

Auditor-General's Office

	2004-05 Estimate	2005-06 Budget
	\$000	\$000
Output Group		
Audits	2 933	2 815
Total Operating Expenses	2 933	2 815
Output Appropriation	2 573	2 504
Capital Appropriation		

2005-06 Staffing: 4.5

Agency Profile

The Auditor-General's objective is to provide Parliament with an independent analysis of the financial information, internal controls and performance management systems in the Northern Territory public sector. Parliament is able to use that information to enable better scrutiny of the performance of Government administration.

Reports arising from audits are also issued to Accountable Officers to provide them with relevant information to assist them to meet their accountability requirements.

Strategic issues facing the agency in 2005-06 include:

- adapting performance management system audit techniques in response to agency reporting under the *Working for Outcomes* framework;
- awarding new contracts for the purchase of audit services for the calendar years 2006 to 2008, with existing contracts to expire in December 2005; and
- continuing to emphasise information technology audits on major central systems at Northern Territory Treasury and the Department of Corporate and Information Services.

Budget Highlights

- Additional audit work required relating to the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards which replace the existing body of accounting standards. These new standards will apply to all public sector reporting entities from 1 January 2005. Adoption will require a restatement of the 2004-05 financial statements to enable comparative financial information to be published for 2005-06, and assessment of the effects on existing reporting practices and systems associated with the likely issue of a new accounting standard, Financial Reporting of General Government Sectors by Governments.

Outputs and Performance

Output Group/Output	2004-05	2005-06	Variation
	Estimate	Budget	
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Audits	2 933	2 815	- 118
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Key Variations

There are no substantial budget variations.

Output Group: Audits

The Auditor-General conducts audits in accordance with professional standards and practices so that information arising from audits can assist the Legislative Assembly in its scrutiny of the performance of Government administration, and assist Accountable Officers in the management of their agencies.

The outcome is that Members of the Legislative Assembly are better informed about the financial and other performance information provided by Government and, together with agency managers, better informed about the extent of compliance by agencies with internal control requirements.

Performance Measures		2004-05	2005-06
		Estimate	Estimate
<i>Quantity</i>	Statutory audits ¹	96	98
	Other audits ²	17	15
<i>Quality</i>	Audit tasks conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards	100%	100%
	Recommendations agreed by agency management	85%	90%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Audit tasks completed in accordance with work program	95%	95%
	Audit opinions issued within statutory timeframes	100%	100%

1 Audits of the Northern Territory Public Account pursuant to section 13 of the *Audit Act*.

2 Performance management system audits undertaken pursuant to section 15 of the *Audit Act*, together with audits of acquittals on behalf of various external funding bodies.

Statement of Financial Performance

	2004-05 Estimate	2005-06 Budget
	\$000	\$000
OPERATING REVENUE		
Taxation revenue		
Grants and subsidies		
Current		
Capital		
Sales of goods and services		
Output revenue	2 573	2 504
Other agency revenue	152	156
Interest revenue		
Miscellaneous revenue		
Goods and services received free of charge	155	155
Profit/loss on disposal of assets		
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2 880	2 815
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Employee expenses	666	683
Administrative expenses		
Purchases of goods and services	2 058	1 975
Repairs and maintenance	54	2
Depreciation and amortisation		
DCIS services free of charge	155	155
Other administrative expenses		
Grants and subsidies		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest expense		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2 933	2 815
NET OPERATING SURPLUS	- 53	

Statement of Financial Position

	2004-05 Estimate	2005-06 Budget
	\$000	\$000
ASSETS		
Cash and deposits		
Receivables	42	42
Prepayments		
Inventories		
Advances and investments		
Land and improvements		
Plant and equipment		
Other assets		
TOTAL ASSETS	42	42
LIABILITIES		
Deposits held		
Creditors and accruals	130	130
Borrowings and advances		
Provisions	34	34
Other liabilities		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	164	164
NET ASSETS	-122	-122
EQUITY		
Capital		
Opening balance	26	-74
Equity injections/withdrawals	-100	
Reserves		
Accumulated funds		
Opening balance	5	-48
Current year surplus(+)/deficit(-)	-53	
TOTAL EQUITY	-122	-122

Statement of Cash Flows

	2004-05 Estimate	2005-06 Budget
	\$000	\$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating receipts		
Taxes received		
Grants and subsidies received		
Current		
Capital		
Receipts from sales of goods and services		
Output revenue received	2 573	2 504
Other agency receipts	152	156
Interest received		
Total operating receipts	2 725	2 660
Operating payments		
Payments to employees	666	683
Payments for goods and services	2 059	1 977
Grants and subsidies paid		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest paid		
Total operating payments	2 725	2 660
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investing receipts		
Proceeds from asset sales		
Repayment of advances		
Sales of investments		
Total investing receipts		
Investing payments		
Purchases of assets		
Advances and investing payments		
Total investing payments		
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Financing receipts		
Proceeds of borrowings		
Deposits received		
Equity injections		
Capital appropriation		
Other equity injections		
Total financing receipts		
Financing payments		
Repayment of borrowings		
Finance lease payments		
Equity withdrawals	153	
Total financing payments	153	
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	- 153	
Net increase in cash held	- 153	
Cash at beginning of financial year	153	
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR		