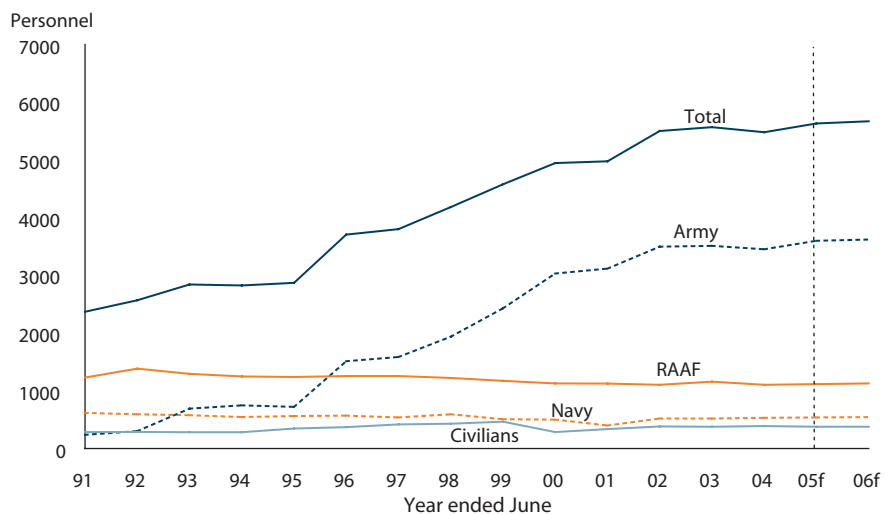


Defence

- The defence presence in the Territory has more than doubled since the early 1990s, with the number of defence personnel and their families increasing from around 6200 in June 1992 to an estimated 13 000 at 30 June 2004.
- Approximately 10 per cent of Australian defence force combat personnel are now based in the Territory.
- Since 1995, when the Army relocation began in earnest, defence expenditure attributed to the Territory has increased at an average rate of 11 per cent per annum.
- Major defence activities underway in the Territory include the relocation of the Army's 1st Aviation Regiment which includes a \$75 million building program at Robertson Barracks in Darwin, and construction of the \$65 million Bradshaw Field Training Area near Timber Creek.
- Some 200 defence personnel and their families are expected to relocate to Darwin with the 1st Aviation Regiment. The Defence Housing Authority (DHA) plans to invest around \$70 million to develop the new suburb of Lyons (at Lee Point). Over the next five years this project will comprise around 300 new DHA homes and a further 350 allotments will be available for private development.
- Territory-based support and maintenance for military hardware such as helicopters, tanks and patrol boats is expected to continue over coming years, fostering the development of local skills and business opportunities.

Chart 12: Defence Personnel Stationed in the Territory



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Source: NT Treasury, Department of Defence

