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45. Chief Minister - Ministerial Staff Travel

Ms CARNEY to CHIEF MINISTER

1. Please advise the detail of all intra-Territory or interstate trips undertaken by any of your ministerial staff that you were not present on where that staff member was travelling to a meeting on your behalf.
2. Would you detail the purpose of such trips and costs incurred by the ministerial staff on any such trips?
3. Would you detail the duration of each such trip?

51. Office of Chief Minister – Office Staffing

Ms CARNEY to CHIEF MINISTER

1. How many staff are currently employed in your ministerial office?
2. What was your office staffing level at 1 July 2004?
3. Detail the positions allocated in your office.
4. How many staff are employed by you in Alice Springs?
5. Detail the positions.
6. Are any staff employed under the office of the Chief Minister in any other Territory centres? If so, where and how many?
7. How many positions in the Office of the Chief Minister are secondments from departments that are not on your books; that are paid for by the departments they were seconded from?

58. Office of Chief Minister – Post-Budget Promotions

Ms CARNEY to CHIEF MINISTER

1. Was any money spent by the Office of the Chief Minister on the 2005-06 post-budget promotion campaign?
2. If so, how much was spent on print media?
3. How much was spent on electronic media?
4. How much was spent on brochure production and direct mail?

5. How much was spent on DVD/CD production?

6. The 2004-05 post-budget promotional campaign included literature printed in language other than English. Was any of the 2005-06 budget promotional campaign literature printed in language other than English? If so, which languages and at what cost?

63. Office of Chief Minister – Review of Central Australia Office

Ms CARNEY to CHIEF MINISTER

What was the outcome of the review into your office in Central Australia by Metis Consulting?

77. Ah Kit/Anderson – Costs and Damages

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Have expected future costs and a damages award against Mr Ah Kit been budgeted for and, if so, what is the amount of the allocation?

78. Crime Victims' Assistance

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. How many CVA applications were filed in 2004-05; and how are costs to be saved when the number of applications is stable?
2. How will you review the scheme and increase the costs lawyers can claim so that it is profitable for them to do so and, in turn, they will be able to represent more victims?

79. Solicitor for the Northern Territory – In-house Work

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. In percentage terms, how much of the work of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory is performed in-house and how much is outsourced?
2. How does that compare with the previous two financial years?

81. Client Satisfaction Measurement

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Client satisfaction is expressed at 85%. How is that measured?

84. Summary Prosecutions Figures

2004-05?

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. In reference to the Department of Justice Annual Report, the figures for the work of Summary Prosecutions show an increase in the number of files of 1100 between 2002-03 and 2003-04 in Darwin. Is it not the case that the reason for this increase is that there is more crime?
2. How can the number of cases increase without there being no increase in crime?
3. The director said in his report that Summary Prosecutions figures in Alice Springs 'highlight the urgent need for a permanent staff increase with a 19% increase in new files ...'. How can crime be going down when there are figures like this?
4. Should not Territorians trust those figures more than the ones coming from your office?

2. What was the conviction rate in 2003-04 and 2002-03?
3. Do you accept that few reports of unlawful sexual assaults result in convictions?
4. As Attorney-General, is it not your role to monitor conviction rates?
5. Of the convictions recorded for unlawful sexual intercourse, what percentage were a result of pleas of guilty and how many were a result of guilty verdicts at trial for the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05?
6. How many convictions at trial were there in 2004-05 for sexual assault matters?
7. Of the convictions recorded for indecent assaults, what percentage were a result of guilty verdicts at trial for the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05?

85. Director of Public Prosecutions – Sexual Assault Prosecutions

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. Prior to the 2005 election, you announced \$200 000 for the Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute sexual assault matters. Will the prosecutors only be working on sexual assault matters?
2. In 2004-05, the Director of Public Prosecutions received \$7.3m. Its funding has been increased to approximately \$7.7m. \$200 000 of this is for sexual assault prosecutors. That is not a very significant increase given the high caseloads and new files opened as outlined in the annual report. Why was any additional funding not provided?
3. Was a request for additional funds made by the director?
4. If so, how much?
5. If a request was made but not approved, why not?

86. Supreme Court Conviction Rates and Sexual Assault Matters

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. What is the conviction rate in the Supreme Court for all matters involving trial by jury for

89. Outcome of Inquiry into Actions of Mr Gillies

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. There was an inquiry into complaints made about Mr Gillies. Please outline the nature of those complaints?
2. Were you aware that Mr Gillies continued to sit as a magistrate even after various details of the inquiry were made public?
3. Do you think that once details of complaints against a magistrate and details of inquiry are made public, that this undermines the public's confidence in the administration of justice?
4. In the event that a similar matter arose in the future, what steps would you take to ensure that details were not made public, thereby undermining public confidence in the administration of justice?
5. You advised after Mr Gillies resigned that he had received a payment from government. What was the amount paid?
6. On what basis was the money paid? Did he resign or was a deal worked out? If there was a deal, what were the terms of the deal?
7. If the deal was confidential, why is it confidential? How will the public know what has happened to their money?

90. Lodgement Costs

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1. In last year's budget papers, details were provided as to the 'average cost per lodgement', which was \$7039. That indicator has been removed from this year's budget. Why?
2. Do you believe that the public is not interested as to the average cost per lodgement?
3. Whose idea was it to remove this key indicator? What was the average cost per lodgement in 2004-05?
4. The budget for the lower courts in 2004-05 was \$10 883. This year's budget is \$11 032. Please explain the reasons for the increase?
5. In last year's budget papers, details were provided as to the 'average cost per lodgement', which was estimated at \$521. That indicator has been removed from this year's budget papers. Why? Do you believe that the public is not interested as to the average cost per lodgement?
6. Whose idea was it to remove this key indicator? What was the average cost per lodgement in 2004-05?

137. Alice Springs Hospital – Repairs and Maintenance

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for HEALTH

In response to one of the many reports about the hospital falling into the hands of media and others, your CEO was reported as saying in the *NT News* on 7 February that some defects had been repaired but others had not.

1. It was known that the switchboard was faulty since April 2003 and, on 7 February, your CEO said that is 'due to be redesigned'. Has that now been done and, if not, why not?
2. It was known since April 2003 that the hospital pager system was faulty and your CEO said on 7 February that it is 'being reviewed'. Has that been done and has it been fixed?
3. Has the fire detection system been replaced?
4. What other repairs need to be done?
5. Are there any risks to patient, staff or visitor safety?

138. Alice Springs Hospital – Clinical Management Wing Upgrade

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for HEALTH

When I had the briefing with your office in April, I was given a summary and in it there was the following reference:

Following complaints from staff, various other technical advice has been sought on the airconditioning, water, plumbing and medical gas systems. Design and documentation to upgrade the clinical management wing to full ICU standard has been undertaken so it can be used as the decant ward for all other wards during the rectification works, and tenders called for the work.

Would you kindly advise of the status of the above work and when did staff first start to complain about the need for these problems and issues?

201. Child Protection

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for FAMILY and COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 26 March this year, the *NT News* featured an article about a man who was found guilty of sexual intercourse with the 10-year-old girl who was 'under the care of the Northern Territory's Family and Community Services'.

1. What went wrong?
2. What is being done to prevent this recurring?

214. Community Visitor Program

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The Community Visitor Program deals with complaints about Mental Health Services and is meant to keep a check on services to ensure they are being provided correctly. It runs out of the Anti-Discrimination Commission, which sits in the Department of Justice.

1. I understand the budget for this unit in 2004-05 was \$70 000?
2. Currently, the unit is not funded to provide an inspection service to places like Tennant Creek or Nhulunbuy, even though these places have Mental Health Services. Is this an issue or problem that you will be addressing, and when?
3. Is part of the problem for this unit the fact it sits within Department of Justice and Department

of Health and Community Services?

4. Given all the problems we are facing with regard to the provision of Mental Health Services, do you not think this unit, which is meant to monitor them and deal with complaints, should be well resourced?

29 November 2005

**245. Department of Justice -
Outstanding Debtors**

**Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and
ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

1. Is there an outstanding debt owed to your department by the former member for Macdonnell, Mr Neil Bell?
2. If so, can you confirm that the outstanding amount is \$38 617.68 or an amount thereabouts?
3. If this debt is still outstanding, why has this debt not been pursued in like manner to all other outstanding debtors owing money to your department.?

246. Accounting Officers' Trust Account

**Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for JUSTICE and
ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

1. Was there a discrepancy in the Accounting Officers' Trust Account last financial year?
2. Was the amount of this discrepancy in the order of \$6871 or an amount thereabouts?
3. Was the discrepancy in the area of money held on trust for prisoners in the Northern Territory?
4. Can you confirm that there has been no effective fraud protocols put in place until this year as indicated on page 20 of the Department of Justice Annual Report 2004-05, under the heading Fraud Control Arrangements?

2 May 2006

**249. Nursing Position
Allocations/Administrative Jobs**

Dr LIM to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. How many equivalent full-time nursing positions are allocated to each Territory hospital?

2. Please list the number of nursing positions for each Territory hospital.
3. Please list the number of nurses actually occupying these nursing positions for each Territory hospital.
4. Please list the number of nurses employed according to job description - eg Midwives, RN and EN – for each Territory hospital.
5. Please list the number of nurses who are employed in administrative jobs for each Territory hospital.
6. Of the number of nurses who are actually employed in these positions according to job description (as in Questions 1 to 5) kindly list the number of nurses by categories of full-time, part-time, and casual for each Territory hospital.
7. How many nurses left nursing positions at Territory hospitals during the last 12 months? Of these nurses:
 - (a) please list the number of nurses who have left Territory Health for each Territory hospital; and
 - (b) please list the number of nurses who have left Territory Health from government-supported and government-run health clinics in urban and remote localities.

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166. Health - Advertising and Promotions

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. How much was spent on behalf of your Department of Health on advertising/promotional activities/videos/DVDs/brochures and general printed matter in 2004-05?
2. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown of spending and projects/programs that this spending was for.

ANSWER

1. A total of \$606 093 was spent on advertising and promotional material in 2004-05 and \$1 094 007.87 on printing.
2. Expenditure for particular projects/programs occurs across monthly reporting periods so therefore time consuming to ascertain month by month breakdown of spending, and projects/programs that this spending was for.

A monthly breakdown on advertising and promotional material is provided, along with expenditure on key activities during 2004-05:

Month by month	
July 2004	\$ 27 668
August 2004	\$ 43 258
September 2004	\$ 15 534
October 2004	\$ 20 136
November 2004	\$ 16 702
December 2004	\$ 47 837
January 2005	\$ 38 512
February 2005	\$ 25 006
March 2005	\$ 70 059
April 2005	\$ 88 227
May 2005	\$ 45 973
June 2005	\$167 181*

*Traditional high level of expenditure due to payment of outstanding invoices prior to close of ledger

Expenditure by program	
Aged and Disability Program	\$ 21 431
Alcohol and Other Drug Program	\$ 98 896
Centre for Disease Control	\$ 40 012
NT Health Direct Corporate Communications (including Show Circuit, Nursing and Midwifery Awards, death notices,	\$ 23 199

Building Healthier Communities)	\$ 54 788
Nursing Recruitment	\$147 072
Office of Aboriginal Health, Families and Social Policy	\$ 17 538
Family and Children's Services	\$ 55 971
Health Development and Oral Health	\$ 42 071
Palmerston Services Project	\$ 24 171
People and Organisational Learning (including Studies Assistance ads)	\$ 25 479
All other DHCS programs	\$ 55 465

198. Police, Fire and Emergency Services Ministerial Office - Budget Promotions

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY SERVICES

1. Was any money spent from the minister's office on the 2005-06 post-budget promotion campaign promoting the police budget?
2. If so, how much was spent on:
 - (a) print media;
 - (b) brochure production and direct mail; and
 - (c) DVD production?

ANSWER

1. No.
2. Not applicable.

199. Police, Fire and Emergency Services Ministerial Office – Promotion Expenses

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY SERVICES

1. How much was spent on behalf of your ministerial office on advertising/promotion activities/videos/DVDs/brochures and general printed matter in 2004-05?
2. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown of spending and projects/programs that this spending was for.
3. How much was spent on print media?

4. How much was spent on brochure production and direct mail?
5. How much was spent on DVD/CD production?

ANSWER

1 and 2:

NTPFES portfolio: \$4703 was spent on various materials during 2004-05 including notices and advertisements supporting Neighbourhood Watch, Rotary Ambulance Officer Award, Police Officer of the Year Award, opening of the Humpty Doo police station, the Northern Territory Police Association Magazine, new police squads, and notice regarding the death of former police officer P Paggett.

Correspondence was mailed to local residents advising them of the opening of Humpty Doo station. This included a flyer for this purpose being printed at a cost of \$114. No discrete tally was made of the cost of the envelopes or postage used for this purpose.

3. See above.
4. See above.
5. None.

200. Police, Fire and Emergency Services Ministerial Office – Government Printing Costs

Ms CARNEY to MINISTER for POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY SERVICES

1. List all work undertaken by the Government Printing Office in 2004-05 on behalf of your ministerial office.
2. What were the costs and dates of completion of work performed by the Government Printing Office on behalf of your ministerial office?

ANSWER

Work undertaken by the Government Printing Office in 2004-05 and paid for by the Office of the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services is listed in table in Attachment A..

2 May 2006

248. Elective Surgery Waiting Time

Dr LIM to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. How many people are currently waiting for elective surgery across the Territory?

2. Please provide the number of people on elective surgery waiting lists by hospital.
3. Please provide the number of people on elective surgery waiting lists for Territory hospitals by category of elective surgery.
4. What is the longest waiting period for elective surgery, and how many people are involved, by each Territory hospital?
5. How many people have died while waiting for an elective surgery medical procedure, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital?

ANSWER

1. As at 31 May 2006, there were 3277 people on elective surgery waiting lists at NT public hospitals.
2. The number of people on elective surgery waiting lists by hospital as at 31 May 2006 is as follows:

Hospital	No of people on waiting list at 31 May 2006
Royal Darwin Hospital	1438
Alice Springs Hospital	1225
Gove District Hospital	241
Katherine Hospital	273
Tennant Creek Hospital	100
Total	3277

3. The number of people on elective surgery waiting lists for Territory hospitals by category of elective surgery is as per Attachment A.
4. The standard measure for measuring 'long waits' on elective surgery waiting lists is to count the number of patients currently on the list who have waited more than 365 days. As at 31 May 2006, the following numbers of patients who were waiting greater than 365 days was as follows:

Hospital	No of people on waiting list greater than 365 days at 31 May 2006
Royal Darwin Hospital	297
Alice Springs Hospital	748
Gove District Hospital	54
Katherine Hospital	69
Tennant Creek Hospital	68
Total	1236

Departmental information systems are not able to capture the full extent of this information. Any data provided here would be incomplete and could be open to misinterpretation.

250. Nurse Recruitment and Administrative Staffing

Dr LIM to MINISTER for HEALTH

- How many nurses have been recruited by the NT government since the Northern Territory general election of 2001, by each Territory hospital and by financial year? Of these nurses, please advise what number of these nursing positions are now vacant, for each hospital.
- What proportion of nurses of total equivalent full-time Northern Territory nursing positions are employed through employment agencies? Of these positions, please list the number of nursing positions now vacant, for each Territory hospital.
- How many administration staff within Territory Health hold a nursing qualification?
- Please list the number of nurses in administrative positions by hospital and by regional health administration offices and at central office.
- What were the number of Health administration staff, broken down by levels, employed at 31 December 2001?
- What were the number of Health administration staff, broken down by levels, employed at 31 December 2005?

ANSWER

- The table in Attachment A shows staff commencement figures for nurses in NT hospitals for each financial year since 2001.
- The table in Attachment B lists, by hospital, the number of agency-paid nurses occupying nursing positions as a proportion of established positions in early June, 2006. There are no designated agency-paid positions.
- The number of administration staff within the Department of Health and Community Services who hold a nursing qualification is not known. This information is not routinely collected.
- The number of identified nursing administration positions by hospital is detailed below. Administration positions include Nursing Director, Executive Director of Nursing, Quality Coordinator and Infection Control Nurse/Officer.

Hospital	No. of nursing administrative positions – June 2006
Royal Darwin Hospital	8
Alice Springs Hospital	5
Gove District Hospital	2
Katherine Hospital	3
Tennant Creek Hospital	1
Total	19

Regional health administration offices are no longer part of the Department of Health and Community Services structure therefore data is not available for nursing staff in administrative positions in regional health administration offices. Data is not routinely collected on the number of nurses in administrative positions at central office.

- The number of Health Administration staff, by level, employed at 31 December 2001 is shown in the following table:

Classification Code	Count
AO1	59
AO2	349
AO3	151
AO4	127
AO5	71
AO6	140
AO7	79
AO8	37
TAT01	4
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1017</i>
<i>TAT01 - Admin trainee</i>	

6. The number of Health Administration staff, by level, employed at 31 December 2005 is shown in the following table:

Classification Code	Count
AO1	30
AO2	376
AO3	207
AO4	169
AO5	98
AO6	170
AO7	109
AO8	51
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1210</i>

The 'Administrative officer stream' staff include Aboriginal Mental Health Workers, Aboriginal Community Welfare Workers, Disability Support Workers and Sexual Health Workers; administrative positions directly located with, and in support of, service provision, such as Ward clerks, Medical Records clerks, Medicare Administration clerks, Service development staff working with non-government service providers in community health and community service programs; and project staff, often employed for specific projects.

251. Hospital Bed Numbers

Dr LIM to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. What are the total number of operational beds currently available across the Northern Territory? Please list the number of operational beds for each Territory hospital.
2. What were the total number of operational beds available across the Northern Territory at 31 December 2002 and at 31 December 2004? Please list the number of these

operational beds, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital.

3. How many written complaints and recorded (ie notes taken) and oral complaints have been received by Territory Health? Of these complaints, please list the number of complaints, by written complaint, by recorded oral complaint, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital.

ANSWER

1. The total number of operational beds is as follows:

	Operational beds
Royal Darwin Hospital	345
Alice Springs Hospital	165
Katherine Hospital	60
Gove District Hospital	30
Tennant Creek Hospital	20

2. The total number of operational beds, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital, is listed in the table in Attachment A.
3. Complaints figures for the Department of Health and Community Services are listed in the table in Attachment A.

Work undertaken by the Government Printing Office in 2004-05 and paid for by the Office of the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services was as follows:

Description	Amount \$	Date Paid (Journal Date)
Minister's Mail	3 478.18	21 July 2004
Business Cards	220.91	16 September 2004
Business Cards (English/Japanese)	370.91	22 September 2004
NT Government Directory	72.73	8 October 2004
Business Cards	520.81	15 December 2004
DL Plain & Window Face Envelopes	118.65	23 December 2004
Community Links – China 26/11/04	4 272.73	29 December 2004
Printing – Humpty Doo Police Station	114.00	27 May 2005
Skilled Migration Mail-out	3 036.26	3 May 2005
A4 Envelopes	388.52	14 June 2005
Window Face Envelopes	2 137.04	15 June 2005
Grand Total	14 730.74	

Hospital	Elective: Urgent	Elective: Semi-Urgent	Elective: Non-Urgent	Total
Royal Darwin Hospital	174	462	802	1438
Alice Springs Hospital	115	560	550	1225
Gove District Hospital	10	88	143	241
Katherine Hospital	10	60	203	273
Tennant Creek Hospital	3	36	61	100
Total	312	1206	1759	3277

The table in below shows staff commencement figures for nurses in NT hospitals for each financial year since 2001:

Distinct DHCS Nursing Classification Stream Staff Commencements – 2001-02 to 30/04/2006					
Hospital	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Alice Springs Hospital	287	268	305	281	265
Gove District Hospital	52	51	37	42	21
Katherine Hospital	61	56	73	66	46
Royal Darwin Hospital	339	362	351	360	339
Tennant Creek Hospital	35	26	26	31	27
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>774</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>792</i>	<i>780</i>	<i>698</i>

The following numbers of nursing positions are currently vacant:

Hospital	No of nursing positions vacant as at Pay 23 2006
Royal Darwin Hospital	35
Alice Springs Hospital	13
Gove District Hospital	0
Katherine Hospital	9
Tennant Creek Hospital	5
Total	62

Question 250

Attachment B

The following table lists, by hospital, the number of agency-paid nurses occupying nursing positions as a proportion of established positions in early June, 2006. There are no designated agency-paid positions.

Hospital	Number of agency-paid nursing positions as a proportion of established nursing positions
Royal Darwin Hospital	1.5%
Alice Springs Hospital	2.2%
Gove District Hospital	0%
Katherine Hospital	0%
Tennant Creek Hospital	0%
Total	1.5%

4. The total number of operational beds, by calendar year and for each Territory hospital, is listed in the table in Attachment A.

	Number of Operational Beds at 31 December	
	2002	2004
Royal Darwin Hospital	293	345
Alice Springs Hospital	164	165
Katherine Hospital	60	60
Gove District Hospital	30	30
Tennant Creek Hospital	20	20

5. Complaints figures for the Department of Health and Community Services as a whole are documented in Department of Health and Community Services Annual Reports. The figures for the hospitals are as follows.

Financial Year	Royal Darwin Hospital	Alice Springs Hospital	Katherine Hospital	Tennant Creek	Gove Hospital
1 2000-0	495	53			
2 2001-0	386	55			
3 2002-0	344	27			
4 2003-0	419	34			
5 2004-0	490	70	10	0	5
6 2005-0	489	59	12	5	4

Note: From 2004-05, complaints registration was centralised, with all complaints documented and collated, resulting in an increase in recorded complaints.

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