
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

GROSS OUTLAYS BY ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	2001-02 Staffing	2000-01 Estimate	2001-02 Budget	Variation
		\$000	\$000	\$000
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	49	8 216	8 263	47
SPECIALIST SERVICES	92	15 763	11 672	- 4 091
EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT	79	9 883	8 711	- 1 172
ETHNIC AFFAIRS	6	1 055	1 066	11
TOTAL	226	34 917	29 712	- 5 205

The aim of the Department of the Chief Minister is to maximise the effectiveness of the Northern Territory public sector by coordinating and implementing whole of government initiatives and effectively supporting the Chief Minister and Ministers and the operation of Cabinet and Executive Council.

The key functional responsibilities of the Agency are:

- provision of advice to the Chief Minister across the range of matters dealt with by Government;
- policy development and analysis;
- provision of a whole of government perspective in the coordination of Government activities;
- provision of support to Government, Executive Council and Cabinet; and
- promotion of effective and appropriate relations with other governments and the community.

Strategic issues for the Agency include:

- developing the Territory's legal, legislative and political position in respect of native title and associated matters;
- coordinating the Territory's implementation of National Competition Policy legislation reviews;
- coordinating the Territory Government's participation in the Council of Australian Governments and other national forums;
- addressing constraints on the participation of women, youth and ethnic communities in the development of the Territory;
- whole of government implementation of *Foundations for Our Future*; and
- coordination of whole of government communications programs.