

Electoral Commission

	2005-06 Estimate	2006-07 Budget
	\$000	\$000
Output Group		
Electoral Services	2 017	1 577
Total Expenses	2 017	1 577
Output Appropriation	1 766	1 377
Capital Appropriation		

2006-07 Staffing: 8

Agency Profile

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission provides an independent, professional electoral service to the people of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, municipal councils, community government councils and other organisations.

Key functional responsibilities include:

- maintaining the Northern Territory electoral roll;
- managing parliamentary and non-parliamentary elections including local government, community government and commercial elections;
- delivering public electoral awareness programs;
- providing advice and reports relating to electoral matters to the Legislative Assembly;
- conducting electoral research; and
- providing support to the Redistribution Committees which redistribute electoral boundaries.

Strategic issues facing the agency in 2006-07 include:

- ongoing development and delivery of electoral awareness programs; and
- continuing the development of the Northern Territory Electoral Commission as an independent agency.

Budget Highlights

- Continued development of a coordinated electoral awareness program directed at the general public and targeted groups.
- Further development of the Electoral Commission's office in Alice Springs, established jointly with the Australian Electoral Commission in April 2005 under an interim arrangement.

Outputs and Performance

Output Group/Output	2005-06	2006-07	Variation
	Estimate	Budget	
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Electoral Services	2 017	1 577	- 440
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Total Expenses	2 017	1 577	- 440

Key variations

One-off funding was provided in 2005-06 for expenses associated with conducting the Legislative Assembly General Election held in June 2005.

Output Group: Electoral Services

Conducts impartial and independent elections, maintains the electoral roll and administers political party registration and financial disclosure requirements. Promotes public awareness of electoral matters through education and information programs, fosters public confidence and participation in the electoral process and provides electoral research and advice to the Legislative Assembly.

The outcome is effective and lawfully administered elections, an informed community on electoral matters and an effective electoral roll.

Performance Measures		2005-06 Estimate	2006-07 Estimate
<i>Quantity</i>	Electors on Northern Territory electoral roll	112 000	113 000
	Electoral awareness sessions	30	30
	Electoral awareness media campaigns ¹	2	1
<i>Quality</i>	Compliance with legislation	100%	100%
	Voter turnout (at major elections)	>80%	>80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Deadlines met	100%	100%
	Electoral awareness program delivered within required timeframes	100%	100%

¹ Includes an election specific campaign during the 2005 Legislative Assembly General Election.

Operating Statement

	2005-06 Estimate	2006-07 Budget
	\$000	\$000
INCOME		
Taxation revenue		
Grants and subsidies revenue		
Current		
Capital		
Output revenue	1 766	1 377
Sales of goods and services	51	
Interest revenue		
Goods and services received free of charge	197	197
Gain(+)/loss(-) on disposal of assets		
Other revenue		
TOTAL INCOME	2 014	1 574
EXPENSES		
Employee expenses	763	703
Administrative expenses		
Purchases of goods and services	1 054	674
Repairs and maintenance		
Depreciation and amortisation	3	3
DCIS services free of charge	197	197
Other administrative expenses		
Grants and subsidies expenses		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest expense		
TOTAL EXPENSES	2 017	1 577
NET SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)	- 3	- 3

Income Administered for the Central Holding Authority

INCOME	
Taxation revenue	
Grants and subsidies revenue	
GST revenue	
Current	
Capital	
Fees from regulatory services	
Interest revenue	
Royalties and rents	
Other revenue	27
TOTAL INCOME	27

Balance Sheet

	2005-06 Estimate	2006-07 Budget
	\$000	\$000
ASSETS		
Cash and deposits	26	26
Receivables	10	10
Prepayments		
Inventories		
Advances and investments		
Property, plant and equipment	8	5
Other assets		
TOTAL ASSETS	44	41
LIABILITIES		
Deposits held	16	16
Creditors and accruals	156	156
Borrowings and advances		
Provisions	109	109
Other liabilities		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	281	281
NET ASSETS	- 237	- 240
EQUITY		
Capital		
Opening balance	- 87	- 281
Equity injections/withdrawals	- 194	
Reserves		
Accumulated funds		
Opening balance	47	44
Current year surplus(+)/deficit(-)	- 3	- 3
Accounting policy changes and corrections		
TOTAL EQUITY	- 237	- 240

Cash Flow Statement

	2005-06 Estimate	2006-07 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	1 766	1 377
Other agency receipts	51	
Interest received		
Total operating receipts	1 817	1 377
Operating payments		
Payments to employees	763	703
Payments for goods and services	1 054	674
Grants and subsidies paid		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest paid		
Total operating payments	1 817	1 377
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	194	
Total financing payments	194	
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	- 194	
Net increase(+)/decrease(-) in cash held	- 194	
Cash at beginning of financial year	220	26
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	26	26