

# Northern Territory Electoral Commission

	2006-07 Estimate	2007-08 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>Output Group</b>		
Electoral Services	1 687	1 603
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1 687</b>	<b>1 603</b>
<b>Output Appropriation</b>	<b>1 487</b>	<b>1 403</b>
<b>Capital Appropriation</b>		

2007-08 Staffing: 8

## Agency Profile

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission provides an independent 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 fee for service 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 2007-08 include:

- further improvements that increase voter participation and understanding of the electoral system;
- development and implementation of electoral systems and services associated with the establishment of new local government shires;
- redistribution of Legislative Assembly boundaries; and
- preparation for and conduct of municipal general elections.

## Budget Highlights

- Continued development of a coordinated electoral awareness program directed at the general public and targeted groups.
- Continued operation of the Electoral Commission's office in Alice Springs, established jointly with the Australian Electoral Commission.
- Establishing electorates following a redistribution of Legislative Assembly boundaries.

- Assisting in the development and implementation of electoral systems to support the successful conduct of inaugural elections following the establishment of new local government shires.

## Outputs and Performance

Output Group/Output	2006-07 Estimate	2007-08 Budget	Variation
	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Electoral Services</b>	<b>1 687</b>	<b>1 603</b>	<b>- 84</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1 687</b>	<b>1 603</b>	<b>- 84</b>

### Key Variations

One-off funding of \$0.11 million was provided in 2006-07 for expenses associated with the conduct of the Legislative Assembly By-election for the Division of Stuart, held in September 2006.

### 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		2006-07 Estimate	2007-08 Estimate
<i>Quantity</i>	Electors on Northern Territory electoral roll	111 500	112 500
	Electoral awareness sessions	30	30
	Electoral awareness media campaigns	3 <sup>1</sup>	3
<i>Quality</i>	Compliance with legislation	100%	100%
	Voter turnout at Legislative Assembly General Elections <sup>2</sup>		>80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Deadlines met	100%	100%
	Electoral awareness program delivered within required timeframes	100%	100%

<sup>1</sup> Includes election specific campaigns for the Division of Stuart Legislative Assembly and Katherine Town Council By-elections.

<sup>2</sup> No Legislative Assembly General Elections were held during the financial year 2006-07. The next Legislative Assembly General Election may be called at any time from 29 June 2008 with polling day to be held 18 days after an election is called (although a General Election may also be called any time under certain extraordinary circumstances outlined in the *Electoral Act*).

## Operating Statement

	2006-07 Estimate	2007-08 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>INCOME</b>		
Taxation revenue		
Grants and subsidies revenue		
Current		
Capital		
Output revenue	1 487	1 403
Sales of goods and services	21	
Interest revenue		
Goods and services received free of charge	197	197
Gain(+)/loss(-) on disposal of assets		
Other revenue		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1 705</b>	<b>1 600</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Employee expenses	838	720
Administrative expenses		
Purchases of goods and services	649	683
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		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1 687</b>	<b>1 603</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>- 3</b>

## Balance Sheet

	2006-07 Estimate	2007-08 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and deposits	74	74
Receivables	7	7
Prepayments		
Inventories		
Advances and investments		
Property, plant and equipment	4	1
Other assets		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held	5	5
Creditors and accruals	59	59
Borrowings and advances		
Provisions	123	123
Other liabilities		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>- 102</b>	<b>- 105</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital		
Opening balance	- 281	- 281
Equity injections/withdrawals		
Reserves		
Accumulated funds		
Opening balance	161	179
Current year surplus(+)/deficit(-)	18	- 3
Accounting policy changes and corrections		
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>- 102</b>	<b>- 105</b>

## Cash Flow Statement

	2006-07 Estimate	2007-08 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Operating receipts</b>		
Taxes received		
Grants and subsidies received		
Current		
Capital		
Receipts from sales of goods and services		
Output revenue received	1 487	1 403
Other agency receipts	21	
Interest received		
<b>Total operating receipts</b>	<b>1 508</b>	<b>1 403</b>
<b>Operating payments</b>		
Payments to employees	838	720
Payments for goods and services	649	683
Grants and subsidies paid		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest paid		
<b>Total operating payments</b>	<b>1 487</b>	<b>1 403</b>
<b>NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Investing receipts</b>		
Proceeds from asset sales		
Repayment of advances		
Sales of investments		
<b>Total investing receipts</b>		
<b>Investing payments</b>		
Purchases of assets		
Advances and investing payments		
<b>Total investing payments</b>		
<b>NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Financing receipts</b>		
Proceeds of borrowings		
Deposits received		
Equity injections		
Capital Appropriation		
Other equity injections		
<b>Total financing receipts</b>		
<b>Financing payments</b>		
Repayment of borrowings		
Finance lease payments		
Equity withdrawals		
<b>Total financing payments</b>		
<b>NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net increase(+)/decrease(-) in cash held	21	
Cash at beginning of financial year	53	74
<b>CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>