

# The Public Sector

- » The public sector is a major contributor to the Territory economy, providing a wide range of services. It consists of Australian, Territory and local government activity, including defence.
- » In 2005-06, the non-defence public sector accounted for about 24.7 per cent of state final demand (SFD) – higher than most other jurisdictions.
- » The non-defence public sector is the largest employer in the Territory, accounting for about 27 per cent of total employment in 2005-06 (32 per cent when defence is included).
- » The size of the non-defence public sector relative to the size of the Territory economy has declined over the past two decades, reflecting the maturation and diversification of the Territory economy.

Public Sector Expenditure as a Proportion of SFD, 2005-06



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