
AGENCY BUDGET ESTIMATES

MINI BUDGET 2001-02

Paper No. 2

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OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

The documentation supporting the November 2001 Mini Budget varies somewhat from that provided previously and reflects a number of enhancements in the presentation of financial information. There will be further improvements in 2002-03 when the Budget is expected to be presented on an accrual basis.

FISCAL INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY LEGISLATION

Fiscal Integrity and Transparency legislation is expected to be passed in the November 2001 sittings. This legislation provides for reporting of budget and forward estimates on a total public sector basis, consistent with Uniform Presentation Framework (UPF) requirements and external reporting standards as determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and, when relevant, Australian Accounting Standards. The November 2001 Mini Budget will be presented at the same sittings and it is consistent with the Fiscal Integrity and Transparency legislation.

Budget Paper No. 3: Economic and Fiscal Outlook provides the information required under the Fiscal Integrity and Transparency legislation and there have therefore been related changes required to the information presented in *Budget Paper No. 2*.

Budget Paper No. 2 includes detailed budget information on agencies in the Public Account, as defined in the *Financial Management Act*. This coverage was generally known as the Northern Territory Budget Sector. Summary information was provided on both a gross basis (as required for allocation and appropriation purposes) and a net basis (the Northern Territory's preferred economic transactions framework). Because of scope and presentation differences, the summary information presented for the Northern Territory's Budget Scope differed from the Uniform Presentation Framework data.

However, the effect of the Fiscal Integrity and Transparency legislation is to separate whole of government reporting requirements from the agency accountability requirements necessary for appropriation and allocation purposes. Thus the information in *Budget Paper No. 2* is the information required for agency management purposes (i.e. information on outputs and gross outlays (allocation) and receipts). The coverage is agencies in the Public Account. *Budget Paper No. 3*, on the other hand, focuses on the total Northern Territory public sector as defined under the Uniform Presentation Framework and includes agencies external to the Public

Account. The summary, on a Uniform Presentation Framework basis, of the Public Account and a classification of all Northern Territory public sector agencies is included in Appendices 2.1 and 2.2 of *Budget Paper No. 3*.

PRESENTATION OF AGENCIES

The information on agencies in *Budget Paper No. 2* is presented on the following basis:

- Agencies are as specified in the Administrative Arrangements Order of 13 November 2001.
- Agencies are grouped by Ministerial Portfolio order according to their classification under the Uniform Presentation Framework sectors:
 - General Government (Chapter 2);
 - Public Non-Financial Corporations (Chapter 3);
 - Public Financial Corporations (Chapter 4).

Government business divisions can be included in any sector but general agencies are classified to the general government sector only.

Within the General Government section an additional entity has been created within Treasury: Services, being the Central Holding Authority. This entity has been established as part of the move to an accrual Budget in 2002-03. The Central Holding Authority will be responsible for all centrally held assets and liabilities and all whole of government expenditure and revenue items, such as payment of interest on Territory Borrowings and receipts of GST revenue.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial information presented is for the May 2001-02 Budget and the November 2001 Mini Budget. A variation between the two estimates is shown. Because of the significant changes in the structure of public sector agencies between the May 2001-02 Budget and the Mini Budget, and the need to provide comparative information based on the new Agency structure, May 2001-02 Budget information has been adjusted in line with the new structure.

Information is provided for each agency on the administrative changes which have affected that agency. Because of the short time available between the announcement of the new administrative structure, and the Mini Budget, Treasury has prepared the information in *Budget Paper No. 2* with minimal input from agencies. Financial information associated with the transfer of

functions between agencies has generally been provided by the agency from which the function is transferring and, in many cases, is likely to understate the amount to be transferred. The final amounts associated with transferred functions will be subject to negotiation and agreement between the relevant agencies. Unresolved matters usually relate to the allocation of corporate overhead costs and centrally managed costs.

Information is also provided on the outputs of the new general agencies. These have been compiled by Treasury on the basis of outputs included in the May 2001-02 Budget and are expected to be revised in the lead up to the 2002-03 Budget.

Financial statements are provided for business divisions.

VARIATIONS BETWEEN THE MAY 2001-02 BUDGET AND NOVEMBER 2001 MINI BUDGET

Explanation of the significant variations in allocation between the May Budget and the Mini Budget have been provided for each agency. These have been classified in the following way:

Budget Refinement: one off or ongoing adjustments approved since the May 2001-02 Budget including base adjustments.

Carryover: approved carryover of allocation from 2000-01 to 2001-02.

Government Initiatives: initiatives approved for inclusion in 2001-02. Some initiatives that have been approved are not included, as they are to be funded from within the Agency's existing Budget. A complete listing of Government's initiatives and their inclusion in the Mini Budget and Forward Estimates can be found in Chapter 3 of *Budget Paper No. 3*.

Budget Improvement: budget improvement savings measures approved as part of the deficit reduction strategy. More detail is provided in Chapter 2 of *Budget Paper No. 3*.

SINGLE LINE APPROPRIATION

The allocation to agencies will be changed to a single line appropriation in the Mini Budget with the key requirement to manage within that allocation.

In the lead up to the 2002-03 Budget, detailed discussions will be held with agencies with regard to revenue retention by agencies. Examples of revenue which should be received by the Territory, rather than individual agencies, are GST revenue, taxes, royalties and fines. Whereas, it is appropriate for agencies to retain revenue for goods or services they produce. However, the revenue estimates were not sufficiently robust and the classification of Territory and agency revenue not sufficiently defined to move to a net appropriation approach in time for the November 2001 Mini Budget. Further, the *Financial Management Act* would require amendments to fully support a net appropriation approach.

STATUTORY PROCESSES SUPPORTING THE MINI BUDGET

The existence of the 2001-02 *Appropriation Act* means that supply exists and a further appropriation act is not required for the Mini Budget. The *Financial Management Act* has various provisions to support variations to Agency allocations as presented in the Mini Budget. The necessary transfers and adjustments will need to be approved by Executive Council and then tabled in the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days.

REVENUE

Detailed revenue tables with information on variations between the May 2001-02 Budget and the November 2001 Mini Budget are provided in Chapter 4.

Chapter 1

SUMMARY SCHEDULES

NORTHERN TERRITORY PUBLIC SECTOR

GROSS OUTLAYS AND RECEIPTS

	2001-02 May Budget	2001-02 Mini Budget	Variation
	\$000	\$000	\$000
TOTAL GROSS OUTLAYS	3 184 941	3 356 279	171 338
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2 395 169	2 474 003	78 834
Auditor-General's Office	2 244	2 316	72
Ombudsman's Office	1 603	1 675	72
Department of the Chief Minister	48 167	43 507	- 4 660
Department of the Legislative Assembly	12 687	12 331	- 356
Northern Territory Treasury: Services	82 486	78 783	- 3 703
Central Holding Authority	155 061	173 399	18 338
Northern Territory Treasury: Superannuation Office	81 132	84 111	2 979
Treasurer's Advance	24 000	24 000	
Department of Employment, Education and Training	430 583	446 757	16 174
Centralian College	11 525	11 388	- 137
Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services	129 179	131 491	2 312
Department of Justice	86 790	91 914	5 124
Department of Corporate and Information Services	95 077	94 186	- 891
Information Technology Management Services	35 619	27 340	- 8 279
Government Printing Office	6 729	6 533	- 196
NT Fleet	44 410	45 083	673
Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development	78 507	80 252	1 745
Northern Territory Tourist Commission	26 781	26 540	- 241
Territory Discoveries	2 661	2 602	- 59
Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs	187 074	187 734	660
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority	2 434	2 436	2
Department of Health and Community Services	446 692	481 110	34 418
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment	358 153	372 467	14 314
Construction Division	33 242	33 932	690
Territory Wildlife Parks	11 024	10 845	- 179
Trade Development Zone Authority	1 308	1 271	- 37
PUBLIC NON-FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS	529 511	523 414	- 6 097
Housing Business Services	139 345	134 184	- 5 161
Darwin Bus Service	6 576	6 689	113
Darwin Port Corporation	18 765	17 525	- 1 240
Power and Water Authority	364 825	365 016	191
PUBLIC FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS	260 261	358 862	98 601
Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	260 261	358 862	98 601

NORTHERN TERRITORY PUBLIC SECTOR

GROSS OUTLAYS AND RECEIPTS

	2001-02 May Budget	2001-02 Mini Budget	Variation
	\$000	\$000	\$000
OUTLAYS BY ACCOUNT	3 184 941	3 356 279	171 338
General Government Operating Accounts	2 395 169	2 474 003	78 834
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	529 511	523 414	- 6 097
Public Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	260 261	358 862	98 601
OUTLAYS BY CATEGORY OF COST	3 184 941	3 356 279	171 338
Personnel Costs	1 002 054	1 019 649	17 595
Operational Costs	924 345	953 935	29 590
Capital Expenditure	271 940	278 749	6 809
Grants and Subsidies	454 814	467 529	12 715
Interest	387 359	376 528	- 10 831
Advances	120 429	235 889	115 460
Advance to the Treasurer	24 000	24 000	
RECEIPTS BY ACCOUNT	3 271 831	3 426 318	154 487
Consolidated Revenue Account	1 904 940	1 947 908	42 968
General Government Operating Accounts	534 357	524 681	- 9 676
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	535 859	542 684	6 825
Public Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	296 675	411 045	114 370
RECEIPTS BY SOURCE	3 271 831	3 426 318	154 487
Taxes	218 456	218 311	- 145
Fees and Charges	600 067	583 192	- 16 875
Miscellaneous Receipts	25 852	25 760	- 92
Sale of Land	9 812	9 812	
Capital Receipts	97 029	52 640	- 44 389
Property Income	51 092	55 368	4 276
Interest Received	30 431	30 504	73
Advances Received	125 010	227 005	101 995
GST Revenue	1 386 600	1 384 100	- 2 500
Other Commonwealth Grants	304 696	310 726	6 030
Territory Borrowing	61 861	161 861	100 000
Intrasector Receipts	360 925	367 039	6 114
USE OF BALANCE	- 86 890	- 70 039	16 851
Consolidated Revenue Account	- 27 985	- 26 296	1 689
General Government Operating Accounts	- 16 143	27 710	43 853
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	- 6 348	- 19 270	- 12 922
Public Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	- 36 414	- 52 183	- 15 769
OPENING BALANCES	408 738	435 096	26 358
Consolidated Revenue Account	92 749	52 342	- 40 407
General Government Operating Accounts	184 400	240 105	55 705
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	68 995	83 482	14 487
Public Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	62 594	59 167	- 3 427
CLOSING BALANCES	495 628	505 135	9 507
Consolidated Revenue Account	120 734	78 638	- 42 096
General Government Operating Accounts	200 543	212 395	11 852
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	75 343	102 752	27 409
Public Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	99 008	111 350	12 342

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

GROSS OUTLAYS AND RECEIPTS

	2001-02 May Budget	2001-02 Mini Budget	Variation
	\$000	\$000	\$000
OUTLAYS BY ACCOUNT	2 395 169	2 474 003	78 834
General Government Operating Accounts	2 395 169	2 474 003	78 834
OUTLAYS BY CATEGORY OF COST	2 395 169	2 474 003	78 834
Personnel Costs	958 296	972 891	14 595
Operational Costs	619 001	648 327	29 326
Capital Expenditure	190 505	193 074	2 569
Grants and Subsidies	441 691	464 406	22 715
Interest	155 525	149 694	- 5 831
Advances	6 151	21 611	15 460
Advance to the Treasurer	24 000	24 000	
RECEIPTS BY ACCOUNT	2 439 297	2 472 589	33 292
Consolidated Revenue Account	1 904 940	1 947 908	42 968
General Government Operating Accounts	534 357	524 681	- 9 676
RECEIPTS BY SOURCE	2 439 297	2 472 589	33 292
Taxes	218 456	218 311	- 145
Fees and Charges	190 729	171 317	- 19 412
Miscellaneous Receipts	24 038	25 246	1 208
Sale of Land	9 812	9 812	
Capital Receipts	76 800	28 397	- 48 403
Property Income	51 092	55 368	4 276
Interest Received	11 535	11 534	- 1
Advances Received	53 482	153 977	100 495
GST Revenue	1 386 600	1 384 100	- 2 500
Other Commonwealth Grants	304 696	310 726	6 030
Territory Borrowing			
Intrasector Receipts	112 057	103 801	- 8 256
USE OF BALANCE	- 44 128	1 414	45 542
Consolidated Revenue Account	- 27 985	- 26 296	1 689
General Government Operating Accounts	- 16 143	27 710	43 853

PUBLIC NON-FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS

GROSS OUTLAYS AND RECEIPTS

	2001-02 May Budget	2001-02 Mini Budget	Variation
	\$000	\$000	\$000
OUTLAYS BY ACCOUNT	529 511	523 414	- 6 097
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	529 511	523 414	- 6 097
OUTLAYS BY CATEGORY OF COST	529 511	523 414	- 6 097
Personnel Costs	43 055	46 055	3 000
Operational Costs	301 831	288 494	- 13 337
Capital Expenditure	81 435	85 675	4 240
Grants and Subsidies	3 123	3 123	
Interest	50 482	50 482	
Advances	49 585	49 585	
RECEIPTS BY ACCOUNT	535 859	542 684	6 825
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	535 859	542 684	6 825
RECEIPTS BY SOURCE	535 859	542 684	6 825
Charges	409 076	411 613	2 537
Miscellaneous Receipts	1 814	514	- 1 300
Sale of Assets	20 229	24 243	4 014
Interest Received	18 159	18 233	74
Advances Received	68 137	69 637	1 500
Intrasector Receipts	18 444	18 444	
USE OF BALANCE	- 6 348	- 19 270	- 12 922
Public Non-Financial Corporations Operating Accounts	- 6 348	- 19 270	- 12 922

PUBLIC FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS

GROSS OUTLAYS AND RECEIPTS

	2001-02 May Budget	2001-02 Mini Budget	Variation
	\$000	\$000	\$000
OUTLAYS BY ACCOUNT	260 261	358 862	98 601
Public Financial Corporations Operating Account	260 261	358 862	98 601
OUTLAYS BY CATEGORY OF COST	260 261	358 862	98 601
Personnel Costs	703	703	
Operational Costs	3 513	17 114	13 601
Capital Expenditure			
Grants and Subsidies	10 000		- 10 000
Interest	181 352	176 352	- 5 000
Advances	64 693	164 693	100 000
RECEIPTS BY ACCOUNT	296 675	411 045	114 370
Public Financial Corporations Operating Account	296 675	411 045	114 370
RECEIPTS BY SOURCE	296 675	411 045	114 370
Fees and Charges	262	262	
Miscellaneous Receipts			
Capital Receipts			
Interest Received	737	737	
Advances Received	3 391	3 391	
Other Commonwealth Grants			
Territory Borrowing	61 861	161 861	100 000
Intrasector Receipts	230 424	244 794	14 370
USE OF BALANCE	- 36 414	- 52 183	- 15 769
Public Financial Corporations Operating Account	- 36 414	- 52 183	- 15 769
