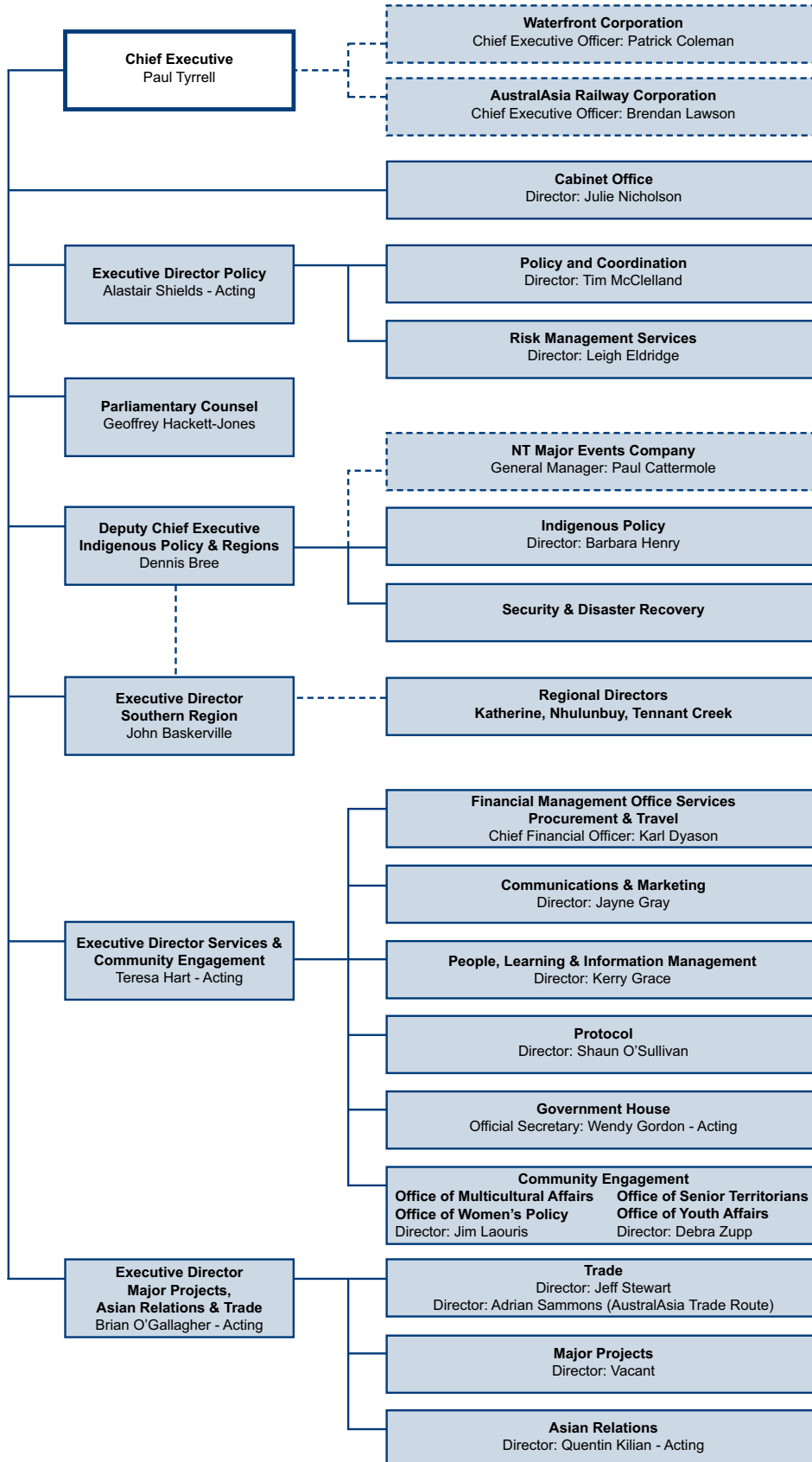
2006-07 at a Glance

30 June - 2 July 2006	Darwin round of the 2006 Skycity Triple Crown V8 Supercar Championship racing at Hidden Valley
1 July 2006	Territory Day flag raising ceremonies and Territory Day fireworks displays across the Territory
14 July 2006	Chief Minister wins support of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) for a national working group to develop a detailed proposal for generational change to overcome Indigenous disadvantage
August 2006	Seniors Month celebrated with activities across the Northern Territory
8 August 2007	Establishment of the Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Children from Sexual Abuse
8-11 August 2006	Chief Minister leads an investment mission to Brunei and Sabah
14-15 August 2006	Community Cabinet visits Groote Eylandt
17-24 August 2006	Release of the Alice Springs Town Camps Review Taskforce Report and formation of the Town Camps Implementation Steering Committee
1 September 2006	Swearing in of new Ministry
6 September 2006	Launch of the 2007 Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards
25 September 2006	Community Cabinet visits Coolalinga
10 October 2006	Launch of Creating Darwin's Future – A Tropical Harbour City
16-19 October 2006	Exercise Cumpston in Darwin – a national exercise to test policy and practical preparedness in the event of a human pandemic influenza affecting Australia
21 October 2006	Masters Games Alice Springs opening ceremony
30-31 October 2006	Community Cabinet visits Katherine East Region
13-14 November 2006	Community Cabinet visits Alice Springs
31 January 2007	Chief Minister leads trade mission to Japan to promote gas developments in the Northern Territory
26-27 March 2007	Community Cabinet visits East Arnhem Region (Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku)
18 April 2007	Chief Minister launches Moving Alice Ahead
14-22 April 2007	National Youth Week celebrated with a range of activities across the Territory
15-18 April 2007	Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Conference
15-19 April 2007	Alice Springs Parliamentary Sittings
22 April 2007	Community Cabinet visits Nightcliff
26-27 April 2007	Third Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines – East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Darwin Dialogue
12-19 May 2007	Ninth Arafura Games
30 May-1 June 2007	South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference (SEAAOC) in Darwin

27-30 May 2007	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Energy Ministers meeting in Darwin
6-7 June 2007	National Counter Terrorism Committee meets in Darwin
15 June 2007	Chief Minister releases <i>Little Children are Sacred</i> , the final report of the Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse
22-24 June 2007	Tenth hosting of the Skycity Triple Crown V8 Supercar Championship event at Hidden Valley

About the Department

Organisational Structure



Corporate Governance Structure and Committees

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Role of the Committee

To develop strategic directions to support government.

The group is the senior decision making body of the department with responsibility for:

- monitoring performance against objectives
- being financially accountable
- ensuring there are sound people management and communications practices that are fair and equitable and in support of corporate objectives.

Membership

As at 30 June 2007 the Executive Management Group consisted of the following members.

Chair: Chief Executive

Members: Deputy Chief Executive, Policy
 Deputy Chief Executive, Indigenous Policy and Regions
 Executive Director, Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade
 Executive Director, Southern Region
 Executive Director, Services and Community Engagement
 Parliamentary Counsel
 Director, Communications and Marketing
 Director, Cabinet Office
 Chief Financial Officer

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Role of the Committee

To provide advice to the Chief Executive and Executive Management Group on information management issues impacting on the department as a whole including:

- information and communications technology systems
- information and records management
- knowledge management.

Membership

Chair: Executive Director, Services and Community Engagement

Members: Director, People and Learning and Information Management
 Director, Communications and Marketing
 Chief Financial Officer
 Director, Information Technology Service Management, Department of Corporate and Information Services

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Role of Committee

To provide an oversight role to assist the Chief Executive and the Executive Management Group in fulfilling their corporate governance responsibilities, particularly in relation to accountability arrangements, internal control, risk management and the internal and external audit functions.

The functions and responsibilities of the committee are to:

- monitor the adequacy of the department's internal control environment and related policies, practices and procedures
- oversee the internal audit function, liaise with external auditors and monitor the implementation of internal and external audit recommendations
- undertake any other functions and activities that the committee considers relevant to its primary objective.

The committee has authority in relation to each of these functions across all areas of the department.

Membership

Chair:	Executive Director, Services and Community Engagement
Members:	Executive Director, Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade Chief Financial Officer Director, Cabinet Office
Observers:	Risk Management Services' representative Auditor-General's representative

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY GROUP

Role of the Committee

To respond to departmental occupational health and safety (OH&S) needs and ensure that a safe workplace is maintained.

Membership

Chair:	Director, Protocol
Ex Officio:	OH&S Adviser, Department of Corporate and Information Services
Members:	Chief Financial Officer Manager, General Services Property Manager, Government House People and Learning Consultant Senior Policy and Research Officer, Community Engagement

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY NETWORK

Role of Committee

To promote and facilitate:

- respectful workplace relationships
- diversity
- inclusive workplace practices and policies
- flexible workplace practices
- equal opportunity.

Membership

Convenor: Executive Director, Services and Community Engagement

Members: Membership of the committee is drawn from interested staff from across the department and reflects the diversity within the organisation.

Statutory Bodies

The following Statutory Bodies are established by legislation and administered by the department as at 30 June 2007.

AustralAsia Railway Corporation

AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act

Purpose: to facilitate the development and monitor operations of the AustralAsia Railway.

Remuneration Tribunal

Remuneration Tribunal Act

Purpose: to conduct inquiries and report on the remuneration, allowances and entitlements payable to certain categories of person.

Darwin Waterfront Corporation

Darwin Waterfront Corporation Act

Purpose: to develop, manage and service the Waterfront Precinct for the benefit of the community and to promote the precinct as a place of residence and business and a venue for public events and entertainment.

Legislative Framework

Acts and regulations administered by the department on behalf of the Chief Minister.

ACTS

- *Administrators Pensions Act*
- *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act*
- *AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act*
- *AustralAsia Railway (Special Provisions) Act*
- *AustralAsia Railway (Third Party Access) Act*
- *Commission of Inquiry (Deaths in Custody) Act*
- *Darwin Waterfront Corporation Act*
- *Essential Goods and Services Act*
- *Flag and Emblem Act*
- *Inquiries Act*
- *Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act*
- *Parks and Reserves (Framework for the Future) Act*
- *Referendums Act*
- *Transfer of Powers Act*
- *Transfer of Powers (Further Provisions) Act*
- *Transfer of Powers (Self-Government) Act*
- *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act*
- *Trans-Territory Pipeline and Blacktip Gas Projects (Special Provisions) Act*
- *Validation (Native Title) Act.*

REGULATIONS

- AustralAsia Railway Corporation (Investment) Regulations
- AustralAsia Railway (Special Provisions) Regulations
- Inquiries (Witnesses' Expenses) Regulations
- Parks and Reserves (Framework for the Future) Regulations
- Referendums Regulations.

The Administrative Arrangements Order, made by the Administrator of the Northern Territory acting with the advice of the Executive Council, is also the responsibility of the department.

The Administrative Arrangements Order sets out the ministries and the agencies, legislation and principal areas of government for which ministers have responsibility.

Our People

The department's focus on people continued in 2006-07 with achievements in:

- encouraging a balance between work and life outside work
- supporting and valuing our people
- strengthening skills now and for the future.

ENCOURAGING A BALANCE BETWEEN WORK AND LIFE OUTSIDE WORK

The department was one of three agencies selected by Cabinet to be a pilot agency for the *Managing Work Life Balance in the NTPS Policy and Implementation Plan 2004-06*.

There have been a number of achievements in this area, including:

- continued growth in the use of flexible work practices, which involves eight staff operating under a variety of flexible arrangements
- in-house workshops to promote work life balance, including:
 - 90 minute practical workshops to encourage taking stock of ourselves and provide practical solutions
 - wellbeing workshops, which formed the basis for an assessment of the organisation's overall wellbeing
- a successful program to vaccinate staff against influenza.

SUPPORTING AND VALUING OUR PEOPLE

- Supported various community programs' fundraisers such as the Cancer Council and the Australian Red Cross.
- Continued to support staff by offering access to the Employee Assistance Program through local employee assistance providers.

STRENGTHENING SKILLS NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE

- Sponsored leadership programs such as the Public Sector Management Program (PSMP), Springboard, Discovery and Kigaruk Indigenous Men's Leadership Program.
- Supported two staff to undertake PSMP.
- Continued to provide staff with professional development support through the Studies Assistance Program.
- Exceeded the JobsPlan NT quota by employing a total of eight apprentices during the year, two of whom are school based.
- Employed four people under the Graduate Development Program.
- Employed three Indigenous cadets under the National Indigenous Cadetship Project.
- Employed the department's first Work Integrated Scholarship Holder under the Charles Darwin University Partnership Agreement.
- Provided three undergraduate students with vacation employment under the Vacation Employment Program.
- Provided a range of training opportunities in areas including work life balance, mentoring, career management, teambuilding, clear writing, writing ministerial documents and policy development.
- Continued to develop the online Self Service Centre as part of the department's intranet site.
- Continued to participate in the Entry Level Recruitment Program.

STAFFING PROFILE

As required under Section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, a comparison of the department's staffing profile as at 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2007 is as follows:

Designation	Actual Staff	Actual Staff
	30 June 2006	30 June 2007
Departmental Staffing		
Executive Contract Officer 6	1	1
Executive Contract Officer 5	2	3
Executive Contract Officer 4	2	1
Executive Contract Officer 3	5	4
Executive Contract Officer 2	5	4
Executive Contract Officer 1	9	9
Executive Officer 3	0	1
Executive Officer 1	16	22
Professional 4	2	2
Professional 2	1	2
Professional 1	1	0
Technical 4	1	1
Technical 3	3	2
Technical 1	2	2
Administrative Officer 8	16	17
Administrative Officer 7	15	11
Administrative Officer 6	22	21
Administrative Officer 5	16	16
Administrative Officer 4	25	27
Administrative Officer 3	17	15
Administrative Officer 2	5	3
Administrative Officer 1	5	3
Physical 6	1	1
Physical 5	1	1
Physical 4	1	1
Physical 3	3	4
Physical 2	4	4
National Indigenous Cadetship Project Officer	0	0
NTPS Apprentice	4	5
Sub Total	185	183
Ministerial Staffing*	85	90
TOTAL	270	273

* As Ministerial staff are employed under the *Contracts Act*, specific details are not included in the profile.

Strategic Directions 2005-2007

The strategic objectives of the Department of the Chief Minister are:

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP ACROSS GOVERNMENT

- Providing strategic advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet.
- Ensuring effective public sector implementation of government priorities.
- Developing partnerships and promoting effective communication across agencies.
- Stimulating and coordinating policy initiatives across agencies.
- Facilitating regional coordination.
- Facilitating whole-of-government decision making.
- Developing strong inter-governmental relations with the Commonwealth and states.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Stimulating policy development in areas of social and Indigenous needs.
- Integrating and coordinating social policy initiatives across government.
- Building capability to develop sustainable communities.

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY WITH GOVERNMENT

- Providing a framework for effective community consultation.
- Improving community participation in government decision making.
- Improving access to information about government services and initiatives.

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Facilitating the development of major projects, including gas-based developments.
- Positioning the Territory as a place to live, work and invest.
- Facilitating private sector investment in key infrastructure projects and associated activities.
- Developing business and trade opportunities.
- Developing innovation and knowledge-based industries.
- Coordinating policies and strategies to resolve outstanding and future land issues.

SUPPORTING THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT

- Coordinating the requirements of the Administrator, Cabinet, Parliament, Executive Council and Community Cabinet.
- Improving the systems that support our business processes to make sure our people have the capacity to deliver organisational outcomes.

Performance by Output

Output Group / Outputs**Responsible Business Unit****Policy Advice and Public Sector Coordination**

- Executive
- Regional Support
- Policy and Coordination
- Risk Management Services
- Communications and Marketing

- Office of Indigenous Policy

Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade

- Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade

- Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade
- Darwin Waterfront Corporation

Government Business Support (includes Ministerial Offices)

- Support to Executive, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition

- Ministerial Offices
- Protocol
- Cabinet Office

- Legislation Production

- Office of Parliamentary Counsel

- Support to Administrator and Government House

- Government House

Community Engagement

- Women's Advancement

- Office of Women's Policy

- Youth Advancement

- Office of Youth Affairs

- Multicultural Advancement

- Office of Multicultural Affairs

- Seniors' Advancement

- Office of Senior Territorians

- Community Engagement Business Support

- Support to Community Organisations and Events

- Support to Community Organisations and Events
 - Major Events Company
 - Australia Day Council
 - Community Support Grants

Inputs

- Corporate Support ¹

¹ 100% of Corporate and Business Support expenses are distributed across all Output Groups.

2006-07 Resources**What They Do****53 Staff \$13.740 million**

42 Staff \$12.047 million

- Advise the Chief Minister on activities and directions of government
- Provide advice on inter-governmental relations issues
- Provide policy advice on whole-of-government community engagement
- Provide cross-agency coordination
- Provide agencies with strategic and risk assessment advice

11 Staff \$1.693 million

- Provide whole-of-government strategic policy advice on Indigenous affairs

21 Staff \$5.817 million

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- Attract investment
- Develop the AustralAsia Trade Route
- Promote key trade relationships
- Facilitate major projects
- Establish and manage the Darwin Waterfront Corporation
- Develop the Territory's relationships in the region
- Grant monies to the AustralAsia Railway Corporation
- Provide promotion and policy advice

137 Staff \$23.409 million

110 Staff \$19.339 million

- Provide support to Executive Council and Cabinet
- Provide support to Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and staff
- Provide ceremonial, protocol and hospitality services

9 Staff \$1.460 million

- Provide legislative drafting services

18 Staff \$2.610 million

- Provide support to the Administrator
- Maintain and present Government House and the Administrator's Office

23 Staff \$13.215 million

4 Staff \$0.898 million

- Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs for women in the Territory

4 Staff \$0.891 million

- Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs and sponsorships for youth in the Territory

5 Staff \$2.310 million

- Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs and sponsorships for the multicultural community

4 Staff \$0.890 million

- Initiate, coordinate, implement and report on programs and sponsorships for senior Territorians

6 Staff Costs distributed

- Provide agencies with advice on implementing community engagement activities

0 Staff \$8.226 million

- Provide financial support to community organisations and events

39 Staff Costs distributed

- Provide corporate support and advice to all business units

Output Costs

Output Group / Output	2006-07	2006-07
	Final Budget	Actuals
	\$'000	\$'000
Policy Advice and Public Sector Coordination	12 740	13 740
Policy Advice and Coordination	11 188	12 047
Indigenous Policy	1552	1693
Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade	6508	5817
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Government Business Support	23 580	23 409
Support to Executive, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition	19 281	19 339
Legislation Production	1468	1460
Support to Administrator and Government House	2831	2610
Community Engagement	13 217	13 215
Women's Advancement	983	898
Youth Advancement	938	891
Multicultural Advancement	2454	2310
Seniors' Advancement	840	890
Support to Community Organisations and Events	8002	8226
Total Operating Expenses	56 045	56 181

Output Group: Policy Advice and Public Sector Coordination

Provide strategic, Indigenous, economic and social policy advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet, monitor and coordinate the implementation of government policies, research and communications, and provide risk management, business consulting and internal audit services across the public sector.

The outcome is informed policy decisions by government and effective implementation of priorities across government.

POLICY ADVICE AND COORDINATION

Provide policy advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet across a broad range of government interests at the local, national and international level. This includes:

- advice on Cabinet submissions, both through comments to agencies and advice to the Chief Minister
- monitoring and coordinating the implementation of government's strategic directions
- provision of business risk assessments, business consulting and internal audit services to agencies.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide policy advice and coordinate government priorities	\$11.19M	\$12.05M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	91%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	91%

INDIGENOUS POLICY

Provide whole-of-government strategic policy advice on Indigenous affairs including:

- coordinating the development of policies and strategies to resolve Indigenous land issues
- improving social wellbeing and living conditions for Indigenous Territorians
- enabling effective Indigenous governance and capacity building to develop sustainable communities
- communicating the government's policies to the Indigenous and wider communities.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide strategic advice and policy on Indigenous affairs	\$1.55M	\$1.69M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	85%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	81%

Executive

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Executive Unit leads the Department of the Chief Minister in ensuring the public sector implements government priorities effectively. It provides a corporate and strategic focus for departmental activities and promotes a whole-of-government perspective on developing and implementing policy.

The unit fosters a corporate culture across the Territory that values integrity and honesty, professionalism, commitment and dedication and recognises the importance of supporting and developing its people.

The unit also ensures effective governance measures are in place to allow the department to weigh competing objectives, risks and opportunities and find appropriate balance and direction.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across government	Provided strategic advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet
	Ensured that the public sector implemented government's priorities
	Provided whole-of-government leadership and coordination
	Represented the Northern Territory's interests on national and inter-governmental councils, committees and working groups
	Coordinated the government's efforts to grow the Territory's international trade and secure new investment
	Provided representation on national security and counter-terrorism forums and contributed to the development and implementation of national and Northern Territory security and counter-terrorism policy and practice
	Provided representation on Northern Territory emergency management councils and committees, and provided leadership and coordination for emergency recovery
	Chaired regular meetings of the Northern Territory Coordination Committee
	Oversaw the progress of government task groups

HIGHLIGHTS

- Established and supported the Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse.
- Chaired regular meetings of the Chief Executive's Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs and provided across-agency leadership.
- Established the Darwin Waterfront Corporation to manage the transition of the precinct into its operational phase.
- Led a Recovery Coordination Working Group to coordinate Northern Territory Government recovery efforts in response to major flooding across the Oenpelli, Murrumbidgee and Adelaide River areas in March 2007.
- Facilitated security arrangements for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Energy Ministers Meeting held in Darwin in May 2007.
- Hosted and co-chaired a meeting of the National Counter Terrorism Committee in Darwin in June 2007.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provided a secretariat service to Cabinet.
- Convened and chaired regular meetings of the Coordination Committee, which consists of the chief executives of major government agencies and other key executives and office holders.
- Ensured the needs of the Northern Territory are considered at a national level through the Chief Executive representing the Northern Territory at national and inter-governmental forums. These included the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), the COAG Senior Officials' Meetings and the States and Territories Senior Officials' Meetings.
- When appropriate, the Chief Executive also represented the Territory's interests to national and international industry, business and investors. The role is central to supporting the achievement of government objectives.
- Provided leadership, coordination and advice on major projects, which included facilitating new gas industry developments.
- Provided support for the Cabinet Budget Sub-Committee.
- Coordinated whole-of-government involvement in security and counter-terrorism across a diverse range of initiatives and issues, including the COAG Review of Hazardous Materials, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Crisis Communications initiatives. The department provides a senior officer as a member of the National Counter Terrorism Committee and provides representation on appropriate sub-committees and working groups.
- Participated in Exercise Cumpston – a national exercise to test planning and cooperative arrangements for the response to and recovery from a human pandemic influenza event.

OUTLOOK

- Provide strategic coordination, advice and liaison between governments through the Joint Chief Executives Task Force and the NT Chief Executives Group for the Australian Government Intervention on Child Abuse in NT Indigenous Communities.
- Developing and overseeing the implementation of a core agency Generational Action Plan to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage and respond to the Inquiry Report.
- Continue to facilitate major projects that will strengthen and broaden the economic base of the Territory including the development of Darwin as a major centre for gas development.
- Implement the Moving Alice Ahead strategy.
- Continue to strengthen cross-government coordination.
- Continue to take part in national policy development and security forums with a clear focus on preserving and promoting the Territory's interests.
- Strengthen the relationships between government and owners/operators of critical infrastructure, such as communications, power, water, transport and other key services and supply chains, to enhance cooperative arrangements for the security and continuity of the Territory's social and economic interests.
- Develop plans and policies for emergency recovery and contribute to the development of an All Hazards Emergency Management Framework for the Northern Territory.
- Ensure that work continues across the department to:
 - develop and refine business processes
 - put in place measures to ensure the department has the skills and experience to meet future needs and demands
 - protect the continuity of government business.

Regional Support

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Regional Support Unit is based in Alice Springs. Its role is to work with other regions to facilitate, implement and direct the priorities of government in the Northern Territory. The office provides support to representatives of the department in Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	Worked closely with departmental representatives to secure across-government support to implement key initiatives in regional centres
Supporting economic development	Held regional coordination activities in each region to develop plans for major projects which will create job opportunities for regional Territorians
Providing leadership across government	Coordinated and supported government agencies to develop regional programs and projects in support of regional Territorians

HIGHLIGHTS

Alice Springs

- Launched Moving Alice Ahead, a major project for Alice Springs.
- Identified eleven priority projects under Moving Alice Ahead.
- Coordinated a series of antisocial behaviour forums.
- Coordinated a whole-of-government and community response for the National Australia Bank Australian Rules Football match through a special events committee.
- Provided funding of \$300 000 for Central Business District (CBD) enhancement as part of the Moving Alice Ahead Lifestyle project.
- Participated in the drafting of an Alcohol Management Plan for Alice Springs and contributed to implementing the initiatives of the plan.
- Facilitated the rollout of Opal fuel for all Northern Territory Government vehicles.

Tennant Creek

- Instigated a Young People and Work forum, which brought together a cross section of the community to develop practical actions to assist more young Barkly residents to obtain and keep jobs.
- Worked with the Department of Justice to finalise the Barkly Alcohol Management Plan.

Katherine

- Reached agreement with Kalano for the use of the Geyulkan living area on Bicentennial Road for temporary camping and transitional housing.
- Conducted meetings with the Northern Land Council and Borroloola traditional owners to develop the Borroloola Government Centre project and release residential land.
- Identified and supported specific projects for each of the three Economic Development Committees.
- Established a Main Street Group as a public consultation forum for Katherine CBD projects.
- Reached agreement with traditional owners on the site for the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct.
- Participated in the development and release of a new flood response plan.
- Initiated the acquisition of land adjacent to the Katherine Rail Terminal for future development as a business park.

Nhulunbuy

- Maintained liaison between the department (Major Projects) and the Alcan G3 expansion project. The project's overrun extended from September 2005 until the government coordinator's role concluded on 30 June 2007.
- Assisted in hosting the Chief Minister's Business Round Table at Nhulunbuy.
- Provided advice to the East Arnhem Community Safety, Law and Social Justice Sub-committee of the East Arnhem Harmony Mawaya Mala Committee.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**Alice Springs**

- Provided clear and consistent advice to the Chief Minister and the Chief Executive on matters impacting on the region.
- Represented government in public forums and at meetings of local industry groups on matters including crime prevention, NT Government regional spending and constraints on economic and social development.
- Strengthened partnerships with all tiers of government represented in Central Australia.
- Strengthened partnerships with Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation, Tangentyere Council and Arrernte Council.
- Finalised scoping of priority projects under the banner of Community Safety Projects, e.g. Patrolling, Short Term Accommodation, Youth at Risk, Education and Alcohol.

Tennant Creek

- Coordinated whole-of-government activity in the Barkly Region, across areas such as alcohol-induced antisocial behaviour, school attendance and the return of aviation services to Tennant Creek.
- Worked with the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development to align the activities of the Barkly Economic Development Committee with other whole-of-government activities in the region.
- Worked with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on the redevelopment of Tennant Creek's main street.

Katherine

- Worked with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on a project to construct a new higher level bridge over the Victoria River and upgrade the Victoria River Highway.
- Coordinated the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct project.
- Facilitated meetings with the Indigenous Coordination Centre at Pigeon Hole to develop a strategy to build new infrastructure in flood free land and progressively relocate existing infrastructure.
- Participated in preparing the Katherine Alcohol Management Plan and contributed to implementing initiatives identified in the plan.
- Provided support for community programs and events such as Neighbourhood Watch, the Under 17 AFL activity, Community Harmony, Territory Day, Katherine Show and the Flying Fox Festival.
- Strengthened working relationships with the Katherine Town Council, Community Government Councils, Kalano and the Jawoyn Association.
- Participated in regional development initiatives and contributed to the activities of the three economic development committees in the region.
- Assisted with implementing the Katherine Main Street Upgrade Master Plan.
- Represented government in public forums and at meetings of local industry groups on matters including crime prevention, NT Government regional spend and constraints on economic and social development.
- Held discussions with NT Government agencies and Amateur Fishermen's Association of the Northern Territory regarding management of camping and fishing activity on the Roper River.

Nhulunbuy

- Facilitated the transfer of the chairperson's position on the East Arnhem Economic Development Committee to a committee member to better reflect community ownership of the committee and subsequent regional development projects.
- Contributed to the East Arnhem Liquor Management Plan and the proposed introduction of photographic identification for a takeaway alcohol permit system.

OUTLOOK

- Facilitate regional planning in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.
- Continue to work with the regional economic committees to support development initiatives for regional communities.
- Improve coordination of whole-of-government service delivery in regional and remote areas.
- Strengthen relationships with all tiers of government to ensure more effective use of available resources.
- Position regional Northern Territory more effectively as a great place to live, work and invest.
- In consultation with stakeholders, facilitate a more coordinated approach to service delivery.

Policy and Coordination

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The main role of the Policy and Coordination Unit is to provide policy advice to the Chief Minister, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive Policy and to coordinate inter-governmental relations as appropriate. The unit provides advice on Cabinet submissions and contributes to whole-of-government responses on a wide range of issues.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across government	Advised the Chief Minister, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive on policy matters
	Coordinated whole-of-government responses to inter-governmental issues
	Provided central agency input into policy development by other agencies
	Advised other agencies on preparing submissions and facilitating inter-governmental relationships
Supporting the machinery of government	Reviewed significant legislative processes
	Coordinated Northern Territory responses to submissions and inquiries

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to coordinate the Northern Territory's input into Australian periodic reports and subsequent delegation briefs for several United Nations Human Rights committees.
- Continued to successfully implement the *Framework for Staff Sharing Arrangements* between Charles Darwin University (CDU) and the Northern Territory Government.
- Reviewed the *Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Act* – continuing discussions to resolve outstanding issues with the new Ombudsman legislation.
- Coordinated research and whole-of-government responses to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) on the security of radioactive waste and the operation of a radioactive waste management facility. Briefed Cabinet on both of the ARPANSA submissions.
- Promoted the CDU Work Integrated Learning Scholarships across the NT Government that has resulted in the awarding of 12 scholarships across the NT Public Sector.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Coordinated the Northern Territory Government's involvement in the work of the Council of Australian Governments.
- Prepared and coordinated the Northern Territory Government's responses to Productivity Commission inquiries and research. The unit has a Northern Territory representative on the Review of Government Services Steering Committee and is responsible for reporting issues raised by committee members to the national Steering Committee.
- Consulted on a range of Commonwealth treaty actions and coordinated whole-of-government responses. These currently include a range of trade agreements of strategic interest to states and territories because of the potential impact on their economic development:
 - *Australia – China Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation)
 - *Malaysia – Australia Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation)
 - *ASEAN – NZ – Australia Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation)
 - *Gulf Cooperation Council – Australia Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation)
 - *Australia – Chile Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation)
 - *Australia – Japan Free Trade Agreement* (under negotiation)
 - *Australia – Thailand Free Trade Agreement* (possible amendments concerning a range of economic conditions temporarily on hold)
 - *Australia – Singapore Free Trade Agreement* (ongoing scheduled joint reviews)
 - *Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement* (ongoing joint reviews and joint committee activities)
 - *Australia – Gulf Cooperation Council Trade and Economic Framework* (non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to set out an action agenda on trade and investment facilitation under negotiation)
 - *Egypt: Trade and Economic Framework* (non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate economic cooperation through policy and business development initiatives under negotiation)
 - *World Trade Organisation Doha Round* (in particular Australia's services offer and requests made to Australia pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).
- Consulted on human rights instruments or other specialised treaties of interest to states and territories because of the obligations they may impose and implementation issues, including:
 - *Draft United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (under development)
 - *Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (under development)
 - *International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism* (under development).
- Maintained active membership of the Cross-Jurisdictional Review Forum, overseeing the operation of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreements and provided a clear point of contact for mutual recognition matters in each participating jurisdiction.
- Provided Northern Territory input to periodic reports by the Australian Government to United Nations Human Rights committees.

- Participated in the assessment and certification of the adequacy of competition impact analysis undertaken by agencies on approximately 32 proposals for new or amending legislation.
- Participated in a review of legislation regarding environmental protection in the Territory and discussions regarding the establishment of an environmental protection agency. This included examination of the effectiveness of regulatory provisions and the assessment process for development proposals.
- Developed new strategies to strengthen the Partnership Agreement between Charles Darwin University and the Northern Territory Government. As the government contact point for the agreement, the unit actively promoted and strengthened the Partnership Agreement across agencies, the university and the broader community.
- Fostered the implementation of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education/ NT Government Partnership Agreement which commenced operation on 1 July 2007, and provided secretariat support.
- Coordinated whole-of-government submissions and responses to the Commonwealth regarding the proposed radioactive waste management facility to be constructed in the Northern Territory.
- Coordinated a whole-of-government response to water reform issues including the draft Commonwealth Water Bill.

OUTLOOK

- Expand the support provided to all other agencies in developing sound policy proposals for government.
- Ensure government priorities and decisions are implemented.
- Maintain effective coordination of the Northern Territory Government's involvement with the ongoing work of the Council of Australian Governments.
- Ensure that the Northern Territory is kept sufficiently well informed to be able to identify proposed Commonwealth treaty actions that may have implications for government or which may otherwise be of interest.
- Provide further input into finalising Australia's next report under the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child and in relation to Australia's scheduled appearance before the UN Committee Against Torture.
- Implement the 2007-12 CDU/NT Government Partnership Agreement.
- Implement the 2007-10 Batchelor Institute/NT Government Partnership Agreement.
- Continue the development and coordination of the Northern Territory's response to national water reform issues.
- Maintain the Northern Territory Government's inter-governmental agreements database and files.

Risk Management Services

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Risk Management Services provides centralised business consulting, risk management and internal audit services to Northern Territory Government agencies.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of government	Provided chief executives with quality strategic consulting services and advice

HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted a recovery review of the 2006 Finke Desert Race.
- Conducted a benchmark assessment of the cost of road ambulance services provided by St John Ambulance (NT).
- Facilitated executive workshops on Indigenous disadvantage and generational planning.
- Conducted a review of the regulatory regimes governing the transport of dangerous goods in the Northern Territory.
- Conducted a review of October Business Month for the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development.
- Conducted a risk assessment of corporate credit cards for the Department of Health and Community Services.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Continued to support agencies with the integration of risk management into their decision making.
- Conducted 11 strategic business risk assessments for agencies, 19 operational risk assessments and five project management risk assessments at unit level within agencies using our proprietary Risk Mat© toolset.
- Conducted 88 reviews for government agencies. Of these, 14 per cent were carried out with in-house consultants and 68 per cent by local contractors, while 18 per cent utilised expertise sources from interstate.
- Contributed to 15 agencies achieving their outcomes by conducting strategic business risk assessments, operational risk assessments and reviews of financial management, governance systems, corporate support processes, information management and business systems.
- Commissioned a range of probity audits for major government contracts.
- Managed four investigations.
- Completed a series of operational risk assessments in several Northern Territory parks.
- Provided advice to 17 audit committees.
- Completed 122 projects.

OUTLOOK

- Together with the Cabinet Office, coordinate reports to Cabinet on progress by agencies with the implementation of Cabinet decisions and policies.
- Continue to provide high quality services to chief executives and their agencies.
- Maintain sound and proactive relationships with clients.
- Improve and diversify the skills and knowledge of internal consultants.
- Add to the suite of corporate business tools that can be used to assess and manage risk.
- Assist agencies with implementation risk analysis.

Communications and Marketing

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Communications and Marketing Unit provides corporate communication and marketing services to the Department of the Chief Minister as well as strategic communication policy and coordination at a whole-of-government level.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across government	Coordinated communications issues with a whole-of-government impact
	Developed whole-of-government policies and procedures in marketing and communications
	Delivered marketing and communications support to other government agencies
Supporting economic development	Positioned the Territory as an attractive place to live, work and invest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive public awareness campaign promoting safe driving and the NT Government's package of new road safety measures.
- Prepared information materials for the launch of Creating Darwin's Future – the Northern Territory Government's proposals to shape the future of Darwin.
- Conducted the Skilled Worker Campaign, resulting in thousands of enquiries from interstate workers interested in moving to the Northern Territory.
- Marketed the Territory as an attractive place to live, work and invest.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Whole-of-Government Information Campaigns

During 2006-07 the Department of the Chief Minister was responsible for the development and delivery of large public awareness campaigns on a number of important NT Government initiatives:

- Road Safety Awareness – an integrated public awareness campaign to support the introduction of the NT Government's comprehensive package of new road safety measures.
- Creating Darwin's Future – a collection of major proposals and initiatives designed to stimulate discussion about the future of Darwin and consult directly with the community.

- Temporary Fishing Arrangements – an information campaign to communicate temporary arrangements for commercial and recreational fishing following the Federal Court’s decision in the Blue Mud Bay case.
- NT Police Recruitment – a marketing campaign resulting from the O’Sullivan Report which aimed to recruit more applicants to join the NT Police Force and to raise the profile of policing as a career option among Territorians.
- Moving Alice Ahead – a communications strategy to support a series of projects developed by the NT Government to address social, economic and community issues in Alice Springs, including the Alice Update newspaper features.
- Oenpelli Floods – coordinated the recovery communications and public information campaign following flooding in the Top End in March 2007.

Territory Marketing and Investment Attraction

The Communications and Marketing Unit produced a comprehensive range of promotional materials to market the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest. These included:

- *Fresh Lifestyles* – promotes the Territory lifestyle to attract people to the Territory
- *Major Developments* – promotes major Northern Territory projects to support the attraction of business, investment and skilled labour to the Territory
- *NT Gas Developments* – promotes opportunities in downstream gas-based manufacturing, oil and natural gas production to national and international investors
- *Darwin: Australia’s Tropical Harbour City* – promotes Darwin’s industries, economy and lifestyle to overseas investors
- *AustralAsia Trade Route* – promotes the trade route to importers and exporters to ultimately increase their use of the route
- *Timor Sea Gas* – informs on and promotes the Timor Sea gas province to attract exploration and investment
- *At a Glance* – provides a wide-ranging snapshot of the Territory and its economy through useful statistics
- *Investor Infosheet* – economic data for business and investors
- *Fresh Territory* – supports the skilled worker attraction campaign
- *Business Territory* – provides a weekly snapshot of major news from the Territory economy
- *Life at the Top* – promotes the Top End Darwin lifestyle in a 13-minute DVD to help attract residents to the Territory
- *Territory Showcase* – promotes the Territory in a two-minute DVD providing a quick visual snapshot with a focus on business opportunities
- *www.theterritory.com.au* – a website promoting the Territory as an attractive place to live, work, invest and do business
- *Territory Quarterly* – a magazine which keeps the local business community informed about the economy and promotes Territory investment opportunities to a wider national and international business audience.

Skilled Worker Campaign

The Department of the Chief Minister continued to run the national Skilled Worker Campaign, designed to attract new skilled workers to the Territory and to raise awareness of Territory employment and lifestyle opportunities. By June 2007, the Communications and Marketing Unit had received more than 6000 enquiries. In 2006-07 the campaign included:

- a national print advertising campaign in magazines, major metropolitan and regional newspapers and online
- attending interstate career expos and hosting an information evening in a regional centre
- distributing information packs and staffing the Skilled Worker hotline
- collecting information on potential candidates, and working with employers and recruitment agencies to match them to available jobs
- conducting an evaluation of the effectiveness of the campaign's tactics to date.

Policy and Coordination

- Supported and managed the operations of two committees established by Cabinet to achieve effective and consistent communication of government programs and activities:
 - the Cabinet Communications Committee ensures a planned, coordinated and strategic approach to the Northern Territory Government's communication strategies and programs
 - the Communications Advisory Committee advises the Cabinet Communications Committee.
- Developed processes for the application of the Northern Territory Government common brand across all agencies.
- Completed refinements to the Northern Territory Government (NTG) logo and commenced work on an updated NTG Style Guide.
- Managed media relations for the department.
- Managed the department's corporate websites as well as a number of whole-of-government special purpose and campaign websites.
- Participated in the public information sub-committee of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee and the APEC Security Media Working Group.

OUTLOOK

- Conduct next stage of the Skilled Worker Campaign with a new creative approach, including:
 - targeted advertising in high-profile publications
 - hosting information evenings in interstate regional centres.
- Implement the second phase of Creating Darwin's Future focusing on initiatives that have been funded or implemented.
- Produce a series of regular newsletters and features to keep Territorians informed of NT Government actions and initiatives.
- Communicate to the Territory public and stakeholders the Northern Territory Government's plan of action: *Closing the Gap of Indigenous Disadvantage – A Generational Plan of Action*.
- Implement a whole-of-government Indigenous communications framework to ensure effective communications with Indigenous audiences.

Indigenous Policy

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Office of Indigenous Policy is responsible for providing high level whole-of-government strategic policy advice on Indigenous affairs, including:

- ensuring Indigenous issues are a fundamental and essential consideration across government and building capacity across the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS) to address Indigenous issues, including systemic issues
- working with agencies across government to develop and implement strategic and targeted interventions in key areas such as governance, housing and infrastructure, health, education, safer communities and economic development
- coordinating the development of policies and strategies to resolve outstanding and future land issues
- communicating the government's policies to the Indigenous and the wider community
- monitoring progress in overcoming Indigenous disadvantage
- handling Native Title issues and the satisfactory resolution of claims, including through Indigenous Land Use Agreements, to encourage certainty in development of the Northern Territory.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across government	Facilitated whole-of-government and whole-of-community approaches to Indigenous service delivery and to progressing inter-governmental agreements
	Improved NTPS policy capacity to address Indigenous issues, including by enhancing monitoring, evaluation and research capability
	Convening and chairing inter-departmental groups on discrete policy issues on a needs basis
	Co-ordinated the Northern Territory Government response to significant and wide-ranging proposals for amendment of the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act</i> by the Australian Government

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	Worked with the Australian Government to improve bilateral arrangements, streamline service delivery and adopt whole-of-government approaches to delivering services
	Worked with the Australian Government and in consultation with stakeholders to support community development activities across Northern Territory communities, including setting targets for comprehensive improvement in several priority communities
Connecting the community with government	Communicated government policies and programs on Indigenous affairs to Indigenous Territorians and the wider community
	Promoted community consultation and understanding on a range of issues, including through field visits, community forums and evidence-based policy-making
Supporting economic development	Promoted the development of Indigenous economic opportunities through the implementation of a bilateral agreement

HIGHLIGHTS

- In cooperation with other agencies, contributed to the Northern Territory's ongoing monitoring of the Australian Government's Eight Point Plan to address petrol sniffing, announced in September 2005.
- Supported the implementation of the Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs and its related schedules, including:
 - facilitating the development of a new schedule on Indigenous Young People – Investing in the Territory's Future
 - facilitating the development of a new schedule on Indigenous Land and Sea Management – Healthy Country, Healthy People
 - facilitating the development of a new schedule on Indigenous Child Health and Wellbeing
 - coordinating the implementation of the five agreed schedules under the agreement
 - overseeing and progressing the development of new schedules addressing the priorities in the agreement
 - coordinating bilateral discussions
 - undertaking an implementation review of the agreement to evaluate its success in achieving its objectives and to inform future work under the agreement.
- In consultation with the Australian Government, contributed to the development of plans for comprehensive government support to agreed priority communities, including Wadeye, Alice Springs, Mutitjulu and Galiwin'ku.
- Oversaw development of a significant Indigenous Land Use Agreement at Tennant Creek which will allow future residential and commercial expansion of the town.
- Represented the Northern Territory on the national Indigenous Working Group of the Australian Productivity Commission that prepared the *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators (OID) Report 2007*.
- Commenced development of *Closing the Gap of Indigenous Disadvantage – A Generational Plan of Action*, a whole-of-government generational plan for overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Coordinated the report of the Alice Springs Town Camps Review Taskforce. The report is the product of extensive community consultation, research and analysis, and examines a broad range of issues of key significance to stakeholders.
- Coordinated the Northern Territory input to the national *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators (OID) Report 2007*. The report is an initiative under the Council of Australian Governments' Reconciliation Framework and is closely tied to three priority areas:
 - safe, healthy and supportive family environments with strong communities and cultural identity
 - positive child development and prevention of violence, crime and self harm and improved health creation
 - economic sustainability for individuals, families and communities.

- Provided a contribution of more than \$90 000 over three years to the Ministerial Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs' Demographics Project.
- In conjunction with lead agencies, managed the government's interests in relation to 'Strategic Intervention Sites' agreed with the Australian Government.
- Managed an inter-departmental group of government agencies associated with the future of the town of Jabiru.
- Continued to coordinate resolution of outstanding land claims including significant progress with respect to Kenbi, and claims involving Framework for the Future jointly managed parks.
- Led negotiations with the Tiwi, Anindilyakwa and Northern Land Councils to develop an interim whole-of-government response to the Full Federal Court's decision in the Blue Mud Bay case.
- Coordinated the development of *Closing the Gap* across government which sets ambitious but achievable targets to address entrenched levels of disadvantage in Australia's Indigenous population over the next 20 years.
- Secured Australian Government agreement to the Healthy Country, Healthy People Schedule to support Indigenous environment, land and sea management in the Northern Territory.
- Produced two further editions of Common Ground, the news magazine for communicating the government's policies and programs in Indigenous affairs.
- Continued to provide high-level policy advice to government, including through continued support of the Chief Executives' Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs.

OUTLOOK

- Coordinate the Northern Territory Government response to the Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse.
- Coordinate whole-of-government implementation of *Closing the Gap of Indigenous Disadvantage – A Generational Plan of Action*.
- In cooperation with the Australian Government, continue to develop and implement initiatives to address Indigenous disadvantage.
- Continue to develop new bilateral agreements and implement the review of the Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs.
- Secure Australian Government agreement to the Child Health and Wellbeing Schedule which seeks to better integrate government service delivery to Indigenous children and families in remote communities.
- Present the first report on the *Agenda for Action* framework outlining government's efforts and outcomes.
- Continue to provide secretariat support to the whole-of-government Chief Executives Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs, and to the proposed Indigenous advisory council to monitor implementation and advise on further development of *Closing the Gap*.
- In cooperation with other agencies, consider and respond to the Australian Government's Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007.

Output Group: Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade

Lead government's efforts to develop and facilitate major sustainable economic projects, and the promotion and marketing of the Territory in the following core areas:

- Territory investment attraction and marketing
- promoting key trade relationships
- managing the Territory's obligations and entitlements in relation to the Alice Springs to Darwin railway and the railway corridor
- establishing and managing the Darwin Waterfront Corporation
- developing the AustralAsia Trade Route
- positioning Darwin as Australia's Asian Gateway
- developing the Territory's long-term relationships in the region
- facilitating major projects, including the development of Timor Sea gas resources for liquefied natural gas, power generation, downstream gas-based manufacturing and the national energy grid.

The outcome is stimulating ongoing economic activity by broadening the Territory's economic base, maximising local industry participation in major projects and increasing employment opportunities.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to facilitate projects and provide strategic advice	\$6.51M	\$5.82M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	95%
Timeliness		
Projects progressed and advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	92%

Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade Division facilitates major economic projects and resource development, works to attract business to the Territory, and promotes Territory trade and business opportunities across Australia and throughout the wider Asian region. The division works with other government agencies to help the private sector in developing major projects such as the \$3 billion Bayu-Undan gas field and 500km pipeline to Darwin, the \$1.6 billion Darwin Liquid Natural Gas Plant and Alcan's \$2 billion expansion of the Gove Alumina Refinery.

The Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade Division promotes the Territory's competitive advantages and works to build closer economic ties with our Asian neighbours. The division works in partnership with key stakeholders, including industry, professional associations, peak bodies, investors and government counterparts, to secure economic growth and employment for the Territory.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Creating jobs for Territorians	Worked with business and industry to deliver projects that will leverage private sector investment in Territory development
Leadership of cross-agency coordination	Provided leadership to agencies in trade, Asian relations and major project facilitation

HIGHLIGHTS

- Facilitated bulk mineral exports of manganese from Bootu Creek adding 650 000 tonnes per annum to the rail freight task.
- Coordinated the development and launch of Creating Darwin's Future - A Tropical Harbour City, a plan to take full advantage of Darwin's harbour and tropical environment to evolve into a city which is an even better place to live, invest and visit.
- Secured a new shipping service between Singapore, Surabaya and Darwin.
- Finalised negotiations to establish a Classified Goods Facility at Hidden Valley that has the potential to deliver new private sector investment to the Northern Territory and support the AustralAsia Trade Route.
- Delivered the Skilled Worker Campaign, which continues to raise awareness interstate of employment opportunities in the Northern Territory.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Organised an investment mission to Brunei and Sabah where the Chief Minister met with the leaders of the tertiary educational institutions in both countries, established stronger relationships and opened a dialogue on future cooperative activities. The Chief Minister was also invited to officially open the Sabah International Expo with the Chief Minister of Sabah, Malaysia.

- Established and chaired a high-level taskforce to ensure that the proposed Bonaparte Gas Pipeline (a 275km pipeline linking the onshore Blacktip Gas Processing facility with the existing Amadeus to Darwin pipeline) project is delivered in a timely manner. Specific issues addressed included infrastructure and logistics and employment and training.
- Led a joint Northern Territory Government/International Business Council delegation to the Sabah International Expo (SIE06).
- Organised the Chief Minister's showcase of the Northern Territory at the Australia Investment Conference, highlighting its uniqueness and its many investment opportunities to some 250 delegates from major international investment houses.
- Signed an updated Memorandum of Cooperation extending the operation of the Indonesian Customs Pre-Inspection Facility to 2008 and expanding its coverage to all Indonesian ports except Java and Sumatra.
- Coordinated the Chief Minister's visit to Japan to meet with LNG and Timor Gas stakeholders including the Energy Vice Minister, Inpex, Tokyo Electric Power Company, Tokyo Gas Company, Osaka Gas, ConocoPhillips and Dow Chemical.
- Coordinated the development of a business case for Tiger Airways to base its Australian operations in the Northern Territory.
- Organised a joint government/industry delegation to Vietnam to examine potential new Northern Territory trade opportunities, especially for live cattle and education services.
- Delivered the Global Freight Connect 2007 conference. This international conference was again staged aboard The Ghan and had a specific focus on the international mining and chemical sectors.
- Participated in the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Conference where the Minister for Mines and Energy gave a presentation on developments and opportunities in the Territory. NT Government participation in the conference included the exhibition – which was developed as a whole-of-government display to maximise the promotion of the Territory.
- Organised the third Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines – East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP – EAGA) Darwin Dialogue. The agenda covered a wide range of topics and there were a number of key agreements reached and signed off in the Joint Communiqué.
- Coordinated the Northern Territory's support for the Australian Government in its hosting of the APEC Energy Ministers Meeting in Darwin.
- Partnered with Austrade in facilitating Indigenous Arts and Crafts buyers' missions from the USA and Europe resulting in significant new sales from local communities.
- Supported the hosting of the South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference (SEAAOC) in Darwin. A record number of some 350 people, including delegates and speakers from around the world, attended the event.
- Supported the Chief Minister's meeting with senior executives of major gas suppliers in Perth to promote gas development in the Northern Territory.
- Coordinated the Northern Territory's involvement in the filming of the opening and closing scenes of the Baz Luhrmann film, *Australia*, at Stokes Hill Wharf.
- Sponsored the reinvigorated Chief Minister's Northern Territory Export and Industry Awards.

OUTLOOK

- Develop Special Project Legislation for the Bonaparte pipeline project.
- Coordinate and implement agreed initiatives coming out of Creating Darwin's Future.
- Strengthen and launch the next phase of the Skilled Worker Campaign with particular emphasis on targeting regional Victoria and New South Wales.
- Coordinate ongoing efforts and initiatives by the Northern Territory Government to secure additional LNG and gas-based manufacturing at Middle Arm.
- Pursue negotiations for new bulk mineral trade from South Australia e.g. Olympic Dam development.
- Continue to develop the AustralAsia Trade Route.
- Host an East Java-Northern Territory business seminar in Darwin.

Output Group: Government Business Support

Provide administrative and protocol support to the Administrator, Chief Minister, ministers and the Leader of the Opposition, secretariat services to the Executive Council and Cabinet, legislation drafting and publishing services, and the maintenance and upkeep of Government House.

The outcome is efficient operation of executive government.

SUPPORT TO EXECUTIVE, MINISTERS AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Provide operational advice, administrative support, hospitality services and advice on protocol matters to the Chief Minister, ministers and the Leader of the Opposition, as well as secretariat services to Executive Council and Cabinet.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide support	\$19.28M	\$19.34M
Official hospitality and ceremonial events	250	192
Hosted visits	18	21
Quality		
Stakeholder satisfaction	>80%	93%
Timeliness		
Advice and support provided within required timeframes	>80%	92%

LEGISLATION PRODUCTION

Provide legislation drafting services including the drafting of Bills for Acts, subordinate legislation and statutory instruments. Provision of advice about legislation to government and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Publication of legislation to meet government and community needs.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Pages of legislation drafted ⁴	3000	1759
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	90%
Timeliness		
Deadlines met	100%	100%
Legislation available online within 5 working days of commencement	>80%	95%
Cost		
Average cost per page of legislation drafted	\$489	\$830

SUPPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Provide administrative, secretarial, hospitality and ceremonial support to the Administrator, and maintain and upkeep Government House.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to provide support to the Administrator	\$2.07M	\$2.61M
Cost of maintaining Government House buildings and grounds	\$0.77M	\$0.71M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	>95%
Timeliness		
Advice and support provided within required timeframes	>80%	>95%

⁴The number of pages of legislation finalised for introduction or making (whether or not the legislation is ultimately introduced or made). The estimate includes pages of legislation finalised for public consultation and pages of committee state amendments. The estimate does not include pages of draft legislation.

Protocol

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Protocol Unit advises government on all aspects of ceremony, official hospitality and protocol. The unit also arranges and supervises official hospitality and ceremonial activities for government, coordinates arrangements for dignitary visits and manages the government's VIP vehicle fleet.

These services help government promote the Territory as a place to live, work and invest, contribute to the growth of stronger national and international relationships, and help foster a strong community spirit through recognising achievement and celebrating important events.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of government	Provided timely and comprehensive advice on ceremonial, protocol and hospitality matters
	Arranged and managed ceremonies and official hospitality for the Chief Minister, ministers and guests of government
	Arranged and managed programs for visiting dignitaries and guests of government
	Managed the VIP vehicle fleet and VIP drivers
	Provided a photographic service for the Chief Minister and ministers

HIGHLIGHTS

- Managed 168 functions for the Chief Minister and ministers including:
 - festivities for Territory Day in all major population centres with fireworks displays, flag raising and official receptions
 - V8 Supercars Chief Minister's Marquee for three days and a reception for 800 guests twice in one financial year (in July 2006 and June 2007)
 - Alice Springs Masters Games Opening/Closing Ceremony and sponsors' luncheon and other receptions
 - the Northern Territory portion of the royal visit by the Crown Prince and Princess of the Netherlands at Yulara
 - the Prime Minister of Finland State visit to Yulara
 - the Prime Minister of Greece, State visit, reception, courtesy calls with the Chief Minister, Hon Clare Martin MLA and Hon Kon Vatskalis MLA
 - official luncheons, dinners and receptions for sponsors, participants and volunteers associated with Northern Territory sporting events such as Australian Football League Northern Territory football events, cricket, soccer, Chief Minister's Cup and Darwin Cup
 - South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference reception (SEAAOC)
 - facilitated and arranged 11 functions in conjunction with the Alice Springs Parliamentary Sittings
 - Compass Hunan Signing Ceremony at Parliament House.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Arranged and successfully completed 21 official programs for visits by foreign dignitaries and VIPs in addition to ensuring their dignity and safety while visiting the Northern Territory. The visiting foreign dignitaries were from Iran, Spain, USA, Indonesia, Egypt, Czech Republic, Sweden, Vietnam, Macedonia, Korea, Kenya, Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Fiji, Hungary, France, Canada, Switzerland, Britain and Greece.
- Provided VIP transport services to the Chief Minister, ministers, Leader of the Opposition, Supreme Court judges and visiting dignitaries.

OUTLOOK

- Plan and coordinate the Northern Territory Government's ongoing hospitality including Territory Day fireworks and Alice Springs Masters Games 2008.
- Continue to implement cost effective procedures and monitor the overall expenditure on public relations and entertainment.
- Continue stakeholder consultation to ensure ongoing unit performance.
- Maintain the precedence list and visit contacts list.
- Provide ongoing advice for flags and protocol related matters.

Cabinet Support

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Cabinet Office provides secretariat services to the Northern Territory Cabinet, Executive Council, Department of the Chief Minister and the Remuneration Tribunal. The office also administers the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act* and provides assistance and produces information guides to support government agencies in administering government boards and committees. The office advises ministers and Northern Territory Public Sector agencies on machinery of government matters and manages a range of whole-of-government databases including monitoring of government commitments.

The office manages the Community Cabinet program, through which Cabinet visits communities throughout the Territory to meet and talk directly with Territorians about the issues affecting them.

The office is responsible for the In Your Parliament newspaper feature and website, which provides information about the legislation, ministerial statements and ministerial reports dealt with by the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Providing leadership across government	Effectively managed Cabinet processes to facilitate cross-agency input into the development of key policy initiatives
	Monitored the implementation of Cabinet decisions and election commitments
Supporting the machinery of government	Provided support services that facilitate the effective operation of Cabinet, Community Cabinet and Executive Council

HIGHLIGHTS

- Swearing in of a new Ministry on 1 September 2006.
- Community Cabinet visits to Groote Eylandt, Coolalinga, Katherine East Region (Eva Valley, Barunga, Beswick, Bulman and Weemol), Alice Springs, East Arnhem Region (Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku) and Nightcliff.
- Launch of the Wesley Lanhupuy Remote Teacher Cadetships during the East Arnhem Region Community Cabinet visit.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Revised the Cabinet, Executive Council and Legislation handbooks.
- Established a new government Election Commitments tracking system.
- In conjunction with the department's Policy and Coordination Division, developed and implemented a new process for reporting on the implementation of Cabinet Decisions across government.
- Instituted advance visits to communities by the Community Cabinet Officer to enhance the planning and effectiveness of Cabinet's program while in communities.
- Improved the reporting procedures on issues raised during Community Cabinet visits.
- Coordinated documents for the calling of the Stuart by-election in September 2006.
- Established new procedures for improving turnaround times for ministerial correspondence requests from ministerial offices.
- 491 Cabinet Submissions were processed during 2006-07.
- 118 Executive Council Submissions were processed in 2006-07.
- 1548 ministerials were processed in 2006-07.

OUTLOOK

- Develop and implement a new ministerial tracking database for the department and the ministerial offices.
- Undertake an information technology audit of Cabinet processes and procedures (both within the Cabinet Office and across government) to improve the efficiency of the distribution of Cabinet documents.

Legislation Production

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Office of the Parliamentary Counsel provides legislative drafting services for the Northern Territory Government, private members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory and statutory authorities. The office drafts:

- Bills for introduction in the Legislative Assembly that, when passed and assented to, become Acts of the Northern Territory
- subordinate legislation for making by the Administrator, judges and magistrates, councils and other statutory authorities
- statutory instruments for making by the Administrator, ministers and statutory office holders.

The office prepares Northern Territory legislation and related documents for publication in hard copy form. In addition, the office publishes Northern Territory legislation electronically.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of government	Produced legislation

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drafted and finalised 41 Bills for introduction in the Legislative Assembly or release for public consultation, of which 26 were government Bills and 15 were private members' Bills.
- Drafted 6 sets of committee stage amendments.
- Drafted and settled 80 sets of subordinate legislation and 721 miscellaneous statutory instruments.
- Prepared 45 legislation titles for reprinting.
- Prepared annual volumes for 2006 for printing.
- Electronically updated the Index to Legislation.
- Updated the Current Northern Territory Legislation database 290 times.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Drafted a range of significant pieces of legislation including:

- *Biological Resources Act and Biological Resources Regulations*
- *Business Names Act*
- *Legal Profession Act and Legal Profession Regulations*
- *McArthur River Project Amendment (Ratification of Mining Authorities) Act*
- *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act*
- *Justice Legislation Amendment Act*
- *Mental Health and Related Services Amendment Act*
- *Surveillance Devices Act*
- *Victims of Crime Assistance Regulations.*

OUTLOOK

- Continue to provide a highly professional legislative drafting service that meets the demands of clients from within existing resources.

Government House

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Government House provides support to the Administrator of the Northern Territory in performing statutory, ceremonial, representational and public duties associated with the office. It also promotes community awareness of the past and present roles of the Administrator and the historical significance of Government House.

Government House provides an official hospitality venue and service for the Administrator on behalf of the Territory, to host visits from national and international dignitaries and prominent business representatives; conduct investitures and ceremonies for the presentation of honours and awards to citizens who have been recognised for merit, bravery, services or personal achievement; and present Administrator's Medals and other awards for high achievement.

Government House is maintained at a standard appropriate to the office and for the benefit of the people of the Territory. The property is preserved and managed in a planned way, ensuring the functional requirements of the asset are met in accordance with the Burra Charter and the Northern Territory *Heritage Conservation Act* as well as related conservation and heritage requirements.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of government	Fulfilled statutory, ceremonial and representational duties
	Hosted visits from national and international dignitaries and prominent business representatives
	Provided administrative, secretarial and hospitality support to the Administrator
	Ensured conservation, maintenance and upkeep of Government House

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued support of over 90 patronages.
- Conducted four investitures for recipients of Australian Honours and other awards, with a total of 28 recipients invested.
- Travelled throughout the Northern Territory including Alice Springs, Katherine, Tiwi Islands, Maningrida, Yuendumu, Borroloola, Mataranka, Laynhapuy Homelands, Elcho Island and interstate to Melbourne, in performing statutory, ceremonial, representational and public duties associated with the office.
- Visited Laynhapuy Homelands encompassing Nhulunbuy and the Gangan – Massacre Memorial with storytelling by locals and a visit to the medical clinic and community centre.
- Visited Dhimurru to officially open lookout site and meet with locals, schools and community centres at Yirkkala, Nhulunbuy, Gunyapingnya, Garrthalala, Caledon Bay, Yilpara (Baniyala).
- Visited Yolngu construction team at Delta Reef and toured facilities under construction and officially opened the Garrangali Arts Centre.
- Travelled to Maningrida to celebrate the community's 50th anniversary and opened a new community swimming pool.
- Hosted dinners at Yulara in honour of the Crown Prince and Princess of the Netherlands and the President of the Republic of Finland.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The following activities include those undertaken by His Honour Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory, the Administrator's spouse, Ms Nerys Evans, and Mrs Pat Miller AO, Deputy of the Administrator.

- Assented to 31 proposed laws under Section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act (Cwlth)*.
- Presided at 17 Executive Council meetings.
- Received 120 official courtesy calls from ambassadors, consuls, high commissioners, vice regal and other VIPs to the Territory.
- Delivered 103 speeches.
- Hosted the Queen's Birthday Reception at Government House attended by more than 250 guests.
- Hosted 89 official functions at Government House including Government House Foundation activities, school tours, and other educational and historical visits.
- Hosted four public Open Days at Government House receiving more than 3000 visitors.
- Attended 369 official activities.
- Provided administrative, secretarial and hospitality support to the Administrator and spouse and to the Government House Foundation, including three ordinary meetings and one Annual General Meeting.

OUTLOOK

- Continue to support the Administrator during his final four months of tenure.
- Co-ordinate activities associated with an outgoing and incoming Administrator of the Northern Territory.
- Finalise and distribute the educational program on the role of the Administrator and the history of Government House through the Government House Foundation.
- Coordinate the fourth Annual Administrator's Pleasure Concert with funds raised donated to the Guide Dogs Australia (SA and NT).

Output Group: Community Engagement

Lead, coordinate and monitor the development and implementation of whole-of-government social policy and programs, as well as initiatives designed to enhance the involvement of members of the community in government decision-making processes and their awareness of government policies, services and programs.

The outcome is a more informed community through transparent and inclusive government policy-making, plus strong participation by the community in public policy and administration processes.

WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

Engage the community and government agencies to identify and progress women's policy priorities and advance the economic and social standing of Territory women.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for women's advancement	\$0.98M	\$0.90M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	85%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	80%

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT

Coordinate, monitor and report on government services and programs for young Territorians, develop and deliver initiatives that improve the wellbeing of youth, and facilitate their contribution to government decision-making.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for youth advancement	\$0.79M	\$0.73M
Grants issued	71	107
Grants paid ⁵	\$0.15M	\$0.16M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	98%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	98%

⁵The 2006-07 estimate includes an increase in grants paid for support of additional activities during the 2007 National Youth Week.

MULTICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT

Coordinate services and activities across government for the multicultural community, develop and deliver initiatives that promote multicultural participation in the community, and facilitate the contribution of multicultural groups to government decision-making.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for multicultural advancement	\$1.29M	\$1.15M
Grants issued	120	120
Grants paid	\$1.16M	\$1.16M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	85%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	87%

SENIORS ADVANCEMENT

Engage with Territory seniors and government agencies to advance the economic and social standing of senior Territorians through the implementation of government's policy priorities for seniors.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Capacity to manage and deliver programs and activities for seniors' advancement	\$0.80M	\$0.82M
Grants issued	35	35
Grants paid	\$0.04M	\$0.07M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	>80%	98%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	>80%	95%

SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND EVENTS

Grants, donations and sponsorships to support community groups and events.

Performance Measures	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Actuals
Quantity		
Support to community event organisations	\$1.54M	\$0.93M
Grants issued	60	55
Grants paid	\$6.46M	\$7.30M
Quality		
Client satisfaction	100%	99%
Timeliness		
Advice provided within required timeframes	100%	96%

Women's Advancement

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Office of Women's Policy engages with the community and government agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to implementing policy priorities for women. The office also develops and delivers initiatives that improve the wellbeing of women and facilitates their contribution to government decision-making.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	Finalised a draft framework to guide whole-of-government policy and the delivery of services to women
	Participated in women's officials' and advisers' meetings to contribute to national priorities and plans
	Administered the Tribute to Northern Territory Women and the Chief Minister's Study Award for Women
Connect the community with government	Engaged with women across the Northern Territory at Women's Forums in conjunction with Community Cabinets

HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted a series of meetings on the proposed leasing of the town of Nguiu under (new) s.19A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act*.
- Managed Charles Darwin University's evaluation of the NT Government's Domestic and Family Violence strategies.
- Facilitated four Community Cabinet Women's Forums: Groote Eylandt, Katherine East Region, Alice Springs and East Arnhem Region, and published a newsletter for each forum.
- Implemented the Say No to Violence advertising campaign and an Indigenous All Stars TV and radio advertising campaign, Stop the Violence.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Coordinated the combined 2007 Tribute to Northern Territory Women and Alicia Johnson Memorial Lecture.
- Successfully coordinated the Northern Territory's International Women's Week.
- Coordinated White Ribbon Day in November 2006.
- Published the Domestic Violence Data Collection Report 2006.
- Managed and administered the Chief Minister's Study Award for Women.
- Participated in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Gathering, and the Women's Advisers Meetings to the Ministerial Council on the Status of Women.

OUTLOOK

- Finalise the Women's Policy Framework.
- Investigate the development of a new data collection process for domestic and family violence.
- Develop a Territory-wide Indigenous women's leadership program.
- In partnership with the Department of Justice, develop a policy framework on women in prisons in the Northern Territory.

Youth Advancement

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Office of Youth Affairs engages with the community and government agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to implementing government's policy priorities for young people. The office also develops and delivers initiatives that improve the wellbeing of young people and facilitates their contribution to government decision-making.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	<p>Monitored the implementation of the Northern Territory Government's youth policy framework, <i>Building a Better Future for Young Territorians</i></p> <p>Represented the Territory on the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Youth Taskforce</p>
Providing leadership across government	Participated in whole-of-government initiatives in policy and service development for young Territorians
Connect the community with government	<p>Provided advice to non-government agencies about best practice in engaging with young people</p> <p>Developed a youth participation handbook to help young Territorians take action on issues that are important to them</p> <p>Managed the Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians, the Northern Territory Government's youth website and undertook regular regional consultations with the community youth sector and young Territorians</p>

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coordinated 111 activities in the Northern Territory for National Youth Week 2007 in partnership with local youth and community organisations. Thirty-two of these activities were funded through the Youth Engagement Grants Program.
- Developed the youth participation handbook, *You Did What? How young Territorians can make things happen in the community*, to help young Territorians take action on issues important to them.
- Chaired the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Youth Taskforce.
- In partnership with Communications and Marketing developed YouthBuzz, an advertising campaign and website to inform the community about youth programs during the December/January school holidays.
- Provided a \$30 000 grant to the Melaleuca Refugee Centre for the coordination of youth activities in the northern suburbs.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Funded 105 recreational and developmental initiatives for young people through the Youth Engagement Grants Program.
- Facilitated the presentation of community-based projects to key ministers and chief executives by members of the 2006 Youth Round Table.
- Sponsored the Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award as part of the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards.
- Managed the Northern Territory Government's youth website ensuring that it provides youth-friendly and up to date information about government programs and services for young people.
- Developed a Territory-wide *Youth Services Directory* that lists youth networks and programs and services available to young Territorians aged 12 to 25 years.
- Released the third progress report on the implementation of the government's youth policy framework *Building a Better Future for Young Territorians*.
- Managed the Top End Explorer Voyages aboard the *Leeuwin II*.

OUTLOOK

- Continue to chair the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Youth Taskforce.
- Develop a fourth progress report on the implementation of the Northern Territory Government's youth policy framework *Building a Better Future for Young Territorians*.
- Develop a resource for government and non-government organisations to provide guidance, information, case studies, practical checklists, activities, and best practice models for engaging Territorians aged 12 to 25 years. The resource will increase the capacity of government agencies and the broader community to engage and consult with young Territorians as stakeholders in policy, program and service delivery.
- Address the negative portrayal of young people in the media through the promotion of positive news stories.
- Evaluate the activities of the office to ensure they reflect best practice principles and align with government priorities for young people.
- Assess the effectiveness of the Youth Engagement Grants Program to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of young people.

Multicultural Advancement

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Office of Multicultural Affairs engages with the community and government agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to implementing policy priorities for the multicultural community. The office also develops and delivers initiatives that improve the wellbeing of the multicultural community and facilitates their contribution to government decision-making.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting social development	Continued implementing the government's Multicultural Policy and community engagement initiatives
	Managed the Multicultural Communities Facility Development Program and Interpreter and Translator Service and the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program
Providing leadership across government	Continued coordinating the Senior Reference Group on Multicultural Affairs involving senior members of government agencies
	Participated in inter-governmental working parties on immigration and multicultural issues

HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed a whole-of-government submission to the Australian Government on measures to improve the Humanitarian Settlement Program.
- Developed a whole-of-government submission to the Australian Government on proposed changes to citizenship eligibility.
- Developed a whole-of-government submission to the Australian Government on the intake of humanitarian migrants to the Northern Territory for 2007-08.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Released the African Consultation Project Report.
- Assisted in developing and securing funding for Islamic Awareness Week.
- Extended the Ethnic Communities Facilities Development Program over 2007-10.
- Undertook an internal assessment of the Northern Territory Interpreter and Translator Service.
- Successfully coordinated the Northern Territory's Harmony Month in March 2007.
- Disseminated a *Multicultural Information Directory*.
- Published the *Northern Territory Multicultural Calendar* online, recording and promoting all multicultural events throughout 2007.
- Assisted and advised 156 overseas skilled workers from 41 countries through the Overseas Qualification Unit – a significant increase compared to 49 people assisted in 2005-06.

OUTLOOK

- Implement the new three year funding agreements with peak multicultural bodies.
- Assist Northern Territory Government agencies to respond to the needs of refugee migrants coming into the Northern Territory from new locations such as Burma.
- Finalise an internal assessment of the multicultural grants programs.

Seniors Advancement

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Office of Senior Territorians engages with the community and government agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to implementing government's policy priorities for seniors. The office also develops and delivers initiatives that improve the wellbeing of seniors and facilitates their contribution to government decision-making.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Connect the community with government	Developed and implemented a work plan for the Advisory Council on Ageing
	Held Active Ageing Workshops throughout the Territory
Supporting social development	Funded community activities for seniors during Seniors Month
	Increased wider community participation in Seniors Month

HIGHLIGHTS

- Established a new Advisory Council on Ageing to advise the Minister for Senior Territorians on issues about the ageing population, and provide a direct avenue of communication between the community and government.
- Encouraged wider community involvement in Seniors Month including a diverse range of activities and special discounts.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developed a draft framework for active ageing in the Northern Territory based on feedback arising from a discussion paper and public forums on the issue.
- Published a Territory-wide *Seniors Month Calendar of Events* in partnership with the Territory Insurance Office.
- Administered a grants program for Seniors Month under which 36 community groups throughout the Territory were funded for a variety of activities.
- Developed a work plan for the Advisory Council on Ageing.
- Coordinated the Seniors Card program which included distributing cards to approximately 150 new applicants each month.
- Facilitated the transfer of the Seniors Card to the Department of Health and Community Services.
- Organised retirement planning workshops jointly with the Council on the Ageing (NT) in Darwin and Alice Springs.

OUTLOOK

- Implement the *Framework for Active Ageing* in the Northern Territory in collaboration with the Advisory Council on Ageing and in partnership with other government agencies.
- Continue to build on the momentum of Seniors Month to support community groups and organisations to undertake activities during the month and the rest of the year.

Support to Community Organisations and Events

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Through the Northern Territory Major Events Company, the government continues to support a number of high-profile events and activities as well as providing support to community-based organisations for activities that benefit the community. The company concentrates its support on the largest events available to the Territory and those with the greatest growth potential. The company was established primarily to attract, develop and support special events that provide substantial economic and social benefits to the Northern Territory.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Preserving and building a socially cohesive Territory	Supported individuals and organisations through grants sponsorship to develop a range of activities and events to celebrate the Territory lifestyle

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted Round 6 of the V8 Supercar Championship – the 10th anniversary of the series was the 10th celebration hosting in Darwin. The Northern Territory Government's involvement with the V8 Supercar Championship is assured until 2012.
- Organised and managed Darwin's music festival BASSINTHEGRASS and Alice Springs' BASSINTHEDUST. Both events involve well known national bands and local talent. The events have a strong youth focus and are run in controlled environments at the Darwin Amphitheatre and Alice Springs Anzac Oval.
- Organised the Australian Idol live Grand Final broadcast at the Darwin Amphitheatre in support of Territorian Jessica Mauboy's quest to win the Australian Idol competition. This event was attended by over 3500 Territorians.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provided a high-level of administration, marketing and promotional support to the 32nd Finke Desert Race held annually on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. This event has firmly established itself as the premier off-road event in Australia and the largest annual event in the Central Australia region.
- Provided administration and sponsorship support to the Tennant Creek Barkly Muster – an event organised by the Tennant Creek Community and run in partnership with local associations.
- Achieved growth by continuing to promote a high-level of participation and community recognition for all of the above events and activities. This has a range of benefits for Territorians including:
 - managing and showcasing a quality event portfolio that significantly adds to the lifestyle and recreation options for Territorians
 - economic benefits
 - boosting the Territory's tourism appeal
 - attracting national and international media exposure
 - contributing significantly to the social and cultural life of all Territorians.

OUTLOOK

- Continue to manage and support the significant Territory events portfolio including:
 - the annual round of the V8 Supercar Championship Series
 - BASSINTHEGRASS in Darwin and BASSINTHEDUST in Alice Springs
 - Arafura Games
 - Masters Games
 - NT Sports Awards
 - Finke Desert Race
 - World Solar Challenge
 - Rugby Hottest 7's in the World
 - Barkly Muster in Tennant Creek
- Work productively and cooperatively to ensure the success of the merger of the Events Branch from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport with the NT Major Events Company Pty Ltd. The merger of the two organisations will add additional responsibility with the Arafura Games, Masters Games and NT Sports Awards.

Inputs: Services

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Services Division works to support the capacity of the department in delivering strategic objectives. The unit provides a broad range of corporate services and advice to ministerial offices, business units and associated entities of the department.

The unit includes People and Learning, Information Services, Procurement and General Services, Travel and Financial Management Services. These services support the day-to-day operations of all business units and associated entities of the department as well as building on capacity to support the machinery of government.

Strategic Objectives	Nature of Contribution
Supporting the machinery of government	Provided corporate services and advice to support all business units and associated entities of the department

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Executive Services

- Maintained a rolling program of internal assessments to cover a range of compliance and information system functions.
- Streamlined and standardised procedures and policies relating to phones and vehicles throughout the department.
- Continued to enhance accessibility to information policies, procedures and forms on the department's intranet On-line Service Centre by reviewing and improving content and design.
- Identified areas for improvement and action and enhanced communication flow to business units through the Executive Information Coordinators Group.
- Continued to ensure all staff are informed of current policies and procedures through the corporate communication system.
- Provided assistance in ensuring the department's corporate governance obligations were met.
- Continued to process applications for information under the *Information Act*. Statistical details are available in the Office of the Information Commissioner's annual report.
- Oversaw planning for the amalgamation of Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment's Corporate Services with the Department of the Chief Minister's Services Division.

Information Services

Records Management

- Continued to implement quality assurance processes that address TRIM metadata.
- Achieved an increase of three per cent in compliance with NT Government Records Management Standards.
- Transferred the department's TRIM Context dataset to a new server platform.
- In anticipation of the Northern Territory Archive Service review of Records Security and Access component of the NT Government Records Management Standard, the department's Records Management Unit commenced an ongoing review of records practices.

Information Technology

- Continued to enhance the Online Service Centre internal website.
- Continued to assess information technology resources to increase cost savings.
- Implemented continuous improvement processes to maximise information management services.
- Improved information technology reporting systems with external service providers.
- Prepared for the IT Transformation Project which sets a new standard operating environment across the department.
- Commenced planning to implement the Directory File System – a centralised data storage for the whole-of-government with more strategic backup and archiving options.

Procurement and General Services

- Maintained contract systems to improve access to information and monitoring of all procurement processes.
- Provided training to staff on current procurement policy and internal procedures.
- Updated and refined policies and procedures in accordance with the new Procurement Directions.
- Increased business unit awareness of the NT Government Energy Smart Buildings Policy, which included implementing strategies to reduce energy consumption.

Financial Management

- Reviewed and rationalised internal resource allocation in accordance with government priorities.
- Strengthened and refined accounting policies and procedures.
- Assisted with amalgamating OCPE Corporate Services with the department's Services Division.
- Reviewed the Travel Requests Information Processing System for possible use by the department.
- Reviewed and updated the department's Chart of Accounts.
- Managed the budget review and implementation process.
- Assisted and guided business to efficiently and effectively manage their financial resources.
- Coordinated the preparation of briefs for the Estimates Committee Hearings held in June 2007.

People and Learning

- Continued work life balance initiatives as part of the department's responsibilities as a pilot agency.
- Continued mobility exchange development opportunities in partnership with the Department of Corporate and Information Services.
- Promoted and strengthened team building skills across the department.
- Continued to assist staff to access support services and professional development opportunities.
- Continued to provide strategic advice and guidance to business units on recruitment, performance management and continued improvement in reporting agency staffing trends.
- Increased participation in entry level recruitment programs such as the Graduate Development Program, National Indigenous Cadetship Project, Northern Territory Public Sector New Apprenticeship Program, Work Integrated Learning Scholarship and the Vacation Employment Program.

OUTLOOK

- Continue to strengthen internal communications, promote departmental policies and practices, recommend strategies for improvement and work positively to provide solutions.
- Continue to assess and refine the department's corporate governance framework.
- Improve agency outcomes through strengthened procurement planning processes designed to increase the agency's strategic capacity.
- Review and improve financial and human resource management information systems.
- Build on current achievements by better applying the *Information Act*.
- Increase the use of online systems, including MyHR, ePASS and ICMS to improve efficiencies and save funds.
- Continue to monitor and improve security within the information technology environment.

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Financial Statement Overview

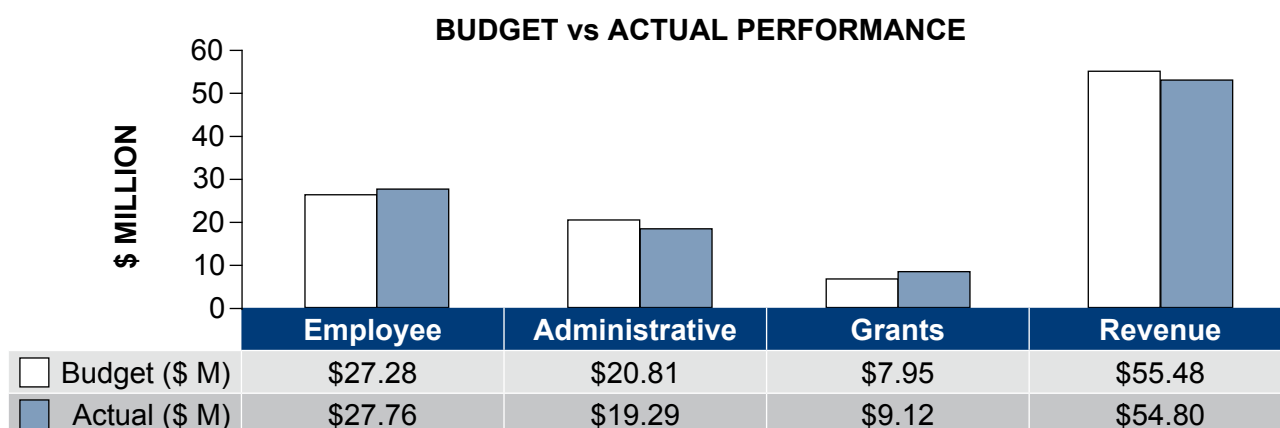
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OPERATING STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 June 2007, the department recorded a deficit of \$1.38 million, in comparison to a budgeted deficit of \$0.56 million. The budgeted deficit relates to unfunded depreciation expenses. The remaining overspend was primarily due to the uncertainty about the associated expenses resulting from the transfer of responsibility for the Arafura Games and the Masters Games from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport to the Northern Territory Major Events Company (see Note 2(s)).

Total Operating Revenue for the year was \$54.8 million of which the greatest component was Output Revenue. Revenue for goods and services received free of charge was \$3.4 million and \$2.1 million was received for services provided to other Agencies, primarily related to risk management and audit. The decrease in revenue between 2006 and 2007 arises due to a notional gain of \$16.35 million recognised in 2006. This was related to the creation of a doubtful liability to the Commonwealth Government for an investment in the AustralAsia Railway Company.

Total Expenses of \$56.2 million consisted of \$27.8 million for employee costs, \$15.1 million for administrative expenditure, \$9.1 million grant funding and a notional amount of \$3.4 million for services received free of charge. The significant drop in expenditure in 2007 is related to the creation of a doubtful advance expense in 2006 for investment in the AustralAsia Railway Company, which increased expenses in that year.



BALANCE SHEET

The net assets position of the department at 30 June 2007 was \$34.08 million which is comparable to the net position of \$35.06 million at 30 June 2006. The increases in Cash at Bank and Current Liabilities are related to the transfer of responsibilities for the Arafura and Masters Games and will net out during the 2007-08 year.

Certification of the Financial Statements

We certify that the attached financial statements for the Department of the Chief Minister have been prepared from proper accounts and records in accordance with the prescribed format, the *Financial Management Act* and Treasurer's Directions.

We further state that the information set out in the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2007 and the financial position on that date.

At the time of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Paul Tyrrell
Chief Executive



Karl Dyason
Chief Finance Officer

31 August 2007

Operating Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	NOTE	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
INCOME			
Taxation Revenue			
Grants and Subsidies Revenue			
Current		165	121
Output Revenue	3	48 774	44 083
Sales of Goods and Services		2123	2056
Gain on Doubtful Advances	12	-	16,350
Goods and Services Received Free of Charge	4	3404	3243
Gain on Disposal of Assets	5	1	-
Other Income		330	5
TOTAL INCOME		54 797	65 858
EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses		27 763	26 085
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>			
Purchases of Goods and Services	6	15 074	15 849
Repairs and Maintenance		252	200
Depreciation and Amortisation	10	564	560
Doubtful Advances Expense		-	32 700
Other Administrative Expenses ¹		3404	3248
<i>Grants and Subsidies Expenses</i>			
Current		8724	4147
Capital		400	500
Loss on Disposal of Assets	5	-	9
TOTAL EXPENSES	3	56 181	83 298
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	15	(1384)	(17 440)

The Operating Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

¹ Includes DCIS service charges.

Balance Sheet

AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

	NOTE	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Deposits	7	3247	810
Receivables	8	770	853
Prepayments		5	28
Total Current Assets		4021	1691
Non-Current Assets			
Advances and Investments	9	10 117	10 117
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	33 786	33 232
Total Non-Current Assets		43 903	43 349
TOTAL ASSETS		47 924	45 040
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Held		3	3
Payables	11	4406	1002
Provisions	13	3032	2739
Total Current Liabilities		7440	3744
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings and Advances	12	5050	5050
Provisions	13	1358	1189
Other Liabilities	14	-	1
Total Non-Current Liabilities		6408	6240
TOTAL LIABILITIES		13 848	9984
NET ASSETS		34 076	35 056
EQUITY			
Capital	15	52 387	51 982
Reserves		2061	2061
Accumulated Funds		(20 372)	(18 987)
TOTAL EQUITY		34 076	35 056

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	NOTE	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 1 JULY	24	35 056	50 128
CAPITAL	15		
Balance at 1 July		51 982	51 553
Equity Injections		573	661
Equity Withdrawals		(169)	(232)
Balance at 30 June		52 387	51 982
RESERVES	15		
Balance at 1 July		2061	123
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	-	1938
Balance at 30 June		2061	2061
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	15		
Balance at 1 July		(18 988)	(1548)
Changes in Accounting Policies		-	-
Correction of Prior Period Errors		-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period		(1384)	(17 440)
Balance at 30 June		(20 372)	(18 988)
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 30 JUNE		34 076	35 056
Total Income and Expense Recognised Directly to Equity		-	-

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	NOTE	2007 \$'000 (Outflows) / Inflows	2006 \$'000 (Outflows) / Inflows
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating Receipts			
<i>Grants and Subsidies Received</i>			
Current		165	121
Output Revenue Received		48 774	44 083
Receipts From Sales of Goods And Services		4341	3 983
GST Receipts		-	-
Total Operating Receipts		53 280	48 187
Operating Payments			
Payments to Employees		(27 298)	(26 158)
Payments for Goods and Services	6	(13 681)	(17 933)
Superannuation Benefits Paid		-	-
<i>Grants and Subsidies Paid</i>			
Current		(8724)	(4147)
Capital		(400)	(500)
GST Paid		-	-
Total Operating Payments		(50 103)	(48 738)
Net Cash From/(Used In) Operating Activities	16	3176	(551)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investing Receipts			
Proceeds from Asset Sales	5	1	3
Repayment of Advances		-	-
Total Investing Receipts		1	3
Investing Payments			
Purchases of Assets	10	(965)	(1231)
Advances and Investing Payments		-	-
Total Investing Payments		(965)	(1231)
Net Cash From/(Used In) Investing Activities		(964)	(1228)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Financing Receipts			
Proceeds of Borrowings		-	-
Deposits Received		-	3
<i>Equity Injections</i>			
Capital Appropriation	15	395	398
Other Equity Injections		-	162
Total Financing Receipts		395	563
Financing Payments			
Repayment of Borrowings		-	-
Finance Lease Payments		(1)	-
Equity Withdrawals	15	(169)	(232)
Total Financing Payments		(170)	(232)
Net Cash From/(Used In) Financing Activities		225	331
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		2437	(1448)
Cash at Beginning of Financial Year		810	2258
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	7	3247	810

The Cash Flow Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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1. OBJECTIVES AND FUNDING

As a central agency, the Department of the Chief Minister develops frameworks to support the government's social, economic and development policies and investment facilitation and ensures government's priorities are implemented effectively across the Northern Territory Public Sector.

The department provides leadership in attracting investment and development to the Northern Territory and in coordinating whole-of-government approaches to issues across the Northern Territory Public Sector.

The department is predominantly funded by Parliamentary appropriations. The Financial Statements encompass all funds through which the department controls resources to carry on its functions.

In the process of reporting on the department as a single agency, all intra-agency transactions and balances have been eliminated.

A listing of Agency Output Groups and their functions can be found in the Performance by Output section of this Annual Report.

2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act* and related Treasurer's Directions. *The Financial Management Act* requires the department to prepare financial statements for the year ended 30 June based on the form determined by the Treasurer. The form of agency financial statements is to include:

- (i) a Certification of the Financial Statements
- (ii) an Operating Statement
- (iii) a Balance Sheet
- (iv) a Statement of Changes in Equity
- (v) a Cash Flow Statement
- (vi) applicable explanatory notes to the financial statements.

The form of agency financial statements is consistent with the accrual budget format and the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, including AASB 101, AASB 107 and AAS 29. The format also requires additional disclosures specific to Northern Territory Government entities.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognises the effect of financial transactions and events when they occur, rather than when cash is paid out or received.

Except where stated, the financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

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(b) Agency and Territory Items

The financial statements of the department include income, expenses, assets, liabilities and equity over which the department has control (agency items). Certain items, while managed by the agency, are controlled and recorded by the Territory rather than the agency (Territory items). Territory items are recognised and recorded in the Central Holding Authority as discussed below.

Central Holding Authority

The Central Holding Authority is the 'parent body' that represents the government's ownership interest in government controlled entities.

The Central Holding Authority also records all Territory items, such as income, expenses, assets and liabilities controlled by the government and managed by agencies on behalf of the government. The main Territory item is Territory income, which includes taxation and royalty revenue, Commonwealth general purpose funding (such as GST revenue), fines, and statutory fees and charges.

The Central Holding Authority also holds certain Territory assets not assigned to agencies as well as certain Territory liabilities that are not practical or effective to assign to individual agencies such as unfunded superannuation and long service leave.

The Central Holding Authority recognises and records all Territory items, and as such, these items are not included in the agency's financial statements. However, as the agency is accountable for certain Territory items managed on behalf of government, these items have been separately disclosed in note 23 - Schedule of Territory Items.

The department did not administer or manage any Territory items on behalf of government.

(c) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information for the 2005-06 financial year has been reclassified to provide consistency with current year disclosures.

(d) Presentation and Rounding of Amounts

Amounts in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, with amounts of \$500 or less being rounded down to zero.

(e) Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes to accounting policies adopted in 2006-07 as a result of management decisions. Any changes to accounting policies that have been required as a result of the adoption of Australian equivalents to IFRS are not accounting policy changes for the purposes of AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors.

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(f) Goods and Services Tax

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the Balance Sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable or payable unless otherwise specified.

(g) Income Recognition

Income encompasses both revenue and gains.

Income is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, exclusive of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). Exchanges of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration being exchanged are not recognised as income.

Output Revenue

Output revenue represents government funding for agency operations and is calculated as the net cost of agency outputs after taking into account funding from agency income. The net cost of agency outputs for Output Appropriation purposes does not include any allowance for major non-cash costs such as depreciation.

Revenue in respect of this funding is recognised in the period in which the agency gains control of the funds.

Grants and Other Contributions

Grants, donations, gifts and other non-reciprocal contributions are recognised as revenue when the agency obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control is normally obtained upon receipt.

Contributions are recognised at their fair value. Contributions of services are only recognised when a fair value can be reliably determined and the services would be purchased if not donated.

Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised (net of returns, discounts and allowances) when control of the goods passes to the customer and specified conditions associated with the sale have been satisfied.

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Rendering of Services

Revenue from rendering services is recognised on a stage of completion basis.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, taking into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

Disposal of Assets

A gain or loss on disposal of assets is included as a gain or loss on the date control of the asset passes to the buyer, usually when an unconditional contract of sale is signed. The gain or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the net proceeds on disposal. Refer also to note 5.

Contributions of Assets

Contributions of assets and contributions to assist in the acquisition of assets, being non-reciprocal transfers, are recognised, unless otherwise determined by government, as gains when the agency obtains control of the asset or contribution. Contributions are recognised at the fair value received or receivable.

(h) Repairs and Maintenance Expenses

Funding is received for repairs and maintenance works associated with agency assets as part of Output Revenue. Costs associated with repairs and maintenance works on agency assets are expensed as incurred.

(i) Interest Expenses

Interest expenses include interest and finance lease charges. Interest expenses are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

(j) Cash and Deposits

For the purposes of the Balance Sheet and the Cash Flow Statement, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are highly liquid short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash. Cash at bank includes monies held in the Accountable Officer's Trust Account (AOTA) that are ultimately payable to the beneficial owner – refer also to note 21.

(k) Inventories

General inventories are all inventories other than those held for distribution and are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventories includes all costs associated with bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. When inventories are acquired at no or nominal consideration, the cost will be the current replacement cost at date of acquisition.

Inventories held for distribution are those inventories distributed at no or nominal consideration, and are carried at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

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(l) Receivables

Receivables include accounts receivable and other receivables and are recognised at fair value less any allowance for uncollectible amounts. The collectibility of receivables is reviewed regularly, and part of this process is to assess, at reporting date, whether an allowance for doubtful debts is required.

Accounts receivable are to be settled within 30 days.

(m) Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions

All items of property, plant and equipment with a cost, or other value, equal to or greater than \$5000 are recognised in the year of acquisition and depreciated as outlined below. Items of property, plant and equipment below the \$5000 threshold are expensed in the year of acquisition.

The construction cost of property, plant and equipment includes the cost of materials and direct labour, and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Complex Assets

Major items of plant and equipment comprising a number of components that have different useful lives, are accounted for as separate assets. The components may be replaced during the useful life of the complex asset.

Subsequent Additional Costs

Costs incurred on property, plant and equipment subsequent to initial acquisition are capitalised when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed performance of the asset will flow to the agency in future years. Where these costs represent separate components of a complex asset, they are accounted for as separate assets and are separately depreciated over their expected useful lives.

Construction (Work in Progress)

As part of *Working for Outcomes*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is responsible for managing general government capital works projects on a whole of government basis. Therefore appropriation for most capital works is provided directly to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the cost of construction work in progress is recognised as an asset of that department. Once completed, capital works assets are transferred to the agency.

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Revaluations

Subsequent to initial recognition, assets belonging to the following classes of non-current assets are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date:

- land
- buildings
- infrastructure assets
- heritage and cultural assets
- biological assets
- intangibles.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arms length transaction. Other classes of non-current assets are not subject to revaluation and are measured at cost.

The unique nature of some of the heritage and cultural assets may preclude reliable measurement. Such assets have not been recognised in the financial statements.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Items of property, plant and equipment, including buildings but excluding land, have limited useful lives and are depreciated or amortised using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Amortisation applies in relation to intangible non-current assets with limited useful lives and is calculated and accounted for in a similar manner to depreciation.

The estimated useful lives for each class of asset are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions and are determined as follows:

	2007	2006
Buildings	50 Years	50 Years
Infrastructure Assets	50 Years	50 Years
Plant and Equipment	5 Years	5 Years
Leased Plant and Equipment	5 Years	5 Years
Heritage and Cultural Assets	100 Years	100 Years
Intangibles	3 Years	3 Years

Assets are depreciated or amortised from the date of acquisition or from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

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Impairment of Assets

An asset is said to be impaired when the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Non-current physical and intangible agency assets are assessed for indicators of impairment on an annual basis. If an indicator of impairment exists, the agency determines the asset's recoverable amount. The asset's recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the asset's depreciated replacement cost and fair value less costs to sell. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Operating Statement unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. Where the asset is measured at a revalued amount, the impairment loss is offset against the Asset Revaluation Reserve for that class of asset to the extent that an available balance exists in the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

In certain situations, an impairment loss may subsequently be reversed. Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the Operating Statement as income, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment reversal results in an increase in the Asset Revaluation Reserve. Note 15 provides additional information in relation to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

(n) Leased Assets

Leases under which the agency assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset are classified as finance leases. Other leases are classified as operating leases.

Finance Leases

Finance leases are capitalised. A leased asset and a lease liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments are recognised at the inception of the lease.

Lease payments are allocated between the principal component of the lease liability and the interest expense.

Operating Leases

Operating lease payments made at regular intervals throughout the term are expensed when the payments are due, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased property.

(o) Payables

Liabilities for accounts payable and other amounts payable are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the agency. Accounts payable are normally settled within 30 days.

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(p) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries and recreation leave. Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries and recreation leave and other employee benefit liabilities that fall due within twelve months of reporting date are classified as current liabilities and are measured at amounts expected to be paid. Non-current employee benefit liabilities that fall due after twelve months of the reporting date are measured at present value, calculated using the government long term bond rate.

No provision is made for sick leave, which is non-vesting, as the anticipated pattern of future sick leave to be taken is less than the entitlement accruing in each reporting period.

Employee benefit expenses are recognised on a net basis in respect of the following categories:

- wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, recreation leave, sick leave and other leave entitlements
- other types of employee benefits.

As part of the introduction of *Working for Outcomes*, the Central Holding Authority assumed the long service leave liabilities of government agencies, including the Department of the Chief Minister and as such no long service leave liability is recognised in agency financial statements.

(q) Superannuation

Employees' superannuation entitlements are provided through the:

- NT Government and Public Authorities Superannuation Scheme (NTGPASS)
- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS), or
- non-government employee nominated schemes for those employees commencing on or after 10 August 1999.

The agency makes superannuation contributions on behalf of its employees to the Central Holding Authority or non-government employee nominated schemes. Superannuation liabilities related to government superannuation schemes are held by the Central Holding Authority and as such are not recognised in agency financial statements.

(r) Contributions by and Distributions to Government

The agency may receive contributions from government where the government is acting as owner of the agency. Conversely, the agency may make distributions to government. In accordance with the *Financial Management Act* and Treasurer's Directions, certain types of contributions and distributions, including those relating to administrative restructures, have been designated as contributions by, and distributions to, government. These designated contributions and distributions are treated by the agency as adjustments to equity.

The Statement of Changes in Equity and note 15 provide additional information in relation to contributions by, and distributions to, government.

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(s) Commitments

Disclosures in relation to capital and other commitments, including lease commitments are shown at note 18 and are consistent with the requirements contained in AASB 101, AASB 117 and AAS 29.

Commitments are those contracted as at 30 June where the amount of the future commitment can be reliably measured.

(t) Administrative Restructure

Following a Cabinet Decision in 2006, the Department of the Chief Minister, through the Northern Territory Major Events Company, assumed responsibility for the Arafura Games and the Alice Springs Masters Games which were previously managed by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport. This resulted in additional output revenue of \$3.15 million and grant expenses of \$3.70 million in 2006.

Notes to the Financial Statements

3. OPERATING STATEMENT BY OUTPUT GROUP

	Note	Policy Advice & Public Sector Coordination		Major Projects, Asian Relations and Trade		Government Business Support		Community Engagement		Total	
		2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INCOME											
Current Grants & Subsidies Revenue		5	-	103	100	14	-	43	21	165	121
Gain on Doubtful Advances		-	-	-	16 350	-	-	-	-	-	16 350
Sales of Goods and Services											
Output Revenue		11 053	9809	5760	5696	21 015	20 833	10 946	7745	48 774	44 083
Other Agency Revenue		999	1202	89	86	64	68	971	700	2123	2056
Miscellaneous Revenue		2	1	3	2	13	2	313	-	331	5
Goods & Services Received Free of Charge	4	786	710	305	312	1993	1864	320	357	3404	3243
Gain on Disposal of Assets	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		12 845	11 722	6260	22 546	23 099	22 767	12 593	8823	54 797	65 858
EXPENSES											
Employee Expenses		7865	6800	2227	2618	14 763	14 046	2908	2621	27 763	26 085
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>											
Purchases of Goods and Services	6	4937	4352	2748	3307	6176	6794	1212	1396	15 074	15 849
Repairs and Maintenance		21	11	4	2	201	180	26	7	252	200
Depreciation and Amortisation	10	92	85	173	181	276	271	24	23	564	560
Doubtful Advances Expense	9	-	-	-	32 700	-	-	-	-	-	32 700
Other Administrative Expenses ¹		787	712	305	312	1993	1867	319	357	3404	3248
<i>Grants and Subsidies Expenses</i>											
Current		38	60	360	110	-	-	8326	3977	8724	4147
Capital		-	-	-	-	-	-	400	500	400	500
Loss on Disposal of Assets	5	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	9
TOTAL EXPENSES		13 740	12 020	5817	39 230	23 409	23 167	13 215	8881	56 181	83 298
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	15	(895)	(298)	443	(16 684)	(310)	(400)	(622)	(58)	(1384)	(17 440)

This Operating Statement by Output Group is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

¹Includes DCIS service charges.

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	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
4. GOODS AND SERVICES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE		
Corporate and Information Services	3404	3243
	<u>3404</u>	<u>3243</u>
5. GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS		
Net proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets	1	3
Less: Carrying value of non-current assets disposed	-	(12)
Gain/(Loss) on the disposal of non-current assets	<u>1</u>	<u>(9)</u>
6. PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES		
The net surplus/(deficit) has been arrived at after charging the following expenses:		
Goods and Services Expenses:		
Consultants ⁽¹⁾	1176	837
Advertising ⁽²⁾	-	2
Marketing and Promotion ⁽³⁾	2493	2596
Document Production	315	259
Legal Expenses ⁽⁴⁾	90	18
Recruitment ⁽⁵⁾	67	204
Training and Study	157	245
Official Duty Fares	1617	1680
Travelling Allowance	237	233
(1) Includes marketing, promotion and IT consultants.		
(2) Does not include recruitment advertising or marketing and promotion advertising.		
(3) Includes advertising for marketing and promotion but excludes marketing and promotion consultants' expenses, which are incorporated in the consultants' category.		
(4) Includes legal fees, claim and settlement costs.		
(5) Includes recruitment related advertising costs.		
7. CASH AND DEPOSITS		
Cash on Hand	11	12
Cash at Bank	3236	798
On Call or Short Term Deposits	-	-
	<u>3247</u>	<u>810</u>

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	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000
8. RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	509	459
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Receivable	(1)	(1)
	<u>508</u>	<u>458</u>
Interest Receivables	234	244
GST Receivables	28	151
Other Receivables	262	395
Non-Current		
Other Receivables	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receivables	770	853
9. ADVANCES AND INVESTMENTS		
Advances	-	-
Investments		
Railway Project Investments	42 817	42 817
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Advances	32 700	32 700
	<u>10 117</u>	<u>10 117</u>
Total Advances and Investments	10 117	10 117

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	\$'000	\$'000
10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Land		
At Fair Value	4800	4800
Buildings		
At Fair Value	9427	9300
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3132)	(2983)
	6295	6317
Infrastructure		
At Fair Value	16 495	16 495
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(559)	(414)
	15 936	16 081
Construction (Work in Progress)		
At Capitalised Cost	5724	4981
	5724	4981
Plant and Equipment		
At Cost	2019	1770
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1107)	(838)
	913	932
Leased Plant and Equipment		
At Capitalised Cost	12	117
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(12)	(117)
	-	-
Heritage and Cultural Assets		
At Fair Value	260	260
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(141)	(139)
	119	121
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	33 787	33 232

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT VALUATIONS

An independent valuation of Land Lot 5220 was undertaken by the Australian Valuation Office (AVO) as at 30 June 2006. The fair value of these assets was determined based on any existing restrictions on asset use. Where reliable market values were not available, the fair value of agency assets was based on their depreciated replacement cost.

IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Agency property, plant and equipment assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2007. No impairment adjustments were required as a result of this review.

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Property, Plant and Equipment Reconciliations

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of 2006-07 is set out below.

	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (Work in Progress)	Plant & Equipment	Leased Plant & Equipment	Heritage & Cultural Assets	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying Amount as at 1 July 2006	4800	6317	16 081	4981	932	-	121	33 232
Additions				743	223			966
Disposals								
Depreciation and Amortisation		(149)	(145)		(269)		(2)	(564)
Additions/ (Disposals) from Administrative Restructuring								
Additions/ (Disposals) from Asset Transfers		127			26			153
Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements)								
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2007	4800	6295	15,936	5724	913	-	119	33 787

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Property, Plant and Equipment Reconciliations

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of 2005-06 is set out below.

	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (Work in Progress)	Plant & Equipment	Leased Plant & Equipment	Heritage & Cultural Assets	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying Amount as at 1 July 2005	2900	6345	16 032	4141	1004	-	124	30 546
Additions			205	840	186			1231
Disposals					(11)			(11)
Depreciation and Amortisation		(157)	(156)		(244)		(3)	(560)
Additions/ (Disposals) from Administrative Restructuring								
Additions/ (Disposals) from Asset Transfers		61	29		(3)			87
Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements)	1900	68	(29)					1939
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2006	4800	6317	16 081	4981	932	-	121	33 232

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	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000
11. PAYABLES		
Accounts Payable	3774	603
Accrued Expenses	632	150
Other Payables		249
Total Payables	4406	1002
12. BORROWINGS AND ADVANCES		
Current	-	-
Non-Current		
Commonwealth Advances – Railway Project Investments	21 400	21 400
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Advances	16 350	16 350
	5050	5050
Total Borrowings and Advances	5050	5050
13. PROVISIONS		
Current		
<i>Employee Benefits</i>		
Annual Leave and Airfares	2313	1992
Leave Loading	259	222
	2572	2214
Other Current Provisions		
<i>Fringe Benefits Tax</i>	163	181
<i>Payroll Tax</i>	297	344
	460	525
Total Current Provisions	3032	2739
Non-Current		
<i>Employee Benefits</i>		
Annual Leave	1358	1189
Total Non-Current Provisions	1358	1189
Total Provisions	4390	3928

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	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000
13. PROVISIONS (Continued)		
Reconciliations of Provisions – Current		
Annual Leave and Airfares		
Balance at Beginning of Year	1992	2476
Additional Provisions Recognised	2823	2114
Reductions Arising from Payments	(2503)	(2598)
Balance at end of year	2313	1992
Leave Loading		
Balance at Beginning of Year	222	238
Additional Provisions Recognised	188	178
Reductions Arising from Payments	(159)	(194)
Balance at end of year	259	222
Fringe Benefits Tax		
Balance at Beginning of Year	181	190
Additional Provisions Recognised	697	730
Reductions Arising from Payments	(715)	(739)
Balance at end of year	163	181
Payroll Tax		
Balance at Beginning of Year	344	184
Additional Provisions Recognised	1512	1770
Reductions Arising from Payments	(1559)	(1610)
Balance at end of year	297	344
Reconciliations of Provisions – Non-Current		
Annual Leave		
Balance at Beginning of Year	1189	983
Additional Provisions Recognised	168	206
Reductions Arising from Payments	-	-
Balance at end of year	1358	1189

The agency employed 273 employees as at 30 June 2007 (270 employees as at 30 June 2006).

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	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000
14. OTHER LIABILITIES		
Current		
Other Liabilities	3	-
	3	-
Non-Current		
Other Liabilities – Unearned Revenue	-	1
Total Liabilities	3	1

15. EQUITY

Equity represents the residual interest in the net assets of the Department of the Chief Minister. The government's ownership interest in the Department is held in the Central Holding Authority as described in note 2(b).

Capital

Balance as at 1 July	51 982	51 553
Equity Injections		
Capital Appropriation	395	398
Equity Transfers In	178	93
Equity Withdrawals		
Capital Withdrawal	(169)	(141)
Equity Transfers Out	-	1
Net Effect of Administrative Restructure		78
Balance as at 30 June	52 386	51 982

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	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000
15. EQUITY (Cont.)		
Reserves		
Asset Revaluation Reserve		
<i>(i) Nature and Purpose of the Asset Revaluation Reserve</i>		
The asset revaluation reserve includes the net revaluation increments and decrements arising from the revaluation of non-current assets. Impairment adjustments may also be recognised in the Asset Revaluation Reserve.		
<i>(ii) Movements in the Asset Revaluation Reserve</i>		
Balance as at 1 July	2061	123
Increment/(Decrement) - Land		1900
Increment/(Decrement) - Buildings		38
Balance as at 30 June	2061	2061
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 July	(18 988)	(1548)
Surplus /(Deficit) for the Period	(1384)	(17 440)
Net Adjustment on Transition to IFRS	-	-
Balance as at 30 June	(20 372)	(18 988)

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16. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Reconciliation of Cash

The total of agency Cash and Deposits of \$3 247 000 recorded in the Balance Sheet is consistent with that recorded as 'cash' in the Cash Flow Statement.

Reconciliation of Net Surplus/(Deficit) to Net Cash From Operating Activities

Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1384)	(1090)
<i>Non-Cash Items:</i>		
Depreciation and Amortisation	564	560
Asset Write-Offs/Write-Downs	-	3
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Assets	(1)	9
Other Administrative Expenditure	25	11
<i>Changes in Assets and Liabilities:</i>		
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	84	44
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	23	390
(Decrease)/Increase in Payables	3404	(336)
(Decrease)/Increase in Provision for Employee Benefits	526	(294)
(Decrease)/Increase in Other Provisions	(65)	151
(Decrease)/Increase in Other Unearned Revenue	(1)	1
Net Cash From Operating Activities	3176	(551)

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17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial instruments held by the Department of the Chief Minister include cash and deposits, receivables, payables and finance leases. The department has limited exposure to financial risks as discussed below.

(a) Credit Risk

The agency has limited credit risk exposure (risk of default). In respect of any dealings with organisations external to government, the agency has adopted a policy of only dealing with credit worthy organisations and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the agency's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

(b) Net Fair Value

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements approximates their respective net fair values. Where differences exist, these are not material.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

The department is not exposed to interest rate risk as agency financial assets and financial liabilities are non-interest bearing.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

	Fixed Interest Maturity						Non-Interest Bearing	Total
	Weighted Average interest rate %	Variable Interest \$'000	Under 1 year \$'000	1 to 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000	\$'000		
2007 Financial Assets								
Cash and Deposits						3247	3247	
Receivables						770	770	
Advances and Investments						-	-	
Total Financial Assets						4017	4017	
Financial Liabilities								
Deposits Held						-	-	
Payables						4406	4406	
Borrowings and Advances						5050	5050	
Finance Lease Liabilities						-	-	
Total Financial Liabilities						9456	9456	
Net Financial Assets/ (Liabilities)						(5439)	(5439)	

	Fixed Interest Maturity						Non-Interest Bearing	Total
	Weighted Average interest rate %	Variable Interest \$'000	Under 1 year \$'000	1 to 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000	\$'000		
2006 Financial Assets								
Cash and Deposits						810	810	
Receivables						854	854	
Advances and Investments						-	-	
Total Financial Assets						1664	1664	
Financial Liabilities								
Deposits Held						-	-	
Payables						1002	1002	
Borrowings and Advances						5050	5050	
Finance Lease Liabilities						-	-	
Total Financial Liabilities						6052	6052	
Net Financial Assets/ (Liabilities)						(4388)	(4388)	

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	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000

18. COMMITMENTS

(i) Operating Lease Commitments

The agency leases property under non-cancellable operating leases expiring in 5 years. Leases generally provide the agency with a right of renewal at which time all lease terms are renegotiated. The agency also leases items of plant and equipment under non-cancellable operating leases. Future operating lease commitments not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows:

Within one year	-	9
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	36
Later than five years	-	-
	-	45

(ii) Finance Lease Commitments

The agency has no current finance leases.

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

(a) Contingent Liabilities

Several indemnities and guarantees have been provided in support of the Adelaide to Darwin Railway Project.

The AustralAsia Railway Corporation (AARC) and the Northern Territory and South Australian Governments have entered into a concession arrangement for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway on a Build Own Operate and Transfer Back basis.

Unquantifiable contingent liabilities of the Territory, and possibly this department, in relation to the Project arise from the following:

- joint guarantee of the obligations of the AARC
- indemnities granted in relation to title over the railway corridor (title is secure but the indemnity continues)
- agreement to compensate in the case of early termination of the Project (where a termination event is caused by the Territory)
- indemnities in favour of the Commonwealth for the Commonwealth's financial contribution.

For all of the events that would give rise to the liabilities, there are comprehensive risk management procedures in place.

Several other minor indemnities have been provided by the department, however none of these are considered significantly material.

(b) Contingent Assets

The Department of the Chief Minister had no contingent assets as at 30 June 2007 or 30 June 2006.

20. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No events have arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report that require adjustment to, or disclosure in these financial statements.

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21. ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S TRUST ACCOUNT

In accordance with section 7 of the *Financial Management Act*, an Accountable Officer's Trust Account has been established for the receipt of money to be held in trust. A summary of activity is shown below:

Nature of Trust Money	Opening Balance 1 July 2006	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance 30 June 2007
Retention money				
Bond money				
Security deposits				
Unpresented cheques	(3)			(3)
	(3)			(3)

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22. WRITE-OFFS, POSTPONEMENTS AND WAIVERS

	Agency		Agency		Territory Items		Territory Items	
	2007 \$'000	No. of Trans.	2006 \$'000	No. of Trans.	2007 \$'000	No. of Trans.	2006 \$'000	No. of Trans.
Write-offs, Postponements and Waivers Under the Financial Management Act								
Represented by:								
Amounts written off, waived and postponed by Delegates								
Irrecoverable amounts payable to the Territory or an agency written off								
Losses or deficiencies of money written off	-	-	2	3				
Public property written off	-	-	3	1				
Waiver or postponement of right to receive or recover money or property								
Total written off, waived and postponed by Delegates	-	-	5	4				
Amounts written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer								
Irrecoverable amounts payable to the Territory or an agency written off								
Losses or deficiencies of money written off								
Public property written off								
Waiver or postponement of right to receive or recover money or property								
Total written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer								
Write-offs, Postponements and Waivers Authorised Under Other Legislation								

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23. SCHEDULE OF TERRITORY ITEMS

The department does not manage any Territory items.

Grants Programs

Youth Affairs Grants Programs

The Office of Youth Affairs administers the Youth Engagement Grants Program. The program aims to assist young Territorians to access a variety of youth initiated events, personal development programs and activities and is a very successful way of involving young people in the planning, staging and evaluation of activities which reflect their needs and interests.

In 2006-07 a total of \$167 310 was provided for grants. \$127 310 was provided for the Youth Engagement Grants Program, which included \$11 000 received from the Australian Government for activities held in the Northern Territory as part of National Youth Week 2007. \$40 000 was provided to other youth sponsorships and award programs.

For 2006-07 there were four categories of youth engagement grants available:

- National Youth Week Grants
- Youth Vibe Holiday Grants
- Youth Participation Grants
- Quick Response Grants.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK GRANTS

This category funds youth engagement activities for National Youth Week. National Youth Week 2007 was held from 14 to 22 April 2007. In 2006-07 grants totalling \$53 610 were awarded to this category.

Remote Communities		
Coomalie Community Government Council	Youth Aquatics Initiatives	\$1200
Groote Eylandt and Milyakburra Youth Development Unit	All we need is U - Fun Day	\$1500
Jilkmिंगgan Community Government Council	Launch by Lens	\$1500
Kunbarllanjnja Community Government Council	National Youth Week in Kunbarllanjnja	\$1600
Milingimbi Youth Program	Yurrwi Youth Jam	\$1550
Thamarrurr Regional Council	Care of Country	\$2000
Yirkala Dhanbul Community Association	Hip Hop Cook Off	\$1500
Total for Remote Communities		\$10 850
Darwin		
Australian Red Cross NT Division	Youth Expo 07 and Best Recognise Dance Party	\$2000
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts Inc	The Zine Project: What Matters	\$1500
Darwin City Council	Work It	\$2000
Darwin Show Jumping Club Inc	DSJC Youth Fun Day	\$600
Feldman and Associates (through the Department of Corporate and Information Services)	Open Up a Can of Words Workshops	\$4000
Henbury School Council	Launch Yourself Leadership Program	\$1000
Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory	Youth Executive Planning Day	\$1500
NT Skateboarding, Blading, Biking Association Inc	National Youth Week Activities	\$1500
YWCA of Darwin Inc	Young Mum's Day	\$1160
Total for Darwin		\$15 260
Palmerston		
Danila Dilba Youth Service	Career Expo	\$1200
Mission Australia	New Generation Camp	\$2000
Palmerston City Council	Youth Bazaar	\$1800
Palmerston City Council	DJ and VJ Workshops	\$1800
Palmerston High School	Youth Expo	\$1500
Total for Palmerston		\$8300

Nhulunbuy		
Anglicare NT	Regional Coordination Committee	\$2000
Total for Nhulunbuy		\$2000
Katherine		
Katherine Regional Arts	Launch by Lens	\$1500
Katherine Youth Group	Regional Coordination Committee	\$2000
Mission Australia	Youth Week Basketball Competition	\$1200
Rivers Region Youth Development Services Inc	Personal Development, Career Workshops and Fashion Parade	\$2000
Somerville Community Services Inc	Free Movie Night	\$800
Total for Katherine		\$7500
Tennant Creek		
Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation	Bowling for Well Being	\$500
Tennant Creek Town Council	Regional Coordination Committee	\$2000
The Winanjjikari Music Centre	Battle of the Bands 2007	\$1700
Total for Tennant Creek		\$4200
Alice Springs		
Alice Springs Youth Centre	Small Day In	\$1500
InCite Youth Arts	National Youth Week Mosaic Art Project	\$2000
Riding for the Disabled Association Inc	Youth Leadership Coach Training	\$2000
Total for Alice Springs		\$5500

YOUTH VIBE HOLIDAY GRANTS – DECEMBER/JANUARY

This category funds youth engagement activities during the major school holidays (December/January and June/July). In 2006-07 grants totalling \$19 500 were awarded in this category.

Remote Communities		
Amoonguna Health Service	Children's Christmas Party	\$500
Anmatjere Community Government Council	Anmatjere Youth Music/Dance Workshop	\$1000
Areyonga Community Inc	Areyonga School Holiday Kidz and Youth Program	\$1000
Arltarpilta Community Government Council	Alcohol and Drug Free Party Disco	\$500
Borrooloola Community Government Council	Rollerblading and Xmas Celebration	\$1000
Jabiru Town Council	Jabiru Holiday Program	\$1500
Ntaria Council Inc	Marathon Drug and Alcohol Free Dance Party	\$1000
NT Blue Light Association	Bush Tour 2007	\$1000
Walangeri Ngumpinku CGC	Hey Presto	\$1000
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association	Gove Dance Off	\$1000
Total for Remote Communities		\$9500
Darwin		
Australian Red Cross - NT Division	Stay Dry @ the SHAK Holiday Program	\$1000
Australian Red Cross - NT Division	Life Skills - Save a Mate Program	\$850
NT Skateboarding, Blading and Biking Association Inc	Foam Pitt Crash Landing Event	\$1000
Rotary Club of Nightcliff	National Youth Science Forum	\$500
Total Recreation	City Camp	\$500
Total for Darwin		\$3850
Palmerston		
Palmerston City Council	Vocalyse: Hip Hop Workshop	\$1300
Total for Palmerston		\$1300
Darwin Rural		
Coomalie Community Government Council	Youth Skills Camp	\$1000
The Gathering	Community Christmas Party	\$1000
Total for Darwin Rural		\$2000
Katherine		
NT Blue Light Association	Blue Light Cinema Night	\$500
Total for Katherine		\$500

Tennant Creek

Centacare NT	Holiday Rollerdisco	\$1000
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Total for Tennant Creek		\$1000
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Alice Springs

Australian Red Cross - NT Division	Life Skills - Save a Mate Program	\$850
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Red Centre Knights/Alice Springs High School Chess Club	National Schools Chess Championship 2006	\$500
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Total for Alice Springs		\$1350
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YOUTH VIBE HOLIDAY GRANTS – JUNE/JULY

In 2006-07 grants totalling \$38 345 were awarded to this category.

Remote Communities		
Groote Eylandt and Milyakburra Youth Development Unit	Groote Eylandt Film Night and Fun Day	\$1950
Kaltukatjara Community Council	Deadly Treadlies BMX Sports Competition	\$2000
Waltja Tjutangu Palyapayi	Blue Light Discos and BBQ	\$1500
Walungurru Community Council	June/July School Holiday Program	\$2000
Total for Remote Communities		\$7450
Darwin		
Africa Australia Friendship Association NT Inc	Ubuntu (Humanity)	\$1730
Australian Red Cross – The SHAK	Jumping July SHAK Holiday Program	\$2000
Chung Wah Society Inc	CWS Lion Dance Troupe Training and Development Camp	\$1500
CREATE Foundation	Connection, Celebration and Fun Day for Young Consultants	\$695
Darwin City Council	Alpha Gab	\$1270
Kormilda College	Kormilda Cares Kids Camp	\$2000
NT Quarterhorse Association Inc	Camp Quarterhorse	\$2000
NT Skateboarding Blading Biking Association Inc	The Great Sk8	\$2000
Salvation Army NT Property Trust	Holiday Program - Skills Development	\$1500
Total Recreation	Getting Youth Active	\$1300
Total for Darwin		\$15 995
Palmerston		
Palmerston City Council	Palmerston Shorts	\$2000
Top End Lutheran Youth Group	Christian Life Youth Camp	\$500
Total for Palmerston		\$2500
Darwin Rural		
Coomalie Community Government Council	Youth Getaways	\$2000
Total for Darwin Rural		\$2000
Nhulunbuy		
Nhulunbuy High School	Over the Top Tour	\$400
Total for Nhulunbuy		\$400

Katherine		
Somerville Community Services Inc	SK8D8	\$2000
YMCA Katherine Inc	Katherine SK8 Estate Makeover	\$2000
Total for Katherine		\$4000

Alice Springs		
Christian Community Centre	UPROAR Youth Winter Camp	\$2000
InCite Youth Arts Inc	Alice Graffiti Art Project: Stage 2	\$2000
Teen Challenge Centralia	Imparting Truth and Success	\$2000
Total for Alice Springs		\$6000

YOUTH PARTICIPATION GRANTS

This category funds innovative youth participation projects that help young people participate and contribute to decision-making in their communities. In 2006-07 grants totalling \$4000 were awarded to this category.

Darwin		
NT Scout Association	Youth Forum	\$2000
Total for Darwin		\$2000

Palmerston		
Palmerston City Council	Youth Zine	\$2000
Total for Palmerston		\$2000

QUICK RESPONSE

This category of grants enables the office to respond to urgent requests for funding (up to \$500) that meet the selection criteria. In 2006-07 grants totalling \$11 855 were awarded to this category.

Remote Communities		
Bush Bands Bash	Financial assistance to support the Bush Bands Bash	\$500
Jeff Brownscombe	Financial assistance for the musical workshops that will be part of Palumpa Health Week	\$500
Numbulwar Numburindi CGC	Numbulwar Holiday Program	\$500
Pine Creek Community Council	Financial assistance to run a Christmas youth disco	\$500
Total for Remote Communities		\$2000
Darwin		
Aaron Watson	Sponsorship to attend the YacVic Conference	\$500
Changeover Australia Inc	UNDEAD the concert	\$500
Darwin City Council	Financial assistance for the hosting of the National Sister Cities Conference in Darwin in September 2007 - the conference will included a youth program	\$455
Darwin City Council	Lock In at the Library	\$400
Gemma Nourse	NT Delegate to THIMUN	\$500
Hannah Watts	Financial assistance for young Territorians to attend the Kidshaper Conference in Victoria	\$500
Mathew Bock	Support to attend the World Universities Debating Championship being held in Vancouver, Canada	\$500
National Indigenous Youth Leadership Group (Ngaree Ah Kit)	Financial assistance for the project group's information kit on Indigenous Youth Participation	\$500
Oaktree Foundation	Get Aware activity with Hugh Evans	\$500
St John's College	Financial assistance for the Remar Team to attend the National Remar Camp in Perth	\$500
UNYA NT	Corey McCann - One Day Forum	\$500
YWCA of Darwin	International No Diet Day Celebration	\$500
Total for Darwin		\$5855

Palmerston		
C-Max Cinemas, Palmerston	Financial assistance for bringing the 2005 Young Australian of the Year, Khao Do, to Darwin for the premiere of his film	\$500
Total for Palmerston		\$500
Darwin Rural		
Coomalie Council	October School Holiday Program	\$500
Total for Darwin Rural		\$500
Katherine		
Katherine Horse and Pony Club	Jessica Beckhouse – National Senior Mounted Games Championship	\$500
Total for Katherine		\$500
Alice Springs		
Alice Springs Pony Club	Pony Club Northern Territory Championships	\$500
Alice Springs Youth Accommodation Support Service (ASYASS)	ASYASS Disco	\$500
Ella Carmichael (St Philip's College)	Financial assistance to participate in the Round Square service project in Kenya	\$250
Khiani Payne	Support for the cultural trip to New Zealand	\$500
Sadadeen Primary School	Financial assistance to hold a dance party for Year 6 students	\$500
Tegan Pannell (St Philip's College)	Financial assistance to participate in the Round Square service project in Kenya	\$250
Total for Alice Springs		\$2500
OTHER YOUTH SPONSORSHIP AND AWARDS PROGRAMS		
Awards Australia Ltd	NT Young Achiever Awards 2008 The Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award	\$11 000
Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation	Top End Explorer Voyages	\$29 000

Senior Territorian Grants

The Office of Senior Territorians administers a grants program to promote a positive understanding of ageing in the community, to encourage seniors to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle, and to enable community groups and organisations to work together to organise events and activities that can be enjoyed by all senior Territorians.

Thirty-five applicants received funding totalling \$40 195 to conduct activities and events for Seniors Month in August 2006.

Alice Springs

Alice Springs Senior Citizens Association	Workshop Skills	\$2000
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	Use it, Lose it, Amuse it	\$2000
Alice Springs Lions Club	Alice Springs 2006 Seniors Dinner Dance	\$1000
Australian Red Cross	Seniors Get Together	\$1000
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress	Craft at Alukura - From Old to Young	\$1000
Alice Springs Senior Citizens Association	Reflections of Natalie Gorey	\$500
Total for Alice Springs		\$7500

Darwin

Action Ideas	Career Management for Mature People	\$2000
Family Planning Welfare Association of the NT	Seniors Forum	\$2000
Royal Life Saving Society	Senior Bronze Medallion Course	\$2000
NT Ballroom Dancing Association	Come and Try Dancing	\$2000
Council on the Ageing (NT)	Spirit of Darwin Seniors Harbour Cruise	\$1870
Territory Craft Darwin Division	Craft at Territory Craft	\$1525
Flight Path Gold	Come and Try Golf for Seniors	\$1000
Charles Darwin University	Information and Hearing Screening	\$950
U3A Darwin Incorporated	Morning Melodies	\$800
Nightcliff Sports Club	Come and Try Bowls Evening	\$500
Northern Territory Bridge Association	Social Bridge Afternoon	\$500
Total for Darwin		\$15 145

Darwin and Palmerston

Arthritis and Osteoporosis NT	ABC in the Gym	\$2000
Darwin Aussie Masters Swimming Club Inc	Seniors Learn to Swim Program	\$1150
Total for Darwin and Palmerston		\$3150

Palmerston

Seniors Advisory Committee	The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	\$1000
Palmerston and Rural Seniors Week Committee	Sunset Harbour Cruise	\$1000
Total for Palmerston		\$2000

Katherine		
Rotary Club of Katherine	Health Screening for senior citizens in Katherine	\$2000
Katherine Senior Citizens Association	Various activities	\$1000
Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	Sunrise Majurrum Olpipul (Sunrise Celebrates Old People)	\$1000
NT Friendship and Support	Gorge-ous Day Out	\$1000
Total for Katherine		\$5000
Rural		
Freds Pass Reserve Management Board Inc	Freds Pass Seniors Sing-along	\$1000
Filipinia Senior Citizens Association	One Day and Overnight Camping Trip	\$1000
Friends of the Taminimin Library	Seniors Poetry Lunch	\$900
Taminimin High School	Generation Y meets the Baby Boomers	\$800
Dundee Progress Association	Seniors at Sunset	\$750
Litchfield Bowls Club Inc	Come and Try Lawn Bowls	\$500
Pine Creek Community Government Council	Celebrating Seniors Month	\$200
Rural Old Timers & Friends Association	Mystery Bus Tour	\$500
Total for Rural		\$5650
Tennant Creek		
Tennant Creek Senior Citizens & Pensioners Association	Petanque at Sunset	\$1000
Tennant Creek Town Council	Bonding of Ages	\$750
Total for Tennant Creek		\$1750

Women's Grants

The Office of Women's Policy provides grants to women and women's organisations for activities that advance the social and economic status of Territory women, and advance women's policy priorities. For the 2006-07 financial year a total of \$34 510 was paid in grants.

A significant proportion of this expenditure was in support of programs creating and promoting leadership and development opportunities for young women and in particular, young Indigenous women.

CHIEF MINISTER'S STUDY AWARD

The Award enables two Territory women to commence studies each year at tertiary and TAFE levels and is paid throughout the course of study. The Award is administered by the Office of Women's Policy on behalf of the Chief Minister.

Alice Springs		
Anna Montgomery	VET Study Award	\$1300
Marlene Ball	VET Study Award	\$4000
Darwin		
Melissa Compain	Tertiary Study Award	\$3000
Rena Mc Garvie	Tertiary Study Award	\$1400
Katherine		
Barbara Morgan	Tertiary Study Award	\$3500
Palmerston		
Sarah J Debney	Tertiary Study Award	\$1500
Total		\$14 700

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: WOMEN'S PRIORITIES

The Office of Women's Policy supports activities that address priority issues identified by women and encourages women's participation and leadership.

Darwin

YWCA	The YWCA National Young Women's Conference, Changin' It, Lovin' It, Young Women Living Life, Career and Community, was held in Melbourne in April 2007. The Office of Women's Policy support enabled 16 young Territory women to attend the conference, 11 of whom were Indigenous women. The purpose of the conference was to enrich the personal and professional lives of young women by developing skills in balancing work and life in their role as future community leaders.	\$7709
Sister's Inside	The Office of Women's Policy funded two Indigenous women from remote localities to attend a conference in Darwin in June 2007.	\$2327
Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation	The Office of Women's Policy supported a Young Women's Leadership Program conducted by Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation. The program's objective is to develop the leadership skills of young Indigenous women from the Central Australian region. Five young women actively participate in the corporation's governance practices. Members of the corporation will act as mentors to the women and continue to include them in the organisation's business following the program's implementation.	\$6774
Barkly	Brunette Downs Women's Days	\$3000
Total		\$19 810

Multicultural Affairs Grants

The Office of Multicultural Affairs administers two grants programs: the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program (MASP) and the Ethnic Communities Facilities Development Program (ECFDP).

The aim of MASP is to assist migrant and ethnic communities by providing funds to innovative projects that promote cultural and linguistic diversity in the Northern Territory. For 2006-07 there were five categories of grants available under MASP:

- Multicultural Grants (Rounds 1 and 2)
- Harmony Day Grants
- Cultural and Linguistic Awards Grants
- Quick Response Grants
- Charles See-Kee Awards.

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$761 117 were awarded to this program.

The aim of the ECFDP is to provide capital funding to ethnic communities with existing facilities for the purpose of upgrading or repairing their premises. During 2006-07 grants totalling \$400 000 were awarded to this program.

MULTICULTURAL GRANTS – ROUND 1

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$538 543 were awarded to this category.

Darwin		
Africa Australia Friendship Association	Dinner Dance	\$4000
Brown's Mart	Freedom From Fear	\$2000
Brown's Mart	Multicultural Arts Officer	\$5000
Catholic Diocese of Darwin	Community Support Services	\$36 050
Chung Wah Society	Community Support Services	\$41 296
Chung Wah Society	Lion Dance Troupe	\$5000
Chung Wah Society	Senior Citizen's Group	\$1500
Council on the Ageing (NT)	Greek Community Support	\$6500
Council on the Ageing (NT)	Timorese/Portuguese Community Support	\$6500
Council on the Ageing (NT)	Italian Community Support	\$6500
Cultural Village of the NT	Our Journeys, Our Canoes	\$9000
Cyprus Community of the NT	2006 Cultural Festival	\$11 600
Deutscher Klub	Octoberfest	\$5000
Filipiniana Senior Citizens Association	Senior Citizens	\$5500
Filipino Australian Association of the NT	10th Barrio Fiesta	\$13 600
Greek Orthodox Community of Northern Australia	Community Support Services	\$33 243
Greek Orthodox Community of Northern Australia	Glenti 2007	\$30 000
Happy Migrant Social Club	English classes	\$7100
Hindu Society of NT	Exhibition of the Hindu Temple & Fort architecture	\$3700
Indian Cultural Society	2007 India @ Mindil	\$22 000
Indian Cultural Society	Diwali Festival of Lights	\$2500
Melaleuca Refugee Centre	Rent for Premises for Operations – NT Contribution	\$26 500
Melaleuca Refugee Centre	FICT (Families in Cultural Transition)	\$10 000
Multicultural Council of the NT	Operational Funding	\$136 671
Multicultural Council of the NT	Electricity, Running Costs	\$15 000
Multicultural Council of the NT	2007 Interfaith Harmony Calendar	\$7500
Multilingual Broadcasting Council of the NT	Training, Governance and History Manual	\$7000
Persatuan Indonesia Darwin	Pesona Indonesia	\$11 600
Total for Darwin		\$471 860

MULTICULTURAL GRANTS – ROUND 1

Katherine

Katherine Filipino-Australian Association of the NT	108th Philippine Independence Day Celebration – Barrio Fiesta	\$745
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Total for Katherine

\$745

Alice Springs

Mabuhay Multicultural Association	2nd Desert Barrio Fiesta	\$4500
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	Aged and Youth Pilot Project	\$4915
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	Operational Funding	\$56 523

Total for Alice Springs

\$65 938

MULTICULTURAL GRANTS – ROUND 2

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$100 442 were awarded to this category.

Darwin

Melaleuca Refugee Centre	Welcome to our Country	\$25 000
Multicultural Council of the NT	Triumphs and Barriers to Migrant Employment in the NT'	\$15 000
Multicultural Council of the NT	Kulturafest (changed name to Multicultural Festival) a Celebration of Community Culture	\$2492
Multicultural Council of the NT	Youth Committee	\$2000
Corrugated Iron Youth Theatre	BaBao Fan Performance	\$9450
Brown's Mart	International Women's Day, 2007	\$2000
Nightcliff Arts, Music & Culture	World Beats Multicultural Community Parade for Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival 2007	\$4500
Islamic Society of the NT	Islamic Awareness Week	\$40 000

Total for Darwin

\$100 442

HARMONY DAY GRANTS

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$46 291 were awarded to this category.

Alice Springs		
Alice Springs Baseball Association	BBQ and Games for Young Participants	\$800
Bradshaw Primary School	Food, Arts and Entertainment	\$1000
InCite Youth Arts	Mosaic Art Project	\$1000
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	Harmony Day Collabotarian and Celebration	\$1000
Sadadeen Primary School	Harmony Day Breakfast	\$601
St Phillips College	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Total for Alice Springs		\$5401
Darwin		
Australian-Japanese Association of the NT	Japanese BBQ Party	\$500
Charles Darwin University	Living in Harmony Open Day	\$1000
Council on the Ageing (NT)	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$800
Cultural Village of the Northern Territory Inc	Totem Launch	\$800
Darwin City Council Libraries	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$500
Darwin High School Council	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Early Childhood Australia NT	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$900
Essington School Darwin	Harmony Day Documentary	\$1000
Fiji Assocation NT	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$500
Filipino Association of the Northern Territory	Harmony Day Youth Concert	\$4500
Holy Family Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Hindu Society of NT	Pouja Celebration	\$800
Indian Cultural Society NT	Holi Fesitival	\$800
Kormilda College	Mix up and Make it Olympics	\$1000
Leanyer Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Melaleuca Refugee Centre	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$3500
Multilingual Broadcasting Council of the NT	Poster Competition	\$800
Multicultural Council of the NT	Harmony Day Luncheon	\$800
Nightcliff Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Pakistan Association of the Northern Territory	Incorporating Pakistan Independence Day with Harmony Day	\$880
Parap Primary School	Harmony Garden	\$1000
Papua New Guinea-Australia Social and Cultural Group	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$800
Stuart Park Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Wagaman Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000

Wanguri Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Wulagi Primary School	Myths and Legends from Around the World	\$1000
Total for Darwin		\$28 880

HARMONY DAY GRANTS

Katherine

Clyde Fenton School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Katherine Filipino-Australian Association of the NT	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1200
Katherine High School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$800
Katherine South Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Casuarina Street Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Total for Katherine		\$5000

Palmerston

Gray Primary School	A Multicultural Week	\$800
Moulden Park Primary School	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Total for Palmerston		\$1800

Remote

Jabiru Town Council	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$880
Milingimbi Community Education Centre	Harmony Day Celebrations	\$1000
Pine Creek Community Government Council	Indoor Cricket Competition	\$600
Berry Springs Primary School	Harmony Hobbyfest	\$1000
Batchelor Area School	A Tribes Barbecue	\$1000
Group Schools Management Council East (for Ampilawatja School)	Cultural Learnings	\$730
Total for Remote		\$5210

CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC AWARDS

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$52 459 were awarded to this category.

Darwin

Bun Teo	Train the Trainer	\$2889
Australian Darwin Cantonese Opera Association	2007 Cantonese Opera	\$8050
Indian Cultural Society	Sagar-the Great Ocean Festival	\$17 500
Fiji Association	Fijian and Hindi Language Class	\$4520
Islamic Society of the NT	Islamic Resource Unit	\$19 500
Total for Darwin		\$52 459

QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$19 262 were awarded to this category.

Darwin		
Kiribati Multicultural Association	Independence Day	\$1000
Papua New Guinea – Australia Social & Cultural Group	31st Independence Day	\$1250
Fiji Association	Fiji Independence Day 2006	\$1250
Language Teachers' Association of the NT Inc	Producing a Calendar	\$2000
Australian – Japanese Association of NT	Japanese Cultural Day	\$1500
Multicultural Council of the NT	Youth Holiday project	\$2000
NT Stolen Generation	Cultural Christmas Party	\$400
Fiji Association of NT	Dinner for Fiji Rugby Team	\$700
Indian Cultural Association	Art and Heritage by Indian Youth	\$1300
Happy Migrant Social Club	Line Dancing, Singing and Luncheon	\$482
Persatuan Indonesia Darwin	Traditional Indonesian Cuisine and performances	\$1000
Nakara Primary School	Harmony Day Cultural Performances	\$1000
Africa Australia Assoc	Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis	\$840
Anula Primary School	Late Harmony Day – Showcasing Banners	\$945
Congolese Society of the NT	47th Congolese Independence Day Celebration	\$1000
Africa – Australia Friendship Association	Ghana's Golden Jubilee	\$1000
Total for Darwin		\$17 667
Alice Springs		
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	New Server	\$1595
Total for Alice Springs		\$1595

CHARLES SEE-KEE AWARDS

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$4120 were awarded to this category for the purpose of prizes for the recipients for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 awards.

Award Recipients for 2005-06

Eric Sultan	Leadership of Islamic Faith, Central Australia	\$620
Multilingual Broadcasting Council of the NT	Ethnic Radio Broadcasting	\$1000
Indian Cultural Society	Fostering Cultural Element of India at Mindil	\$500
Total		\$2120

Award Recipients for 2006-07

Kevin Kadirgamar	Leadership of Multicultural Youth	\$500
Early Childhood Australia NT	Fostering Early Childhood Multiculturalism	\$1,000
Chung Wah Society Lion Dance Troupe	Advance Multiculturalism, Counter Racism	\$500
Total		\$2000

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

During 2006-07 grants totalling \$400 000 were awarded to this category.

Alice Springs		
Multicultural Community Service of Central Australia	Conversion of the storeroom into a space to house costumes and accessories	\$2836
Alice Springs Islamic Society Inc	To seal the driveway and car park, build a carport and install reticulation at the Alice Springs mosque premises	\$40 000
Total for Alice Springs		\$42 836
Darwin		
Buddhist Society of the NT	Upgrades of premises	\$10 000
Chung Wah Society Inc	Major repairs on the community hall roof and Stage 3 of the Chinese Cultural Centre	\$80 000
Filipino Australian Association of the NT	Cementing of the remaining floor space and sealing parking bays	\$45 000
Hindu Society of the NT	Stage 2 of the Community Hall	\$135 479
Kalymnian Brotherhood	Upgrade of the carpark	\$45 000
Total for Darwin		\$315 479
Katherine		
Katherine Filipino – Australian Association of the NT Inc	Stage 2 of the Community Hall	\$41 685
Total for Katherine		\$41 685

Support to Community Organisations and Events

For the 2006-07 financial year a total of \$1 152 941 was provided for miscellaneous grants, donations and sponsorships to support community groups and events. In addition, the Northern Territory Major Events Company was provided with \$6 122 885 to assist with the running of events such as the V8 Supercar Championship, BASSINTHEGRASS, BASSINTHEDUST, Arafura Games and the Masters Games.

Grant Recipients	Purpose	Grant
8 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets	Ian Davidson Flying School	\$5500
Adelaide River Show Society	31st Annual Adelaide River Show and Country Talent Quest	\$3000
Australian Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	2006 Native Title Conference Darwin	\$10 000
Alice Alliance Against Waste Dump	Alliance Against Waste Dump Event	\$2000
Alice Springs Saddle Horse Club	Bushman's Carnival	\$500
Alice Springs Turf Club	Chief Minister's Cup	\$550
Angus Sandford	Evatt Trophy	\$250
Arid Lands Environment Centre	From the Heart – For the Heartland Speaking Tour	\$9000
Artback NT Arts Touring	International Desert Festival	\$3000
Australian Institute of Management	2006 and 2007 Management Excellence Awards	\$16 000
Autism NT	Administrator's Pleasure Concert	\$600
Avant Personnel	Ladies Hit and Giggle Golf Classic	\$500
Bikes to Fit	Bikes to Fit – Family Fun Day	\$500
Charles Darwin University	2006 CDU Symposia Series	\$20 000
Charles Darwin University	2007 CDU Symposia Series	\$20 000
Charles Darwin University	East Timorese Scholarships	\$21 131
Charles Darwin University	Vincent Lingiari Memorial Lecture	\$2750
Charles Darwin University	Vincent Lingiari Memorial Lecture	\$10 000
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Support Group	Ride for Dad	\$250
Colin Esouf	Young Endeavour Voyage	\$500
Combined Lions Club	2006 and 2007 Beer Can Regatta	\$20 000
Coomalie Community Government Council	2007 Adelaide River ANZAC Day Service	\$1000
Darwin Community Legal Service	Human Rights Art Award/Exhibition	\$550
Darwin Festival	Darwin Festival 2006	\$1000
Darwin Greyhound Association	2007 Chief Minister's Cup Race	\$1650
Darwin Press Club	2006 Media Awards	\$2500

SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND EVENTS (CONT.)

Grant Recipients	Purpose	Grant
Rotary Club	Dance and Drama	\$20 000
Greek Orthodox Community of Northern Australia	2007 Glenti – \$30 000. Upgrades to Esplanade infrastructure – \$70 000	\$100 000
Greening Australia	Native Gardening and Landscaping in Top End book	\$50 000
Legacy Club of the Northern Territory	Australian Army Band Concert 2006	\$1500
Lions Club Alice Springs	2006 and 2007 Camel Cup	\$1300
Litchfield Orchid Club	2007 NT Orchid Spectacular	\$1200
Northern Territory Major Events Company	Australian Idol 2006	\$48 960
Marwa Osman	2007 Chief Minister's Science Award	\$1000
Rotary Club of Stuart	Annual Territorian Dinner in Alice Springs	\$1000
North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service	2007 NAIDOC Week	\$50 000
NT Aids & Hepatitis Council	Pride Festival 2007	\$8100
NT Minnow Association	2007 Minnow Class National Championships	\$2000
NT Show Council Inc	2007 NT Show Circuit	\$220 000
NT Trades & Labour Council	2007 May Day Concert	\$20 000
NT Writer's Centre	Eye of the Storm	\$1000
NT Writer's Centre	Ghantastic Writer's Tour	\$500
Nursery & Garden Industry	2006 Garden Spectacular	\$43 700
Nyirrangulung Mardrulk Ngadberre Regional Council	2007 Barunga Sports and Cultural Festival	\$9000
Prize Winners – 3 Students	Most Outstanding Student Awards	\$3000
Queensland Government	Cyclone Larry Donation	\$250 000
Regional Events Australia	BIITE Cultural Collaborations Forum and Indigenous Researchers Forum	\$35 000
Returned Services League of Aust	ANZAC Day Events	\$5000
Royal Agricultural Society of the NT Inc	2007 Steward of the Year	\$300
Ruby Kelly	Exit Art Award	\$500
SA Tourist Commission	World Solar Challenge	\$75 000
Tennant Creek and District Show Society	Repairs and Maintenance to Grounds and Infrastructure	\$50 000
Tennant Creek St Patrick's Day Race Club	2007 Tennant Creek St Patrick's Day Race	\$1000
The Cricket and Football Shop Darwin	Sport and Recreation Program Sports Pack – Wadeye	\$901
Victoria Close	Evatt Trophy	\$250
Total Grants		\$1 152 941

Appendices

Northern Territory Ministry

At 30 June 2007

Clare Majella Martin

Chief Minister

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Minister for the AustralAsia Railway

Minister for Indigenous Policy

Minister for Major Projects

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Attorney-General

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Paul Raymond Henderson

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Education and Training

Minister for Tourism

Minister for Public Employment

Christopher Bruce Burns

Minister for Health

Minister for Police, Fire and
Emergency Services

Minister for Racing,
Gaming and Licensing

Konstantine Vatskalis

Minister for Business and
Economic Development

Minister for Regional Development

Minister for Defence Support

Minister for Sport and Recreation

Minister for Essential Services

Delia Phoebe Lawrie

Minister for Planning and Lands

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Minister for Family and Community Services

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Marion Rose Scrymgour

Minister for Natural Resources,
Environment and Heritage

Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Minister for Arts and Museums

Minister for Women's Policy

Minister for Senior Territorians

Minister for Young Territorians

Elliot Arthur McAdam

Minister for Local Government

Minister for Housing

Minister for Central Australia

Minister for Corporate and
Information Services

Minister for Communications

Minister assisting the Chief Minister on
Indigenous Policy

Christopher William Natt

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

Minister for Mines and Energy

2006-07 Ministerial Expenditure

Minister	Total expenses (\$'000)
Hon C Martin	2054
Employee Expenses	1227
Operating Expenses	826
Hon S Stirling	985
Employee Expenses	640
Operating Expenses	345
Hon P Toyne	175
Employee Expenses	78
Operating Expenses	96
Hon P Henderson	1422
Employee Expenses	1068
Operating Expenses	354
Dr C Burns	997
Employee Expenses	705
Operating Expenses	292
Hon K Vatskalis	1175
Employee Expenses	825
Operating Expenses	350
Hon D Lawrie	917
Employee Expenses	635
Operating Expenses	282
Ms M Scrymgour	807
Employee Expenses	595
Operating Expenses	212
Mr E McAdam	991
Employee Expenses	716
Operating Expenses	276
Mr C Natt	669
Employee Expenses	509
Operating Expenses	160
Office of Central Australia	639
Employee Expenses	420
Operating Expenses	219
Ministerial Support Unit	1166
Employee Expenses	1098
Operating Expenses	68
Leader of the Opposition	1009
Employee Expenses	635
Operating Expenses	374
Independent Members	84
Employee Expenses	75
Operating Expenses	8
Total Expenses	13 091
Employee Expenses	9228
Operating Expenses	3863

Excludes agency input costs (overheads)

Response to Safer Communities Program

All agencies are required to provide an annual account of their performance against the government's *Building Safer Communities* strategy.

Children and Young People

In late 2006 the Northern Territory Government established an inter-departmental team to investigate the future funding and management of the youth pre-court diversion scheme and to explore better coordination of the government's response to youth offending. A specialist team comprising representatives of the NT Police, Department of Justice, Department of Health and Community Services and the Department of Employment, Education and Training worked under the leadership of the Department of the Chief Minister to develop the future direction of the scheme. The team conducted liaison with key agencies, the Australian Government and the community sector.

In March 2007 the government approved the continuation of the Youth Diversion Scheme (YDS), under NT Police management and administration. Key features include:

- advancing dialogue with the Australian Government regarding its involvement in the YDS both at a policy and a program level
- the *Youth Justice Act* took effect from August 2006. The Act includes a presumption for the diversion of youth in all but the most serious of offences
- the Northern Territory Government will continue to fund non-government organisations case management providers in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs providing services for at risk youth
- the Northern Territory Government will continue contributing to Community Youth Development Units in remote communities
- ongoing consideration of the streamlining of the scheme via a red tape reduction strategy.

Preventing Violence – Protecting Territorians

White Ribbon Day is held on 25 November, marking the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, it is the biggest campaign in the world involving men in the struggle to end men's violence against women. Wearing a white ribbon signifies a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women. The Office of Women's Policy organises and coordinates events and activities for White Ribbon Day in the Territory. A White Ribbon Day organising committee in Alice Springs has been established for 2007 with members from the NT Police, Department of Justice, Department of Health and Community Services and NORFORCE.

People, Places, Systems

- Community Cabinet Women's Forums are held across the Northern Territory. These forums link Territory women with government and allow issues and ideas from individual communities to be raised with the Chief Minister, the Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage.
- Promoted the Personal Safety Assessment Program for seniors, which includes a web-based checklist to assess personal safety and home security.

Compliance with the *Carers Recognition Act*

Under Section 7 of the *Carers Recognition Act* agencies are required to provide a statement of compliance in the annual report.

The Department of the Chief Minister has complied with the requirements of Section 7 under the Act in the following manner.

Organisation's Obligation

In January 2007 the department sent a Corporate Communication to all staff alerting them of the commencement of the Act. Staff were advised of their responsibility to have an awareness and understanding of the Carers Charter and to act in accordance with the charter while providing the relevant services of this organisation. This Corporate Communication also advised of the requirement to consult with carers regarding relevant program development and planning.

Compliance with the Act and Charter

The department has provided information sessions about the obligations under the *Carers Recognition Act* and the Carers Charter to all staff that are involved with policy development and implementation or who have regular contact with the public.

Business units responsible for creating or implementing policies and strategies have reviewed all published policy, internal procedures and all service agreements with the community sector and funding programs to ensure they comply with the Act.

Grant agreements have been amended to include the following clause:

“In accordance with the Northern Territory Government’s Carers Charter (Carers Recognition Act) wherever necessary relevant grant recipients need to consider the needs and roles of carers in the activities they provide.”

The Multicultural Policy and Youth Framework have been reviewed to assess their impact on carers and have been amended accordingly. Compliance with the *Carers Act* will be taken into account in the development of the Women’s Framework and Active Aging Strategy.

Representation on Committees and Forums

National

Australian Bravery Decorations Council
 Australian Government Marketing Policy Group
 Council Of Australian Governments (COAG) Senior Officials and States and Territories Senior Officials
 COAG Human Capital Reform: Overarching Group
 COAG Working Group on the Lockhart Review
 COAG Senior Officials Treaties Working Group
 COAG Indigenous Generational Reform Working Group
 Commonwealth, State, Territories and New Zealand Ministers Conference on the Status of Women
 Council of Australian Federations
 Crisis Centre Capability National Forum
 Critical Infrastructure Advisory Committee
 Desert Knowledge Australia Board
 Events Consultative Panel (coordinated by Tourism Australia)
 Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Youth Taskforce
 Ministerial Council on Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
 Mutual Recognition Agreement/Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement Cross Jurisdictional Review Forum
 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Gathering
 National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters
 National Alert Levels Working Group (Counter Terrorism)
 National Committee for Critical Infrastructure Protection
 National Counter Terrorism Committee
 National Dignitary Protection Committee
 National Investment Advisory Board
 National Safety Taskforce
 National Youth Week National Planning Group
 NCTC Crisis Coordination and Communications Capability Sub Committee
 Northern Territory/Australian Government Working Group - Gas Manufacturing Industry Development
 Parliamentary Counsel's Committee
 Public Information Sub-Committee of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee
 Senior Officials Forum on Population Ageing
 Standing Committee on Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
 Senior Trade Officials Group
 Standing Committee on Treaties
 Steering Committee for the COAG Review of Hazardous Materials

Steering Committee for the Review of the Commonwealth State Service Provision
 Treaties Working Group
 V8 Supercars Australia – Promoter and Organisers Conference
 Women's Advisors Meeting

Northern Territory

Alcan Gove Taskforce
 Alice Springs Hospital Project Control Group
 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Security Working Group
 Asian Engagement and Co-ordination Group
 AustralAsia Trade Route Task Force
 Australian Government Intervention
 Barkly May Day Muster Committee
 Barkly Region Coordination Committee
 Bonaparte Pipeline Task Force
 Cabinet Communications Committee
 Cabinet Communications Advisory Committee
 Barkly May Day Muster Committee
 Border Protection (Off-shore) Joint Coordination Committee
 Centrelink Youth Reference Group
 Charles Darwin University / Northern Territory Government Partnership Agreement
 Chief Ministers Active Living Council
 Combined Australian and Northern Territory Government Consultative Committee
 Community Cabinet Women's Forums
 Common Cause Taskforce
 Compass Resources 'Browns Project' Task Force
 Competition Impact Analysis Committee
 Counter Disaster Committee
 Cross Government Advisory Group for Northern Territory Disability Services
 Council of Australian Federation Water Consumption Working Group
 Council of Australian Federation Urban Water Planning Working Group
 Cross Government Advisory Group for NT Disability Services
 Darwin and Rural Workers with Youth Network
 Darwin Airport Security Committee
 Darwin Central Business District Urban Planning Forum
 Darwin Clean Fuels Task Force
 Darwin Youth Beat Reference Group
 Defence Task Force
 Department of the Chief Minister - Government House, House and Gardens Committee
 Domestic and Family Violence Advisory Council
 Domestic and Family Violence Inter-departmental Committee
 East Arnhem Regional Coordination Committee

Environmental Protection Agency Inter-departmental Committee
 Executive Coordination Committee
 Executive Management Group for both Department of Planning and Infrastructure and
 Department of the Chief Minister
 Finke Desert Race Committee
 Government Representative Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation
 Greenhouse Strategy Steering Committee
 Horticulture Land and Water Committee
 Human Resource Network
 Identity and Access Management Sub Group of NT Government Information
 Management Committee
 Inter-departmental Working Group – Amalgamation of Safety Regulators
 International Business Council Executive Committee
 Investment Attraction and Facilitation Task Force
 Katherine Regional Coordination Committee
 Litter Management Committee
 Local Leadership Group
 Major Projects Group
 Marine Industry Working Group
 MindMatters Reference Group
 Moving Alice Ahead
 Mobility Research Committee
 Multicultural Youth Issues Reference Group
 Nolans Project Working Group
 Northern Territory Advisory Committee on Ageing
 Northern Territory Counter Disaster Council
 Northern Territory Counter Terrorism Capability Forum
 Northern Territory Cyclone Shelters Working Group
 Northern Territory Freight Working Group
 Northern Territory Government Marketing Directors' Group
 Northern Territory Government Senior Reference Group on Multicultural Affairs
 Northern Territory Hazardous Materials Coordination Working Group
 Northern Territory Operations Group Meeting
 Northern Territory Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee and Sub-Group
 Planning Committee
 Northern Territory Spatial Information for National Security Working Group
 Northern Territory Transport Security Committee
 Northern Territory Settlement Planning Committee
 Northern Territory Suicide Prevention Coordinating Committee
 Northern Territory Youth Affairs Network
 Occupational Health and Safety Committee
 Onshore Gas Development Task Force
 Overseas Qualifications Units Network

Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network
Police Ethnic Advisory Group
Recovery Management Group (Oenpelli floods)
Refugee to Migrant Settlement Services
Refugee Support Network
Region 1 Counter Disaster Committee
Regional Coordination Committee
Regional Economic Committee
Regional Development Inter-departmental Committee
Representative for Government at Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Review of Facilities within the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines
Secretariat to Peak Group, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education/Northern Territory Government Partnership Agreement
Secretariat to Peak Group, Charles Darwin University/Northern Territory Government Partnership Agreement
Solar Cities
Special Events Committee
State Square Enhancement Committee
State Square Security Committee
Strategic Management Group
Town Camps Implementation Steering Committee
Trade Co-ordination Group
Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians

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