

Annual Report

2023–24



TERRITORY FAMILIES,
HOUSING AND
COMMUNITIES



A group of Indigenous people, including men, women, and children, are performing a dance on a sandy beach. They are wearing traditional clothing, including colorful skirts and headbands. The background shows a clear blue sky and the ocean. The scene is framed by a large, dark, circular shape that contains the text.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters and pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging. Our department is committed to honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

Throughout this report, we will use the term 'Aboriginal' to refer to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations peoples and communities of the Northern Territory. We recognise the diversity and complexity of these communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that this document may contain images of deceased persons.

Introduction

Letter to Ministers

Dear Ministers

In accordance with the provisions of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, I am pleased to submit to you the *Territory Families, Housing and Communities 2023-24 Annual Report*.

Pursuant to the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, the *Financial Management Act 1995* and the *Information Act 2002*, I advise that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

a) proper records of all transactions affecting the agency are kept and that our employees follow the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the Financial Management Regulations and the Treasurer's Directions

b) agency procedures provide proper internal control, and a current description of those procedures is recorded in the Corporate Handbook which delivers the requirements of the Accounting and Property Manual and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1995*

c) no indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in or omission from the accounts and records that has not been appropriately reported and corrected exists

d) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the internal audit capacity available to the agency is adequate and the results of internal audits have been reported

e) the financial statements in this annual report have been prepared from proper accounts and records and are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions

f) in accordance with the requirements of Section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, all public sector principles have been upheld

g) with respect to my responsibilities under Section 131 of the *Information Act 2002*, procedures within the agency complied with the archives and records management provisions prescribed in Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

Parts of items a, e and g involve functions provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD). I have received assurance from DCDD's Chief Executive Officer that proper records are kept of transactions undertaken by DCDD on behalf of our agency and that DCDD employees observe the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the Financial Management Regulations, Treasurer's Directions and Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

Yours sincerely



Emma White
Chief Executive Officer

30 September 2024

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27,965

sport vouchers
redeemed



1,082

new bedrooms built in
remote communities



84

days emergency
response

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the lands across the Northern Territory and paying my respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, including their Elders past and present.

As I reflect on the past year, I am incredibly proud of what our department has achieved. By working across multiple portfolios, we provide essential support to children, young people and families, fostering better outcomes and strengthening our communities.

We play a crucial role in the lives of young people and families throughout the Northern Territory. Uniting a broad range of services has enhanced our ability to deliver integrated and holistic support, ensuring that the people of the Territory receive the care and assistance they need, when and where they need it.

We are committed to ensuring that all Territorians are safe, have access to housing, remain connected to their heritage and culture, live active lives, feel valued and included in their communities, and can access support whenever it is needed.

This year, we implemented change resulting from significant legislative reforms, including raising the age of criminal responsibility. Our teams adapted swiftly, developing and delivering the On the Right Track program – designed to help divert young people away from the criminal youth justice system.

In partnership with the Department of Education, we also commenced the initial stages of the government's plan to build 4 new residential youth justice facilities.

Additionally, we celebrated some incredible progress across our housing portfolio with the announcement of landmark and life-changing funding for housing in the Territory. In collaboration with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, we delivered the interim remote housing investment package, ahead of schedule, constructing over 300 new homes in 2023-24. Our ongoing partnership with other government departments, the Australian Government, Land Councils, and

Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory has been crucial in securing the next 10-year agreement to deliver \$4 billion investment in remote housing and homelands and building 2,700 new homes.

This past year saw a record in the number emergency management incidents that required us to activate the Welfare Group, providing support to impacted Territorians. These events included a large fire in the Barkly Region in September 2023, and 3 tropical lows from January to March 2024.

We also celebrated a significant milestone this year with the 40th anniversary of the Araluen Arts Centre. To mark the occasion, we hosted a successful community day that brought together people from across the Territory. The day was highlighted by the celebratory exhibition 'Groundswell – Araluen at 40', which showcased the rich artistic heritage of the region, and the vital role Araluen continues to play in fostering cultural connections and artistic expression in our community.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we hosted the first Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence (DFSV) conference as part of our DFSV strategy and action plan, marking a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to combat violence and support those affected. The sector-strengthening event recognised and shared the valuable work of dedicated services across the Territory, working to combat DFSV.

I want to thank the staff of the department for their commitment and hard work over 2023-24. Your efforts contributed to making a positive difference in our communities.

Emma White
Chief Executive Officer



Message from the Elder in Residence

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities was the first Northern Territory Government department to employ an Elder in Residence in 2021.

Since the role was created, the Elder in Residence has been instrumental in the provision of cultural leadership and affecting program, policy and process changes that will continue to impact the lives of Aboriginal people across communities and our workforce for generations.

The role enables the provision of expert cultural policy and program advice and strengthens our relationships with Aboriginal communities and staff.

The department's inaugural Elder in Residence, Dr Christine Fejo-King, retired from the role in August 2024. I am proud to have taken up the role to continue her legacy and unwavering commitment to embedding cultural knowledge into our practice and ensuring that our department remains both respectful and responsive to Aboriginal people's needs.

Together with the Elder-In-Residence team, we provide leadership, coordination and delivery of initiatives including:

- the refreshed Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework
- an annual Aboriginal staff forum
- secretariat function for the Aboriginal Cultural Security Advisory Committee
- the inaugural 'Come to Dinner' program for Aboriginal students and young people
- Aboriginal staff consultation and engagement.

Aboriginal Cultural Security Advisory Committee

As the Elder in Residence, I am entrusted with the responsibility of guiding and stewarding a dedicated group of Aboriginal staff who serve as committee members. Together, we uphold and provide an Aboriginal perspective on the department's strategic direction and objectives, ensuring Aboriginal knowledge, values and cultural integrity are woven into our business practices.

In 2023-24, under my stewardship, the committee – comprising 19 Aboriginal staff from all regions of the Northern Territory - met quarterly to provide advice and guidance on key department policies and programs.

Come to Dinner

We recognise the importance of delivering culturally responsive services and creating local employment opportunities by being an employer of choice and culturally safe workplace. We want our young people to aspire to senior leadership roles and careers across a breadth of fields and professions.

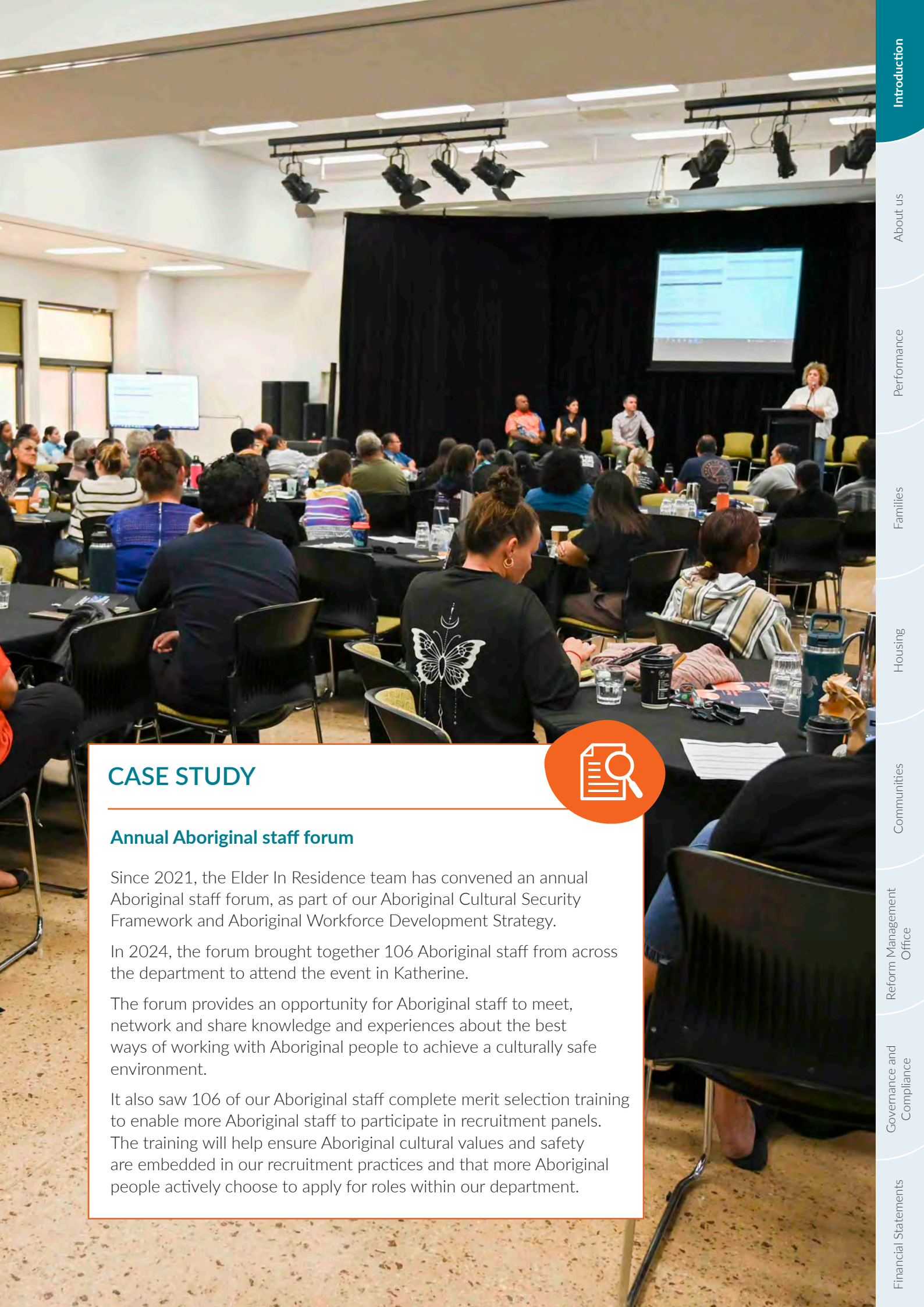
In 2023-24, we hosted the inaugural 'Come to Dinner' program, bringing together young Aboriginal students and key educational stakeholders for a dinner with Aboriginal staff from across the Northern Territory Public Service. The dinner provided an opportunity for young people to learn about the unique career journeys of other Aboriginal people who had created successful careers both in and out of the public service.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Aboriginal Cultural Security Advisory Committee and thank them for all the support they provide to the Elder in Residence and my team to achieve all that has been completed over the past year.

I look forward to another busy year for my office - embedding cultural security and promoting Aboriginal culture.

Denella Detourbet

A/Elder in Residence



CASE STUDY



Annual Aboriginal staff forum

Since 2021, the Elder In Residence team has convened an annual Aboriginal staff forum, as part of our Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework and Aboriginal Workforce Development Strategy.

In 2024, the forum brought together 106 Aboriginal staff from across the department to attend the event in Katherine.

The forum provides an opportunity for Aboriginal staff to meet, network and share knowledge and experiences about the best ways of working with Aboriginal people to achieve a culturally safe environment.

It also saw 106 of our Aboriginal staff complete merit selection training to enable more Aboriginal staff to participate in recruitment panels. The training will help ensure Aboriginal cultural values and safety are embedded in our recruitment practices and that more Aboriginal people actively choose to apply for roles within our department.



About Us

We are a multi-functional human services and community-focused department, which works to provide responsive, safe and quality services and programs that empower communities and improve social outcomes for Territorians.

We are a diverse department helping when needed, through every life stage from newborns to seniors. Our services include child protection, domestic and family violence reduction, youth justice services, housing and homelessness, social inclusion, sport and active recreation and we celebrate arts, culture, heritage, libraries and archives.

We maintain Aboriginal cultural security with a commitment as a responsive and safe place for Aboriginal people where cultural values, strengths and differences are integrated into the governance, management, design and delivery of services.

Strategic Plan

Our vision of Connected Communities, Thriving Places and Empowered Territorians is guided by our Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

In 2023-24 we developed and delivered on our third Action Plan under the Strategic Plan.

The annual report outlines how we have achieved our targeted actions and deliverables, to ensure the department continues to deliver culturally appropriate services that promote engaged, diverse and vibrant communities for all Territorians. Completing and embedding actions into our everyday practice is detailed on pages 21 to 29 of this report.

Functions from across the organisation contribute to achieving our 4 strategic goals as illustrated throughout this report.

Our goals



Communities are engaged, diverse and vibrant places where everyone belongs

Enable lifelong community participation and connection.

Enable Territorians and communities to shape the Territory's future through investment, local decision-making and employment opportunities.

Design thriving places and connected neighbourhoods and communities through robust planning, infrastructure asset management and tenancy support.

Promote social inclusion and accessibility, and celebrate the value of our diverse communities and their history.



All Territorians are safe, and can access services to enhance their lives

Equip individuals, families and communities with the resources to improve their circumstances and lead enjoyable lives.

Connect individuals to coordinated services that respond to their holistic needs.

Provide safe places for individuals and families that enhance opportunities to thrive.

Respond when risks to individual or community safety are identified.



Our people are valued, empowered and have opportunities to develop and contribute to our agency

Attract, recruit and retain a skilled, diverse and inclusive workforce that is reflective of the community we serve.

Our work environment is safe and supportive and staff have a voice.

Invest in our workforce to grow and develop their capabilities.

Provide staff with diverse opportunities and celebrate the efforts of our people.



Our agency and partners are agile, responsible and focussed on our collective impact for all Territorians

Foster a performance and evidence culture through transparency, accountability and opportunities to celebrate success.

Develop legislation, policies and processes that are contemporary and enable best practice.

Deliver resources that support staff to be efficient and extend the reach of our services across the NT.

Enhance partnerships to deliver high-quality services to achieve shared outcomes.

Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework

In 2023-24 we continued to embed our Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework into everything we do, under the guidance of our Elder in Residence.

The framework outlines the important commitment our department has made to working in partnerships that:

- deliver services that acknowledge the legitimate cultural rights, values and expectations of Aboriginal people.
- provide a safe environment where Aboriginal people are empowered to make decisions that affect their lives without fear of judgement or discrimination.

The contribution and commitment of our staff, together with the Aboriginal Cultural Security Advisory Committee is evident in the way we embed the framework across the organisation.

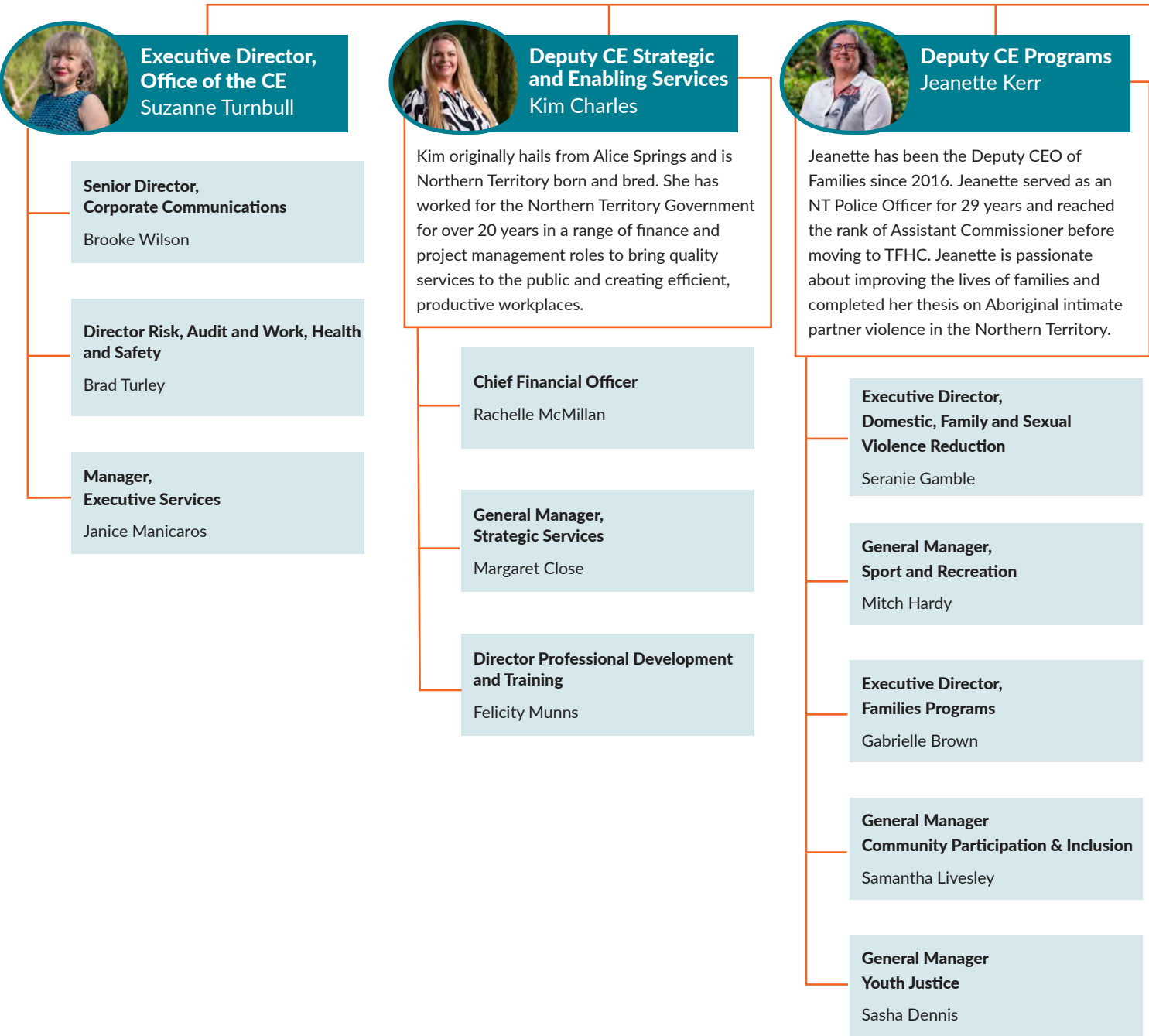
In 2023-24 this included:

- Aboriginal Carer Services delivered by Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to support recruitment and retention of kinship carers.
- a dedicated Aboriginal Practice Leadership Group in Big Rivers Region at the forefront of clinical practice reform implementation.
- a dedicated cultural advisor in the Greater Darwin Region crossover care team, providing cultural expertise and genograms to support complex case management.
- partnerships with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation to support their Aboriginal Community Services program 'Minbani bebe' and Lhere Artepe to support outreach to people sleeping rough in Alice Springs.
- establishing a complex tenancies team including recruiting identified positions for Aboriginal housing case officers to lead service delivery for complex tenancies.
- working in partnership with Aboriginal Community Police Officers and our Public Housing Safety Officers to ensure culturally appropriate client engagement.
- dedicated Aboriginal Community Workers assigned to, or consulted with on child protection cases that involve Aboriginal families.
- the establishment of a community Aboriginal Cultural Governance Board to oversee and guide Aboriginal cultural security in youth justice centres.
- Housing Reference Groups established in remote Aboriginal communities to guide decision making for remote housing allocations.
- an ongoing Aboriginal staff led project titled 'Valuing and Elevating Cultural Expertise and Knowledge in the Central Australian workplace'.

The critical work to embed the framework is supported through leadership and a genuine commitment to partnerships with community.

Organisational structure and leadership

As at 30 June 2024



Chief Executive Officer

Emma White

Emma began her career as a social worker in Western Australia and has extensive experience working in remote and regional communities. She has a track record leading large and complex organisations and is committed to supporting children and families across the Northern Territory and delivering culturally appropriate, community-led policies, programs and solutions.

Elder in Residence

Dr Christine Fejo-King

Deputy CE Housing

Brent Warren

Brent is a long-term Territorian who has been the Deputy CEO of Housing since 2021. He joined the Department in 2017, after serving as an NT Police Officer for 17 years. Growing up in Nhulunbuy, he has lived and worked across the Territory and is deeply committed to delivering quality housing outcomes for families and communities across the Northern Territory.

Deputy CE Regional Services

Karen Broadfoot

Karen commenced her social work career in South Australia and has been delivering child protection services in urban and remote areas of the Northern Territory for 20 years. She is dedicated to effective and accountable frontline service delivery across child protection, out-of-home care and youth justice. Her primary focus remains on continuous improvement of service delivery to the community and supporting the staff who engage with our community every day.

**Executive Director,
Market Programs and Reform**
Jared Collins

**Executive Director,
Remote Housing and Programs**
Danyelle Jarvis

Community Housing Registrar
Wendy Morton

**Senior Director,
Indigenous Essential Services**
Linsday Smith

**Executive Director,
NT Wide Services**
Leonie Warburton

**General Manager,
Regional Services - Central Australia**
Andrew Walder

**General Manager,
Regional Services - Greater Darwin**
Brenden Boyce

**Executive Director,
Regional Services - Big Rivers**
Kathryn Freeman

**Executive Director,
Regional Services - Arnhem**
Courtney Warr

**Executive Director,
Regional Services - Barkly**
Soana Vaihu

**Executive Director,
Regional Services - Top End**
Anthea Motter

**Executive Director,
Practice and Professional Services**
Julieanne Davis

Operating environment

We service every corner of the Northern Territory, from the Top End to Central Australia.

At a glance



6
SERVICE DELIVERY
REGIONS



5
URBAN CENTRES



73
REMOTE COMMUNITIES



500
HOMELANDS AND
OUTSTATIONS



43
TOWN CAMPS

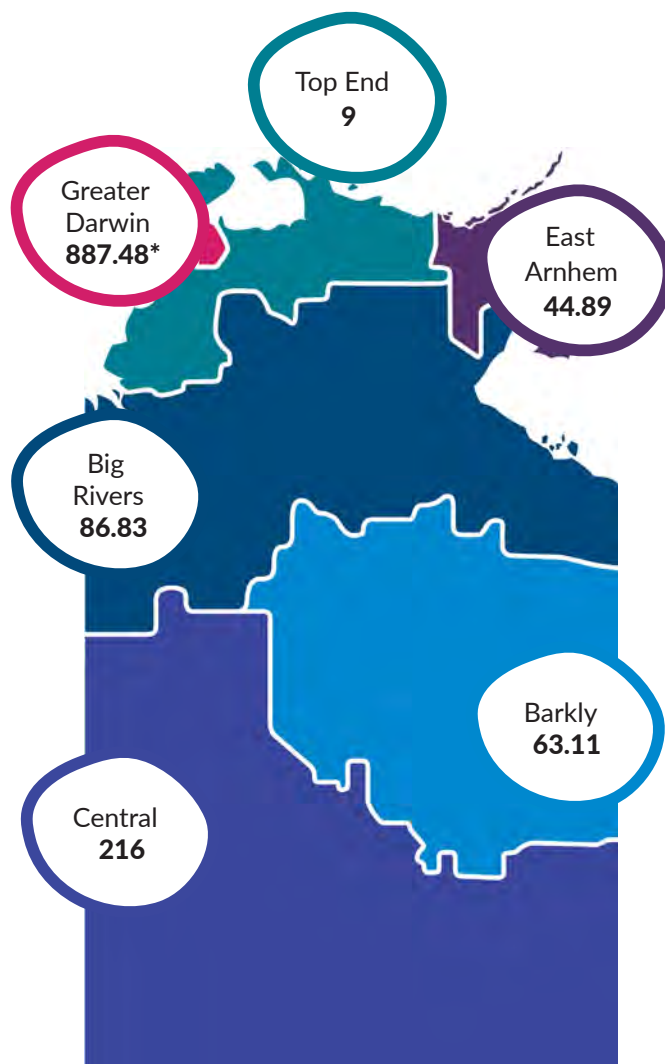


15
URBAN OFFICES



22
STAFF LOCATED IN
REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Full time equivalent (FTE) staff located in each region



*Strategic and Enabling, Greater Darwin Regional Services and Top End Regional Services staff are located in Darwin and Palmerston

Our people

At a glance



1,291.2
FTE STAFF



19.23%

IDENTIFY AS ABORIGINAL



2.29%

IDENTIFY AS HAVING A DISABILITY



27.73%

ARE FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING
BACKGROUNDS



64.34%

ARE WOMEN



26.15%

HAVE FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS



6%

ARE BASED IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES



21%

OF VACANCIES WERE FILLED BY ABORIGINAL
APPLICANTS UNDER SPECIAL MEASURES

Diversity in leadership

As diversity in our workforce grows, so too does it grow in our leadership teams.



ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE IN

10%

OF LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



WOMEN ARE IN

73.53%

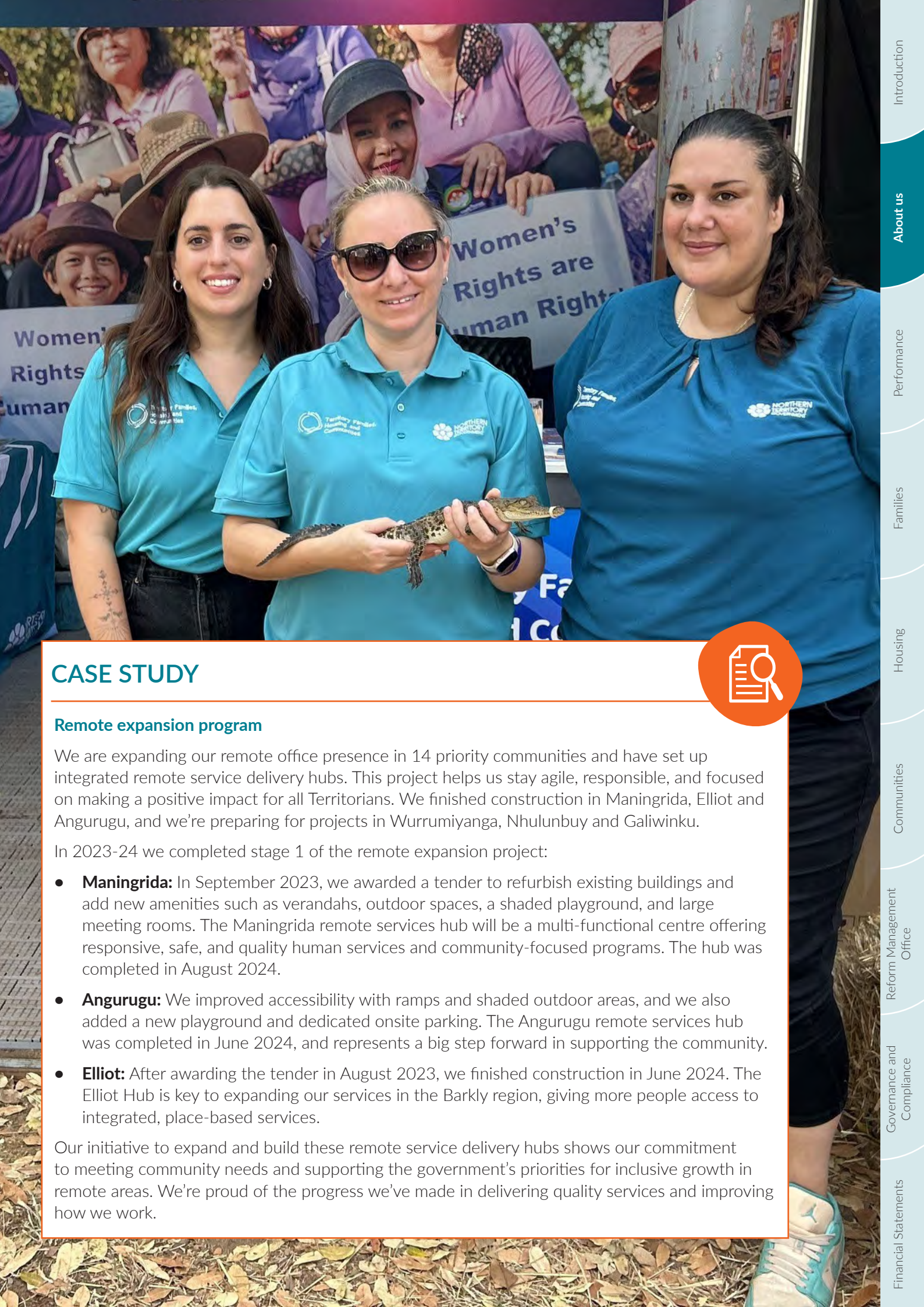
OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Staff engagement

We undertake a People Matter or pulse staff survey every year. In 2023-24 we continued to implement action plans in response to the 2022-23 People Matter Survey results.

Highlights include:

- bi-monthly meetings of the Employee Consultative Committee with regular reporting back to executive governance committees.
- annual Aboriginal staff forum providing the opportunity for Aboriginal staff to meet, network and share knowledge, wisdom and information about working with Aboriginal people, and making our agency an employer of choice.
- CE News published fortnightly including leadership messages, 'need to know' information, good news stories from around the department, training and career opportunities, key policy updates and wellbeing resources.
- rollout of myPerformance online career and performance development tool across the department.
- established a Recruitment and Retention Taskforce to implement recommendations from the Regional Recruitment and Retention deep dive. The taskforce is focussed on improved recruitment outcomes to fill vacant roles and reduce workload pressures in our operational teams.
- inaugural directors meeting bringing together directors from around the department for one day of networking, professional development and leadership discussions.
- expansion of Senior Executive Group meetings into regional areas and other central divisions to provide staff with direct access to senior decision-makers to provide on-the-ground experiences and insights.
- regular internal communications including articles and updates to promote department policies, strategies and implementation activities, including case studies of teams delivering on key strategic priorities.
- review of the organisation's structure and capabilities including comprehensive change management plan and communications. Outcomes of the review include creation of central area with the capability to oversee large scale change and project implementation.
- implementation of the Emerging Leaders Program with 7 staff participating.
- promotion of appropriate behaviours in the workplace including the department's zero tolerance approach to bullying and inappropriate behaviour and available training.



CASE STUDY



Remote expansion program

We are expanding our remote office presence in 14 priority communities and have set up integrated remote service delivery hubs. This project helps us stay agile, responsible, and focused on making a positive impact for all Territorians. We finished construction in Maningrida, Elliot and Angurugu, and we're preparing for projects in Wurrumiyanga, Nhulunbuy and Galiwinku.

In 2023-24 we completed stage 1 of the remote expansion project:

- **Maningrida:** In September 2023, we awarded a tender to refurbish existing buildings and add new amenities such as verandahs, outdoor spaces, a shaded playground, and large meeting rooms. The Maningrida remote services hub will be a multi-functional centre offering responsive, safe, and quality human services and community-focused programs. The hub was completed in August 2024.
- **Angurugu:** We improved accessibility with ramps and shaded outdoor areas, and we also added a new playground and dedicated onsite parking. The Angurugu remote services hub was completed in June 2024, and represents a big step forward in supporting the community.
- **Elliot:** After awarding the tender in August 2023, we finished construction in June 2024. The Elliot Hub is key to expanding our services in the Barkly region, giving more people access to integrated, place-based services.

Our initiative to expand and build these remote service delivery hubs shows our commitment to meeting community needs and supporting the government's priorities for inclusive growth in remote areas. We're proud of the progress we've made in delivering quality services and improving how we work.



Performance

Reporting on 2023-24 Action Plan



Goal 1

Communities are engaged, diverse and vibrant places where everyone belongs

- ✓ Commenced construction on the Northern Territory Art Gallery. Archaeological finds were excavated by an archaeological contractor during construction and removed from the site for post-excavation analysis.
- ✓ Completed an audit of the Araluen Cultural Precinct which includes recommendations on business improvements.
- ✓ Implemented the new funding model for the Interpreting and Translating Service NT including commencing the development of a new payment structure offering rates for interpreters that consider accreditation and training and a new fee structure aligned with Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) rates and current market standards.
- ✓ Completed the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) Bullocky Point Masterplan to underpin a new direction and vision for MAGNT.
- ✓ Completed the Hidden Valley Motor Sport Complex and Mickett Creek Shooting Complex masterplans.
- ✓ Commenced development of the Marrara Sporting Precinct Masterplan.
- ✓ Implemented the Northern Territory Sport Volunteer Action Plan 2023-25, including establishing Volunteer Development Grants, creating an NT Sport Volunteer Network app, and delivering volunteer development workshops.
- ✓ Celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Araluen Arts Precinct.
- ✓ Developed the Northern Territory Arts Strategy (launched in July 2024).
- ✓ Established Maningrida as the trial site for alternative commissioning to strengthen access and utilisation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- ✓ Launched the Mparntwe/Alice Springs Youth Action Plan 2023-2027 to outline the goals and priorities for the community over the coming 5 years.
- ✓ Commenced building design and program model planning for the new Darwin Youth and Community Hub.
- ✓ Delivered 327 Northern Territory Sports Academy Foundations Program sessions to more than 613 young Territorians, with more than 142 family members volunteering.
- ✓ Implemented grant agreements with 8 Aboriginal community controlled organisations to provide Aboriginal carer services focussed on identifying, contributing to assessments, and supporting Aboriginal carers for Aboriginal children.
- ✓ Supported events, festivals, projects and initiatives with funding of \$1.04 million through the 2023-24 Multicultural Grants Program, \$440,073 through Gender Equity and Diversity grants and almost \$7.14 million invested into the arts sector through grant programs and services.



Goal 2

All Territorians are safe, and can access services to enhance their lives

- ✓ Completed competitive grant process to award 25% of the \$50 million Social Housing Accelerator Payment to the community housing sector.
- ✓ Completed an Expression of Interest for the construction of the first mixed-tenure Build-to-Rent project in the NT at Shiers Street Darwin.
- ✓ Completed an evaluation of Northern Territory Visitor Parks which will inform the development of new visitor park models across the Northern Territory.
- ✓ The Tennant Creek Visitor Park is nearing design completion.
- ✓ Commenced review of the Northern Territory Homelessness Strategy and a timeline for a reform of homelessness services ahead of the release of the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness on 1 July 2024.
- ✓ Exceeded the target of 157 homes delivered in remote communities ahead of schedule, with a total of 308 homes delivered in 2023-24.
- ✓ Implemented a program of head leased dwellings for women and families escaping domestic, family and sexual violence through Community Housing Central Australia and increased bed capacity of the Apmere Mwerre (Alice Springs Visitor Park) to meet anticipated demand through the Northern Territory Government's 2023-24 Summer in Central Australia response.
- ✓ Released the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Action Plan 2 and established the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence program.
- ✓ Released the Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability Plan for Action Plan 2 under the Northern Territory Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Framework.
- ✓ Opened the refurbished Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre in April 2024. The Darwin Youth Justice Centre commenced commissioning in March 2024.
- ✓ Commenced construction on the Barkly Residential Youth Justice Facility.
- ✓ Designed programs for Residential Youth Justice Facilities in Darwin, Alice Springs, and Tennant Creek with Katherine scheduled to commence later this year.
- ✓ Commenced operation of the On the Right Track policy and program in response to the increase to the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 1 August 2023.
- ✓ Engaged Oonchiumpa Consultancy and Services to receive referrals for high-risk young people and their families to facilitate on-Country learning and culturally led activities and interventions.
- ✓ Funded Central Australia regional councils to support school holiday activities to keep young people engaged, improve their wellbeing and increase positive behaviours.
- ✓ Commenced all 14 projects for the rapid response works under the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP), with more than 700 homes receiving works.
- ✓ Released regional work plans with Central Land Council and Northern Land Council to deliver the HHIP.
- ✓ Established the CARE Business Alignment Unit to work with the Department of Corporate and Digital Development on continuous support, maintenance and development of CARE.



Goal 2 (cont'd)

All Territorians are safe, and can access services to enhance their lives

- ✓ Progressed the development of Data Access Agreements and Code of Practice to support 360 Degree View of the Child, and consulted with community in May and June 2024.
- ✓ Funded Council to Homeless Persons for an NT edition of its Parity Magazine.
- ✓ Invested almost \$2.78 million in urban sport vouchers with 27,965 vouchers redeemed.
- ✓ Invested \$2.09 million in the remote sport program, funding 13 regional councils and Aboriginal community corporations to deliver sport and recreational activities to remote areas.
- ✓ Administered \$122,072 worth of grants to 32 sporting organisations through the Grassroots Grant Program.



Goal 3

Our people are valued, empowered and have opportunities to develop and contribute to our agency

- ✓ Supported staff participation in OneNTG Emerging Leaders program, Kiguruk and Lookrukin Aboriginal Leadership Program, and the Public Sector Management Program.
- ✓ Supported staff to complete formal training including 29 staff completing Certificate IV Housing, 12 staff completing the Diploma in Child Safety, and 49 staff completing the Certificate IV in Youth Justice.
- ✓ Implemented the Government Employee Housing Local Recruits program providing local recruits in remote areas concession on their rent.
- ✓ Invested in early careers programs by hosting 17 vacation students, 19 graduates and 8 school-based traineeships, and 41 Integrated Learning Student Placements.
- ✓ Supported 12 Charles Darwin University Work Integrated Learning Scholarship recipients with financial support and work experience.
- ✓ Delivered induction and other professional development courses across all work units. This has included presentations from subject matter experts drawn from frontline work units, partner government agencies, non-government services and Registered Training Organisations (including Charles Darwin University, Australian Childhood Foundation and Griffith University).
- ✓ Hosted the department's 2024 Aboriginal staff forum in Katherine in May 2024, attended by 106 attendees. A further 36 staff attended the whole of government Aboriginal Employee Forums in Darwin.
- ✓ Partnered with Northern Territory Council of Social Service to deliver Risk Assessment and Management Framework training sessions to government and non-government employees. As at 30 June 2024, 864 Northern Territory workers have been trained.
- ✓ Launched the refreshed Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework in September 2023.



Goal 4

Our agency and partners are agile, responsible and focused on our collective impact for all Territorians

- ✓ Established a Northern Territory Aboriginal Repatriation Working Group including Northern Territory land councils, other organisations and government agencies to facilitate the repatriation of Aboriginal ancestral remains and sensitive cultural material in the Territory.
- ✓ Established integrated office spaces to better service our communities with child protection, housing and remote services, including in Maningrida and Angurugu and Elliot.
- ✓ Undertook complex tenancy blitzes through the housing surge team to increase tenancy engagement and improve revenue collection.
- ✓ Progressed reforms to support improved service delivery and the transfer of public housing assets to community housing management, including to amend housing legislation. In collaboration with the sector, reforms include waitlist management, rent setting, management of antisocial behaviour, and water charging.
- ✓ Transferred 251 public housing dwellings to a Darwin Community Housing Provider for long term management.
- ✓ Released the Northern Territory Children and Families Tripartite Forum's first action plan of its Generational Strategy 'Planting the Seeds' on 2 October 2023 and in April 2024, approved 14 project plans that will support delivery of the actions.
- ✓ Supported 4 meetings of the Northern Territory Children and Families Tripartite Forum, comprised of the Northern Territory Government, Australian Government and non-government and Aboriginal community-controlled community sector organisations.
- ✓ Designed the scope of the strategic review of investment into sport and recreation across the Northern Territory and commenced drafting the strategic review.
- ✓ Supported 38 peak sporting bodies, 6 sport service providers and 9 active recreation organisations.
- ✓ Implemented the Child Wellbeing and Safety Partnership Framework across all 6 regions.
- ✓ Established a Remote Water Team and Essential Services Working Group to implement actions under the Territory Water Plan.
- ✓ Negotiated a long-term partnership with the Australian Government to deliver a \$4 billion joint 10-year remote housing investment.
- ✓ Secured \$37.7 million from the Australian Government through the National Water Grid Authority for 5 funding proposals to deliver 14 water infrastructure related projects across 6 remote communities in the Northern Territory.
- ✓ Continued the rollout of our infrastructure upgrades through the \$28 million Water Security and Water Quality Program and \$87.19 million funding through Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd for essential service delivery.

Performance

Budget Paper 3 Key Performance Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Families				
Strengthening families cases opened as a result of a child protection investigation ¹	-	-	-	198
Child protection investigations commenced ¹	-	-	-	4,291
Children entering out of home care during the year	227	171	151	188
Aboriginal children in out-of-home care placed with an Aboriginal carer ¹	-	-	-	25.4%
Children exiting out of home care ¹	-	-	-	200
Child and family centres (total) ¹	-	-	-	6
Young people successfully completing community-based orders ²	57%	36%	55%	55%
Receptions into a youth detention facility ³	294	588	689	939
Domestic and family violence workers completing Risk Assessment Management Framework training ¹	-	-	-	864

¹ New measure commencing 1 July 2023.

² Order completions fluctuate year to year. The proportion of young people completing community-based orders in 2023-24 is based on orders recorded as completed in the CARE system as at 30 June 2024.

³ The increase is attributed to movements between the Alice Springs and Darwin Youth Detention Centres over 10 months due to the refurbishment of the Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre.

Budget Paper 3 Key Performance Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Housing				
Homelessness services presentations where clients were housed at the end of their support period ^{1,2}	-	-	-	8%
Urban social housing dwellings ^{1,3}	-	-	-	5,690
Urban social housing dwellings managed by community housing providers ¹	-	-	-	20%
Urban public housing rent received ¹	-	-	-	92%
Urban public housing dwellings inspected in previous 12 months ¹	-	-	-	52%
New households assisted into public housing ^{1,4}	-	-	-	755
Public housing dwellings occupied within 70 days of vacancy ^{1,4}	-	-	-	43%
Government Employee Housing dwellings inspected in previous 12 months ¹	-	-	-	65%
Remote public dwellings managed	-	5,497	5,628	5,684
Remote public housing tenancies living in appropriately sized housing	48%	47%	47%	49%
Remote public housing rent received ¹	-	-	-	73%
Remote public housing dwellings inspected in previous 12 months ¹	-	-	-	56%
Houses upgraded under the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program ¹	-	-	-	764
Businesses providing town camps and homelands services that are Aboriginal business enterprises ¹	-	-	-	84%
Days safe drinking water is supplied across the 72 Indigenous Essential Services communities ¹	-	-	-	99%
Average electrical outage duration for each customer served across the 72 Indigenous Essential Services communities (minutes/year) ¹	-	-	-	183

¹ New measure commencing 1 July 2023.

² As at 31 March 2024, homelessness services data is released quarterly in arrears.

³ Comprises public and community housing dwellings.

⁴ Comprises of urban and remote public housing dwellings.

Budget Paper 3 Key Performance Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Communities				
Places and objects on the NT Heritage register	-	303	300	306
Online and in-person visits to Territory public libraries including Library & Archives NT ¹	-	-	-	1.43M
Artists, art workers and arts organisations funded through arts and culture grant program ¹	-	-	-	233
Eligible organisations registered for sport vouchers	298	310	357	381
Sports and recreation organisation partnerships ¹	-	-	-	68
Events supported to enhance gender equity and diversity	66	66	86	98
Events supported to promote and celebrate young Territorians	220	190	218	255
Events supported to promote and celebrate multicultural community	126	102	111	97
Active participants with an approved National Disability Insurance Scheme plan	4,196	4,963	5,647	6,030
Eligible Territorians who are members of the NT Concession Scheme ¹	-	-	-	65%
Eligible Territorians who are members of the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme ¹	-	-	-	74%
Welfare Group meetings held ¹	-	-	-	22
NT Home Ownership				
Loan accounts in arrears greater than 30 days	4.54%	1.55%	4.83%	5.96%
Additional Territorians assisted into home ownership	44	26	10	0

¹ New measure commencing 1 July 2023.





Families

What we do

The safety and wellbeing of children and families is our top priority, and we provide a range of services to support and help children and families. We recognise the unique and complex social challenges faced by many people and families in the Northern Territory and provide targeted, culturally safe and intensive support to prevent statutory interventions.

Children entering the statutory system is a last resort. When children enter the youth justice or child protection system, we provide intensive support services focused on getting them home safely and connected to their families and community.



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SERVICES



CARE AND PROTECTION



POLICY AND REFORM



ADOPTIONS



DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION



YOUTH JUSTICE



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2023-24 at a glance

- Invested \$348.16 million in our Families portfolio
- Invested \$4.48 million in the Emergency Management Welfare Group's response to severe weather events
- 886 children in out-of-home care
- 403 foster and kinship placements
- 28 women's safe houses
- 184 FTE Youth Justice Officers
- 34 Youth Outreach and Re-Engagement Officers received 107 referrals to engage with young people
- Finalised 5 adoptions, approved one application and supported 63 adoptees and birth parents with information about applications.

'It has been an 8-year reform journey for the youth justice system in the Northern Territory. Over this time, we have developed an integrated service system and Model of Care that acknowledges that young people in the system should: receive social, emotional and wellbeing support; develop education, vocational and life skills; strengthen connection to culture, family, and community; and address offending behaviour. While we still have room for improvement, the Northern Territory youth justice system is at the forefront of best practice in Australia.'

– Deputy CEO Programs, Jeanette Kerr

CASE STUDY



Galiwin'ku School Gala

In the community of Galiwin'ku the local school, Shepherdson College, held a school gala which allows organisations to set up a stall to support community engagement.

The Remote Child and Family Support (RCFS) workers were invited to set up a stall where they handed out organisational merchandise to children and leftover baby and adult clothes from a previous event to mums and their babies. The staff also organised a game where they had a small jar filled with seashells and participants had to guess the correct number to win a hamper sourced by RCFS workers.

This is a positive event for the community, bringing together approximately 200 children and their families. It was a great opportunity for the community to engage with the department in a positive community activity. It provided a relaxed atmosphere, having fun, laughing with the children and being able to chat with parents about enjoyable topics such as fishing, holidays, sports etc.

CASE STUDY



Supporting reunification with family

A young child, who lived in a remote community entered the care of the Chief Executive Officer due to worries for their safety at home. They were placed with foster carers in a larger community while their parents worked through a range of challenges and difficulties with the support of their family and services.

Over time, the RCFS workers supported and encouraged the child's mother and helped the child's grandparents to keep their relationship and become the child's family carers. The child is now living safely at home with their family in their remote community, attending school and is known to be relaxed and confident in the classroom and in their learning.

The RCFS workers continue to work with the child and the family making sure the right supports are in place for the child to continue thrive.

Family support

Our focus is on providing support services and programs to prevent or reduce the likelihood of children at-risk entering care through early intervention. If children do enter the statutory child protection system, we work with families to safely reunite children with their family.

These services are available to everyone, regardless of their risk level, meaning families can access these services without having a formal connection to, or open case with the department.

2023-24 highlights

- **Increased our investment in Family Support Service to \$10.2 million** providing funding to 13 Aboriginal controlled organisations, one non-government organisation, and one multicultural organisation to create community designed and locally delivered family support services in 39 locations across the Northern Territory. These organisations have supported 360 families with intensive family support activities throughout the year.
- **Received 858 calls to Territory FACES**, our Family and Children Enquiry Service to connect families with supports and activities in their area. The demand for FACES is seasonally affected with increased calls to FACES and Central Intake during critical events such as flooding.
- **Funded Parentline \$1 million to provide parents and carers in the Northern Territory counselling and support via phone or web chat.** The service operates 7 days a week between 8 am and 10 pm to support parents with strategies to manage times of crisis, provide parenting support, and promote parent mental and emotional health. Parentline received 175 contacts and 62 referrals from around the Northern Territory.
- **Supported 198 families through a Strengthening Families** case commenced by child protection practitioners to support family-led decision making to address child safety and wellbeing and identify what support services can help to facilitate change.
- **Provided 737 family assistance, advice and case management support** by local RCFS workers, who also helped with over 200 referrals to other services and supports for families, and delivered 207 community engagement activities.

Child and Family Centres

We are responsible for overseeing the establishment and operation of Child and Family Centres across the Northern Territory.

These centres play a critical role in supporting families by providing a single access point for essential services like child health, early education, and family support. Our aim is to help children from birth to 5 years old grow up healthy, safe, and strong, while also empowering families with the tools they need to support their child's development.

From 2020 through to 30 June 2024, we have opened 6 Child and Family Centres (CFC) including:

- Tennant Creek: The Marlungku-kari Centre opened in 2020 by Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Katherine: The Big Rivers Centre opened in 2020 by Kalano Community Association
- Kalkarindji: The Ngalywany Purrap'ku Centre officially opened in early November 2021 by Gurundji Aboriginal Corporation
- Darwin's Northern Suburbs: The Darrandirra Centre opened in early February 2022 by CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation
- Alice Springs Town Camps: The Child and Family Centre opened in June 2022 by Tangentyere Council.
- Wadeye: The Children and Family Centre opened in July 2023 by Thamarrurr Development Corporation.

2023-24 highlights

- Opened the Da Ngimalmin CFC in Wadeye in July 2023 by Thamarrurr Development Corporation.
- Awarded the contract to Gorj-Däl Aboriginal Corporation to establish and operate the Gapuwiyak and Homelands CFC.
- Continued to work with community members and stakeholders to establish a further 2 centres in Borroloola and Arlparra. These are anticipated to open in 2024-25.
- Awarded the contract to Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation to establish and operate the Papunya CFC. An outreach CFC service model will be developed to service the communities of Haasts Bluff and Mount Liebig.

Child and Family Community Fund

We are responsible for the administration of the Child and Family Community Fund which provides funding to communities with Child and Family Centres to deliver innovative, community-led initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for children in the Northern Territory.

The Child and Family Community Fund provides up to \$260,000 each year to improve outcomes for children aged 0-5 years and their families as part of the Starting Early for a Better Future: Early Childhood Development in the Northern Territory 2018-2028 plan.

2023-24 highlights

- \$98,500 awarded to Gurundji Aboriginal Corporation to deliver a range of community-focused healing and wellbeing programs, leadership programs and cultural education programs from the Kalkarindji fund.
- \$260,000 awarded to the Gunbalunya School for suicide intervention, trauma response, and extensive family support services from the Gunbalunya fund.
- \$260,000 awarded to Tangentyere Council to establish the Town Camp Authority Group to support the development of a peace-making process and undertake a consultation process with families and young parents to co-design a safe sleeping and parenting support program from the Alice Springs Town Camps fund.

CASE STUDY



The Child and Family Community Fund provides funding to activities that reflect each communities' priorities, with programs ranging from child health, development, safety and wellbeing to family resilience, problem solving and parenting.

In 2023-24, the Malak Family Centre established an edible garden project aimed at supporting local communities 'to be places where children and families thrive' with funding from the Child and Family Community Fund.

The garden was established to educate children and families around food origin, healthy eating and the environment. The centre has grown tomatoes and cucumbers and things that they can use in their meals and morning tea. The garden is teaching the children and families about healthy eating, where their foods come from, sustainability, and respecting the environment.

Centre Director Julia Deveney said "They love to just go and pick the tomatoes and eat them straight off the bush. They come out and water them every day."

The edible garden is part of a \$2.2 million funding program, in which 16 recipients across 10 Northern Territory communities received grants to help develop innovative and local programs in the community. The emphasis on early education is a vital part of the Territory's long-term strategy to build healthier communities.

"We are looking forward to completing the program with a bush tucker garden, and the planting of native plants in our playground," said Julia.



Professional practice services

Our professional practice services comprise 3 main teams:

Practice	who work with frontline child protection practitioners, youth justice staff and housing staff to build capability through professional development. The team develops practice guidance and resources, completes critical incident case reviews and compiles information for the Office of the Children's Commissioner, the Child Death Prevention Review Committee and the Northern Territory Coroner.
Disability and Development	who work with frontline child protection practitioners to enable access to appropriate funding and supports for children and young people in care with developmental delays and/or suspected or diagnosed disabilities. The team also manage the Medical and Allied Health Services panel contract.
Specialist Assessment and Treatment Services	who work with young people in youth detention. The Assessment and Treatment team completes assessments, provides counselling to young people, develops behavioural support plans and undertakes training with Youth Justice Officers. The Case Coordination team supports young people in detention and liaises with young people in detention, their family, significant others and other stakeholders to develop comprehensive Throughcare plans, which support their transition back into the community.
Housing Practice	who work with frontline housing staff to deliver quality and appropriate tenancy services. The team works collaboratively to identify and address complex tenancies including supporting housing surge teams to conduct blitz inspections to improve tenancy engagement, tenancy outcomes and revenue collection.



2023-24 highlights

- **Received and supported 490 referrals for diagnostic and/or therapeutic interventions** through the Medical and Allied Health Specialist Services (MAHSS) contract.
- **Approval for 2 additional providers to the MAHSS contract**, with a focus on providers who have staff located in regional and remote Northern Territory, to increase access to services for children outside of Darwin.
- **Supported an additional 45 children and young people in the care of the Chief Executive Officer** to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the total number of children in care with an active NDIS plan is 306.
- **Developed 3 standalone practice guidance's** for responding to concerns for the safety and wellbeing of children in care relating to section 84A, section 83B of the *Care and Protection of Children Act*, Standard of Care Review, new Transition to Independence Practice Guidance, After Care Support Practice Guidance and supporting resources.
- **Developed practice guidance, system processes, forms, resources and training package** for the programmatic response to raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility – On the Right Track.
- **Facilitated 8, 4-day Safe and Together CORE training sessions** across the Northern Territory.
- **Created a new housing surge** team to engage with tenants, conduct complex tenancy blitzes and improve revenue collection.
- **Developed Signs of Success and Throughcare Planning Induction training package and practice resources** for Youth Justice Officers and Community Youth Justice Officers.
- **Facilitated case mappings, domestic violence mappings and Best Interest of the Child mappings** across the regions and provided in-field mentoring to new practitioners in the regions.
- **Led the coordination, planning and outcome panel meetings** for section 84A child protection investigations.
- **Undertook practice reviews** for children before the Child Death Review and Prevention Committee and the Coroner and internal requests by senior executives within the department.
- **Introduced a Complex Behaviour Working Group** to promote holistic and comprehensive support for young people with high support needs.
- **Completed 386 individual therapeutic intervention sessions** with young people in youth detention.
- **Implemented Throughcare Planning** aligned to the Northern Territory Youth Detention Centres Model of Care for young people in detention. Throughcare is the continuous, co-ordinated and integrated management of young people from their point of involvement with justice services to their successful reintegration back into the community.

Care and protection

We promote and safeguard the wellbeing of young Territorians through preventing, identifying and responding to child harm and exploitation. We provide child protection and out-of-home care services and support families and children experiencing vulnerability to help strengthen the foundations for their success and choose the right path.

We do this by maintaining Aboriginal cultural security with a commitment to providing a responsive and safe place for Aboriginal people where cultural values, strengths and differences are integrated into the governance, management, design and delivery of services.

Having the right information at the right time helps us to make more informed decisions about children and their families. In 2023-24, we reformed our child protection case management systems, streamlining the information sharing process to achieve better outcomes for children, families and communities.

Established in July 2023, the CARE Business Alignment Unit works with the DCDD to ensure the CARE case management system enables us to focus on, and be responsive to, the needs of children and young people in care, their families and carers.

360VoC system

We're changing our child protection case management systems to achieve better outcomes for children, families and communities.

These changes will automate access to information about children who we know may be at risk of harm and their close connections. This information is already available to us through manual processes between agencies. The new 360 View of the Child (360VoC) system will improve responses and streamline the process for sharing information we currently obtain during child protection inquiries and investigations.

2023-24 highlights

- **Signed the tri-state agreement**, a cross-border collaboration between Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) and the 3 neighbouring child protection jurisdictions of Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia to deliver a cross-border team of child protection officers.
- **Established a CARE Business Alignment Unit** to support improved client services through the effective use of the system, and continuous system improvements to enhance the CARE system functionality.
- **Worked with 200 children and their families** to support transition out of care with 87% of young people reunited with family. As at 30 June 2024 there were 886 children in care.
- **Placed 45% of children in foster care and 40% in kinship care.**
- **Invested \$27 million in Intensive Therapeutic Residential Care**, a specialist form of residential care focused on supporting recovery from trauma and providing specialised care for children and young people with complex mental health, disability, emotional and behavioural issues that may present a risk to themselves and others.
- **Housed 40 young people living in intensive therapeutic care houses in Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin** as at 30 June 2024.
- **Improved family support services** that help families to keep children safe at home, prevent entry into care and support reunifications after care by identifying the needs of individual families and connecting them to the services they need. This includes the \$5 million allocation to employ On the Right Track Family Support Workers in regions and the introduction of complex tenancy teams linking tenants to relevant family support services.
- **Improved child protection services** that recognise many children and young people enter care with multiple complex and interdependent needs across health, education, disability and behavioural domains.
- **Improved case management services that link children to the services they require.** There were 306 children in care with an active approved NDIS plan at 30 June 2024. This is an increase from the 185 in 2020-21, reflecting focussed work and prioritisation of getting the right services for children and their carers and families.
- **All young people in the Northern Territory who have transitioned to independence have access to after care support** until they turn 25.

CASE STUDY



CARE

Since launching our CARE system in March 2023, we've made significant strides in how we support our clients. Implementing CARE has been a journey of learning and adaptation, with our people actively embracing new technologies and integrating the system into their everyday work. Their adaptability has been key to our shared success.

We ensured everyone knew how to use CARE through a combination of in-person and online training sessions, which helped maintain a consistent approach. We have also established clear guidelines for managing the system and making decisions, fostering accountability at every level. This ultimately enhances the services we provide and delivers better outcomes for our clients.

Key partnerships and support that helped CARE transition smoothly include:

- our CARE champions, who played a crucial role during the early stages and continue to do so
- staff and leaders from various regions, offering invaluable input and support
- Clinical Practice, providing leadership to enhance CARE's impact
- our Strategic Information Management Committee (SIMC), contributing to the governance framework that supports CARE
- DCDD Agency Business Systems Human and Shared Services (ABS), offering local support for system enhancements and managing vendor relationships.

Through collaboration and dedication, we've brought CARE to a stable and effective place, setting the stage for continued improvements in how we serve our clients.



CASE STUDY



Crossover Care

Jack*, a 13-year-old young person with numerous serious charges before the Youth Justice Court, faced significant challenges stemming from early childhood. In response to his offending, the Crossover Care Team became involved, offering hope for a fresh start.

Crossover Care is a team dedicated to the case management of children in care who are in contact with the youth justice system and placed in Darwin Intensive Therapeutic Residential Care. Crossover case managers are dual authorised under the *Care and Protection of Children Act* and the *Youth Justice Act* – therefore they undertake duties that a normal child protection practitioner would as well as a Community Youth Justice Officer. This supports consistency and continuity in the case management of young people having only one worker undertake 2 roles.

Jack's case manager reached out to his family, exploring kinship care options in Jack's home community. After thoughtful conversations, a family member agreed to care for Jack and participate in the required safety planning meetings in the community to ensure his wellbeing.

With the Crossover Care Team's support, Jack returned to his community, reconnecting with his family, his new kinship carer and his community. The team also arranged for Jack's mother and aunt to join him, helping them participate in safety planning through family-led decision-making and taking ownership of supporting and caring for Jack as a family group.

Jack is enrolled in the community school, regularly visits the clinic for his medication, and is building positive relationships with those around him. Since returning home, Jack has made good decisions and stayed away from offending and antisocial behaviour. He wants to remain in his community signalling a hopeful path forward with his family.

*Name has been changed to protect privacy.



Domestic, family and sexual violence prevention

We work across all government departments, and with our non-government partners, to coordinate efforts to prevent and respond to domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV).

We lead policy integration and implementation, incorporating whole-of-government critical projects including the Risk Assessment Management Framework (RAMF), Family Safety Framework, DFV Death Review, evaluations, and governance. We also coordinate the cross-agency implementation of actions under the DFSV Framework (Action Plans 1 and 2), providing oversight and coordination of whole-of-government reform, system performance, policy development and implementation.

We ensure the effective implementation of actions under Action Plans 1 and 2, collaborating with agency leads and supporting regional coordinators to maintain locally responsive reforms. Our team leads policy development, data analysis, monitoring and evaluation while providing strategic advice to government on the DFSV Framework and its action plans. We also manage reporting on national plans, offer governance support and publish an annual report on the progress of reforms.

Additionally, we deliver grant programs to prevent and respond to DFSV, to provide opportunities for people using violence to change their behaviours, and to support the development of the DFSV sector. We also oversee the implementation of key policy frameworks, including the Sexual Violence Prevention Framework, and work to align Northern Territory and Australian Government investments in DFSV efforts.

2023-24 highlights

- **Released the Monitoring, Accountability and Evaluation Plan** to track progress and learn from evidence.
- **Launched Action Plan 2 in 2023** with \$20 million funding for 2023-24 and 2024-25, and an additional \$30 million over 2 years for 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- **Established the DFSVR division** with 21 staff, including a new regional coordination team to support local networks and implementation of Action Plan 2.
- **Held 2 DFSV Aboriginal Advisory Board meetings.**
- **Held quarterly Cross Agency Working Group meetings**, revising the terms of reference to strengthen membership, increase Aboriginal representation, and focus on strategic workshops to oversee Action Plan 2.
- **Commenced planning of the DFV Death Review program.**
- **Hosted the Sharing and Strengthening our Practice Conference in Alice Springs** for frontline DFSV workers in June 2024.
- **Developed and released the Minimum Standards for Declared Domestic Family Violence Rehabilitation Programs** in April 2024 to ensure a consistent model for men's behaviour change programs.
- **Commenced a 2-year pilot of the DFSV Housing Pathways Transitional Accommodation in Darwin and Alice Springs** providing housing and support for 25 DFSV victim survivors through Community Housing Providers.
- **Secured \$28.8 million under the National Partnership Agreement (NPA)**, increasing the Northern Territory's funding allocation from 1.8% to 4.6% of the national total due to strong advocacy efforts.
- **Allocated \$2.93 million from the NPA** to extend successful initiatives funded under the first instalment for an additional 12 months.

- **Launched the Action Plan 2 Steering Committee** to drive implementation, with 53 of the 65 actions (82%) already underway and the remaining 12 to begin in 2024-25.
- **864 DFV workers across the Northern Territory completed RAMF training**, bringing the total to almost 2,000 since 2021
- **Delivered a new remote RAMF module** in Wadeye, Nhulunbuy, Galiwinku and Mutijulu.
- **Provided 65,157 bed nights in Women's Safe Houses** for clients experiencing domestic, family or sexual violence.
- **Created or updated 4,056 safety plans** at Women's Safe Houses.



Sharing and strengthening our practice

Domestic violence and
sexual violence conference



CASE STUDY



In June 2024, 250 people from government and non-government organisations gathered in Alice Springs for the Sharing and Strengthening our Practice conference. The event brought together a diverse range of voices, creating a powerful space for collaboration and learning across the sector.

Participants expressed how impactful the experience was. One attendee said “The event was well organised and strengths based. It’s not an easy topic and it was handled in a way that felt optimistic.’ Another appreciated the local focus saying, “I enjoyed that it was an almost fully NT program; there was no need to interpret and apply information from other jurisdictions. It was all relevant.”

The conference also highlighted the importance of diverse representation, with one participant sharing, “It was great hearing diverse experiences from organisations, and I thought it was really great to have so many men involved.” Others emphasised the value of community-led approaches, with a participant stating, “I really enjoyed hearing about projects and programs happening around the NT, and the incredible work that is informed by lived experience, is community led and developed in grassroots, bottom-up approach.”

A key theme was the leadership of Aboriginal voices, which many felt was central to the event’s success. As one attendee put it, “The fact that the conference was led by Aboriginal voices, knowledge and strength was essential to the relevance and success of the conference.” This focus on Aboriginal leadership and community-driven initiatives made the conference a truly meaningful and transformative experience for all involved.

Youth justice programs

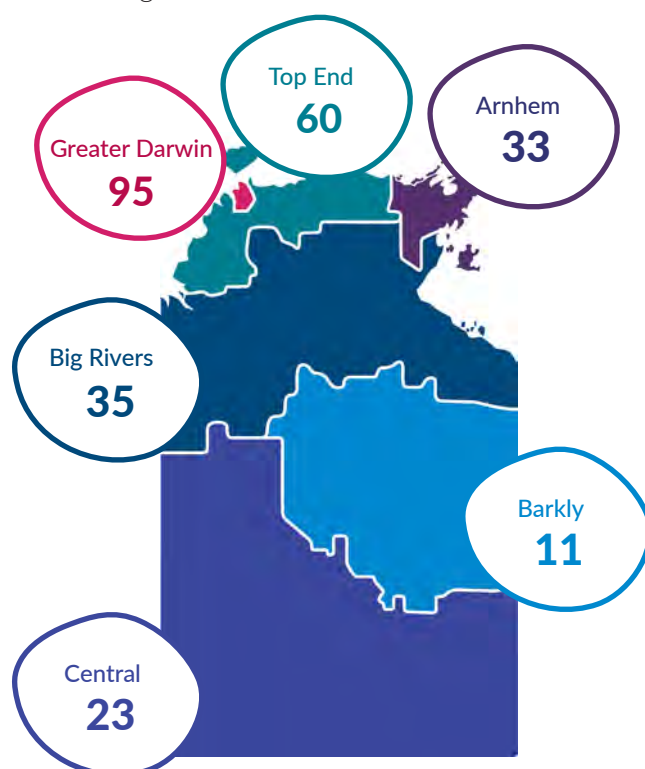
Intervening early and supporting young people is the best way to prevent and break the cycle of youth crime.

Youth justice programs support the diversion of young people from contact with police and the youth justice system and encourage them to take responsibility for their behaviour.

Youth justice programs also value the importance of giving victims of youth crime a voice and empowering them to contribute to the remediation of a young person. A connected and coordinated approach towards youth diversion ensures targeted support measures and planning for the next stage, which involves transitioning the young person out of care or detention and onto a pathway towards successful adulthood as a contributing member of the community.

2023-24 highlights

- **Invested \$21.7 million in community youth programs** to improve the approach to diversion and early intervention, and support crime prevention.
- **Invested an additional \$700,000 across 3 Aboriginal controlled organisations** to provide additional supports and services to children under the age of 12 involved in antisocial behaviours.
- **Completed an evaluation of the Back on Track and Community Youth Diversion Programs** for consistency with characteristics of effective diversion program. Recommendations for future design and alignment to the Northern Territory Government's 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Young People currently being considered.
- **First Step Development Enterprises supported young people** to transition into school or other educational pathways.
- **Funded Saltbush Enterprises for the delivery of supported bail accommodation in Darwin and Alice Springs.** In 2023-24, 128 young people were accommodated and supported to comply with bail conditions, with a total of 3,982 bed nights.
- **Commenced services at Residential Youth Justice Facilities in Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek** with First Step Development Enterprises contracted to run the refurbished Darwin facility for up to 16 young people, an interim site at the Juno Training Centre in Tennant Creek for up to 6 young people and the Alice Spring Gap Road facility delivering supported accommodation services.
- **Funded 12 community youth diversion providers across 58 communities** to support young people through formal diversionary process with the Northern Territory Police. In 2023-24, 257 young people were referred including:



- **Funded Jarrdimba Bayamuku Aboriginal Corporation** for the delivery of 4, 10-day on Country bush camps and 2, 3-month work experience camps at Seven Emu Station. This year 13 young people attended the short camp, and 5 young people attended the long-term camp.
- **Funded the YMCA for the operation of Palmerston Youth Drop-in Centre**, which provides structured and engaging youth activities after school, on weekends and during school holidays, as well as making referrals for young people and their families to appropriate support services and or interventions as required. In 2023-24 we also funded \$130,836 to YMCA for a new/refurbished kitchen at the centre to provide life skills such as cooking lessons.
- **Jointly funded Oonchiumpa Consultancy with Nantional Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to develop and deliver a new program focused on working with high-risk young people, their family and extended family.** Coordinated support included access to cultural activities such as camps and on-Country learning as a circuit breaker for offending or antisocial behaviours, leading to sustainable and positive change. Oonchiumpa is co-located in our Alice Springs office.
- **Two young people from the Back on Track #U-Turn program completed a restorative mural art project at the SHAK.**
- **Linked a young vulnerable woman to the Pandanus Program so she could engage with Childbirth Education.** The young person has transitioned beautifully into motherhood.
- **One young woman participating in the Back on Track program was supported by #U-Turn** to put together approximately 95 Christmas Food Hampers and distribute to families needing extra support across Darwin and Palmerston in December 2023.
- **Solid collaboration between the Community Youth Diversion and Youth Camps service providers.** Five young men from Gunbalanya attended and successfully completed a 2-week youth camp program at Seven Emu Station in Borrooloola. The program provided the young men life experience and a journey of self-reflection. The young men were also supported in cultural mentoring and expressing themselves to identify their strengths and weaknesses. This has made a massive impact on our young men, supporting them to make better decisions since returning to community.
- **Accepted 128 referrals to the Back on Track program**, which often works with the most challenging young people and their families.
- **Funded restorative youth justice conferencing through Jesuits Social Services (JSS) and Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation**, which supported 28 referrals and 11 victim-offender conferences.

Raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility

On 1 August 2023, the Northern Territory Government raised the minimum age of criminal responsibility (MACR) from 10 to 12 years. The MACR is the minimum age that someone can be responsible for committing a crime.

Children under 12 who engage in negative behaviour that would otherwise be an offence are referred to Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC). Families can receive voluntary intensive family support services to address the issues influencing their child's negative behaviour.

The services aim to prevent the child continuing to engage in negative behaviour that could lead to involvement in the youth justice system once they turn 12.

The On the Right Track program delivers these intensive family support services. It can link families to community-based services and work with education to keep children engaged in school.

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Back on Track

Through the Back on Track Program, young people are supported to:

- successfully obtain their White Cards, enabling several young people to work on construction sites, opening employment opportunities in the building and construction industry.
- find employment, with one young person successfully obtaining and maintaining a full-time job.
- save and purchase a vehicle, with 2 young people obtaining their own vehicle, demonstrating significant progress in financial literacy, independence and commitment to a goal.

CASE STUDY



Saltbush Pathways to Success

As a participant in the Saltbush Pathways to Success (Back on Track) program, *Ben secured employment as a Music Centre Assistant Technician at a local music centre in April 2024. From the start, Ben has proven himself as a dedicated and valued member of the team, making significant contributions to both his role and the vibrant arts community in Tennant Creek.

Beyond his regular duties, Ben has embraced opportunities to enrich the cultural fabric of the community. One standout project involved his pivotal role in organising a collaboration between Barkly Regional Arts and Tennant Creek community at Peko Park. This event brought together music acts from the Barkly Work Camp and other local musicians, creating a platform for talent to shine, and fostering unity through the shared experience of music.

Ben's commitment and enthusiasm have made a lasting impact, both in his professional role and within the broader Tennant Creek arts scene.

*name has been changed to protect the young person's identity

CASE STUDY



Victims of Crime

Victims of Crime Northern Territory (VoCNT) received a referral in Tennant Creek for a 79-year-old woman who had endured 2 violent home invasions and robberies, leaving her injured. The young offenders involved were offered Restorative Conferencing, supported by the Mob, a local not-for-profit organisation.

With the support of VoCNT, the victim agreed to participate and prepared for the conference, where she would discuss how the young people could begin to repair the harm they caused. During the conference, she spoke directly to the young offenders, who expressed deep remorse and offered sincere apologies.

The victim, whose mobility had been affected by the incidents, requested that the young people prepare and deliver meals to her and her neighbours at the 'Pensioner Unit.' The young offenders readily agreed, and word quickly spread among other young locals, who were eager to help. The group grew each day, cooking and delivering meals, and eventually, they created a cookbook featuring their favourite recipes.

The cookbook was shared with the children's families, the local community, and all stakeholders involved in the conference, symbolising the positive transformation and collective effort that emerged from the restorative process.

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On the Right Track - Yuelamu

In January 2024, the On the Right Track (OTRT) team responded swiftly to a call from Yuelamu after a group of children caused significant property damage, including break-ins at a teacher's home and the local clinic, which resulted in the clinic's temporary closure. Responding quickly, the OTRT team gained consent from the families to involve their children in the OTRT program and began visiting the community every fortnight. They engaged with the children, families, the school, and local organisations to provide consistent support.

The program gained momentum almost immediately with families for OTRT's continued support. One of the most successful initiatives was the creation of the 'On the Right Track Awards', a weekly reward system where students earned footballs for attending school, following rules, and staying for the entire day. This simple yet powerful incentive led to a noticeable improvement in behaviour and school attendance, with all participating children earning awards.

OTRT's influence extended beyond the program, as the school invited the team to present term-end awards and participate in NAIDOC week celebrations, solidifying their presence in the community. As a result of their efforts, school attendance doubled, and reports of antisocial behaviour among the children stopped.

The OTRT team is proud of the positive and lasting impact they've made in Yuelamu, demonstrating that even town-based programs can drive meaningful change in remote communities when built on collaboration. Their efforts have not only improved outcomes for the children but also strengthened relationships with local services, reinforcing the program's success.





Youth justice operations

The Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre and Don Dale Youth Detention Centre care for young people on remand or service sentences. Our youth justice operations team actively implements the Model of Care while planning the transition to new, modern youth justice centres in Darwin and Alice Springs.

We deliver a range of programs and activities designed to meet the unique needs of the diverse group of young people in these centres. These programs and activities, offered outside of regular education hours, provide a secure and structured environment that supports rehabilitation and personal growth, helping young people on their path toward a more positive future.

2023-24 highlights

- **Re-opened the refurbished Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre.**
- **Facilitated over 200 leave of absences** that saw young people attend a diverse range of locations including:
 - Palmerston Youth Skills centre to participate in the try a trade program
 - Darwin Wildlife Sanctuary to assist with caring for the animals that live there
 - local footy teams for training and games on weekends.
- **One young person attended a school camp** with the school he attends when not in detention at Litchfield Park.
- **Young People from Don Dale Youth Detention Centre have been taken to visit the new Darwin Youth Detention Centre,** due to open late 2024.
- **One young person participated in the driver education program** to obtain his driver's licence.
- **Facilitated White Card courses** for young people in detention.
- **Staff organised employability workshops and the annual careers expo,** which saw various businesses showcase employment opportunities to young people in detention.
- **The annual Olympic sports week was held for the third year,** which saw young people participating in events such as vertical jump, 100 metre sprint, tug of war, cross country, volleyball and soccer.
- **Our centres celebrated events such as:**
 - NAIDOC week
 - Christmas Day
 - International Women's Day
 - Australia Day
 - NT Youth Week
 - Harmony Day
 - Easter
 - State of Origin
 - End-of-year education awards.
- **Two young people were supported to participate in the 2024 Youth Homelessness Matters Day Couch Surfing race.**
- **Youth justice staff celebrated the inaugural national Australasian Youth Justice Acknowledgement Day,** a day dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the hard work that often goes unseen by staff in youth justice.



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Setting young people up for success

Under the *Youth Justice Act 2005*, the Superintendent can grant young people temporary leave from detention to attend education, social, recreational, or vocational activities where it is safe to do so. While leave of absence (LOA) at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre (DDYDC) has long been used for compassionate visits, such as family gatherings and funerals, since 2022 we have expanded its use to help young people in our care attend educational and recreational activities that foster a connection to their community before their release.

These opportunities allow young people in our care to rebuild a sense of connection and belonging their community, giving them a chance to engage in positive, pro-social activities during and after release. This connection has proved to improve long-term outcomes, both for the individual and the wider community. Through the LOA process, we have seen young people secure employment, volunteer opportunities, and participate in local sports teams and competitions. It has also provided them with the chance to reconnect with significant cultural events and ceremonies, deepening their cultural roots.

One young person in our care was recently offered, and accepted part-time employment as a direct result of the LOAs facilitated by the centre. Another was able to undertake driving lessons while in detention, preparing him for a job upon release. These success stories highlight how temporary leave not only supports personal growth but also sets young people on a path toward a more positive future.

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Couch surfing event for Youth Homelessness Day

In April 2024, 2 young people from Don Dale Youth Detention Centre had the opportunity to participate in the Youth Homelessness Matters Day Couch Surfing event. Together with youth justice staff, they decorated their couch and proudly rode it to victory, taking first place at the event.

The day was filled with support from stakeholders, staff, and members of the public all cheering them on. The win brought a sense of pride and achievement, not only for the young people involved but also for the staff who supported their efforts. It was a powerful moment of teamwork and community spirit, showcasing the potential for positive experiences and connection.

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Summer in Central Australia – a coordinated response to community safety concerns

During the 2023-24 summer holiday period, the Northern Territory Government introduced the Summer in Central Australia (SiCA) plan, a coordinated effort to enhance safety and boost community confidence in Alice Springs and surrounding regions. The plan brought together TFHC, NT Police, local councils, and community organisations, focusing on reducing crime, supporting at-risk youth, addressing homelessness, and providing family-friendly activities.

A key part of our role involved supporting young people and their families through a comprehensive summer school holiday program. In collaboration with Alice Springs Town Council, MacDonnell Regional Council, and Central Desert Regional Council, we delivered 1,260 activities across 24 communities. Events like basketball tournaments, movie nights, arts and crafts, discos, and bush trips provided a safe and engaging environment for children and young people. The program also included free access to the town pool and air-conditioned spaces, ensuring a record number of coordinated and funded activities across the region. To further engage participants, we introduced a prize system, with over 560 entries for weekly draws, rewarding both town and remote community participants.

As part of SiCA, we also piloted a new co-responder model in partnership with NT Police, directly engaging 53 young people in Alice Springs. Of those, 42 were safely returned to a responsible adult, and 7 received overnight care. This model provided immediate intervention, helping reduce risk factors for at-risk youth.

Our Integrated Youth Outreach and Re-Engagement Team (IYEO) played a crucial role in supporting long-term positive outcomes. The IYEO model focuses on proactive engagement, early intervention, and family accountability. By identifying young people at risk and working closely with their families, we ensured earlier support and connection to healthy activities. The IYEO approach includes stronger collaboration with service providers, NGOs, and government agencies, emphasising a holistic support system for youth and their families. This integrated approach fosters clearer assessments, increased accountability, and targeted case planning, helping young people stay on track and reducing their involvement in antisocial behaviour.

Through the enhanced school holiday program and the IYEO model, we aimed to create positive experiences for young people, building a sense of belonging and connection to their communities while reducing risks and encouraging long-term positive change.

Emergency management

As the lead department for the Welfare Functional Group under the Northern Territory's Emergency Plan we have responsibility for meeting the immediate essential needs of people impacted by emergency events and facilitating Disaster Recovery Payments to impacted individuals.

Membership of the Welfare Group includes government, non-government, and Aboriginal community controlled organisations local to the region where the disaster event occurs or where disaster-affected people are accommodated.

This includes organisations such as the Australian Red Cross, Save the Children, Council of Churches, St Vincent de Paul, Foodbank, the Salvation Army, Aboriginal organisations, and place-based services in each region.

In 2023-24 we responded to 4 emergency events providing supports and services to impacted Territorians.

Fires in the Barkly Region – September 2023

- Provided temporary shelter and supported to 60 residents of Kargaru Town Camp while a local fire was addressed through the Barkly Welfare Group, in conjunction with Shelters Group.

Tropical Low – January 2024

- Provided a broad range of services to affected Victoria and Daly River catchment communities and individuals through the Welfare Group in collaboration with the Emergency Operations Centre. This successfully enabled Territorians to remain in their communities, preventing large population evacuations.
- Established the Marrara and Foskey's evacuation centres in Darwin to ensure supports were available should communities be flooded in the Victoria and Daly River catchments.
- Provided accommodation and support to 20 Nitjpurru residents at YiSSA short stay accommodation in Marrara, and provided goods and supports through the Local Emergency Committee to Daguragu residents who re-located to Kalkarindji.
- Provided practical supports to the medically vulnerable residents of Yarralin, Kalkarindji and Timber Creek who were evacuated to Darwin and Katherine and to residents of the Gilwi, Myatt, Gulardi and One Mile homelands who relocated to Timber Creek due to threat of flooding. The Welfare Group made community visits to issue Immediate Relief Payments to eligible residents in the Timber Creek area and to medically evacuated people and residents evacuated from Nitjpurru.

Tropical Low/Cyclone Lincoln – February 2024

- Activated the Welfare Group on 14 February 2024 in preparation for a Tropical Low which forecast widespread flooding in the Victoria and Daly River catchments.
- Localised flooding in Beswick required some residents to self-evacuate to other parts of the community including the school.
- Undertook survey and assessments of properties impacted by flooding enabling all residents to return home through the Welfare Group with Big Rivers housing teams.
- Deactivated the Welfare Group on 20 February 2024 when the threat from flooding reduced.

Tropical Low/Cyclone Megan – March 2024

- Activated the Welfare Group on 12 March 2024 in response to a Tropical Low which later became Tropical Cyclone Megan.
- Provided extensive supports and responses to impacted communities in the path of the Tropical Low and cyclone through the Welfare Group. These included psychological first aid, practical assistance with accommodation, food and hygiene, Immediate Relief Payments and evacuation centre operations for Borroloola residents.
- Supported 411 evacuated people from Borroloola accommodated at the Foskey's evacuation centre between 20 and 29 March 2024. Immediate Relief Payments were made to evacuated residents.
- 112 Northern Territory Government staff contributed to the Welfare Group's efforts arising from Tropical Cyclone Megan.



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Tropical Low - January 2024

In January 2024 a new evacuation arrangement was established with YiSSA Short Stay Accommodation Darwin, utilising their 'wet weather' capacity for 20 evacuated members of the Nitjpurru Community.

The evacuees had access to existing supports and programs with additional resourcing and support from Welfare Group members.

The Welfare Group maintained a daily presence onsite and provided supports and access to basic essential needs. The arrangement was highly successful with very positive feedback from the Nitjpurru community members, Red Cross and Yilli Rreung Housing and Mission Australia.





Housing

What we do

We support people with one of their most basic needs – providing a safe and secure home, and support services for those experiencing, or at risk of homelessness. The breadth of what we do spans from homelessness services, through to home ownership and across people and assets.

We aim to improve housing outcomes for Territorians – from managing a significant portfolio of social housing and tenants, to partnering with the NIAA and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to deliver improved housing in remote Aboriginal communities.

Our affordable housing portfolio allows eligible key workers to access housing with subsidised rent, while our social (public) housing portfolio provides secure, affordable homes for those experiencing vulnerability.

We also support the autonomy and cultural connections of our remote Aboriginal communities through our remote housing and homelands programs, building new homes and providing maintenance and upgrades to homes in regional and remote areas of the Territory.

The Indigenous Essential Services team has been working with DIPL and the Power and Water Corporation (PWC) to improve water security for remote communities and enable development by identifying water infrastructure projects suitable for a funding partnership with the National Water Grid Authority (NWGA).

To date 6 funding proposals have been accepted by the NWGA for a combined value of \$67.7 million, enabling much needed water infrastructure improvements to begin at Gove Peninsula (Yirrkala and Gunyangara), Maningrida, Mililingimbi, Numbulwar and Yuendumu. This funding will also accelerate infrastructure assessments in 55 remote communities and identify solutions to put forward as future funding proposals.

We have worked with the Office of Water Security to set up a remote water team (the first multi-agency group of its kind) under the 3-year Territory Water Plan. The team is actively engaging with Territory communities to improve water awareness, participation in water decision-making, and water stewardship, with 10 communities receiving on-the-ground engagement so far.

A housing professional practice team has been created and a senior practice leader appointed, and recruitment is underway for regional practice leaders to support frontline staff to deliver quality and appropriate tenancy services.



HOMELESSNESS SERVICES



GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE HOUSING



POLICY AND REFORM



REMOTE HOUSING



SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING



INDIGENOUS ESSENTIAL SERVICES

2023-24 at a glance

- Invested \$489 million in our Housing portfolio.
- Employed 28 Public Housing Safety Officers across Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.
- Managed 10,348 public housing dwellings in 5 urban centres and 73 remote communities.
- Transferred 251 social housing dwellings to Community Housing Providers (CHP) for long term management.
- Provided 5,826 Territorians access to specialist homelessness services.
- Managed 395 affordable housing dwellings.
- Managed and maintained 1,862 Government Employee Housing dwellings.
- Funded 2,419 dwellings in Homelands and Town Camps.
- Supported 67 established and active remote Housing Reference Groups.
- Delivered 1,082 new remote bedrooms under the Remote Investment Package.
- Implemented a new mobile inspection tool and completed more than 4,000 inspections using the device.
- Spent \$33.2 million on specialist homelessness services.

"This past year has been monumental for progress in the housing sector.

We recognise the valuable role that community partnerships play in the sector, and we have seen the impact that stronger collaboration with our partners is making on tenant outcomes. We have also been working closely with the Australian Government to jointly deliver remote housing, homelands and homelessness services, which is providing more scale.

We're transforming our urban housing portfolio and transferring properties to the Community Housing Provider model. In addition, progress is underway in remote housing as we strive to halve overcrowding in these communities. We also continue to provide key worker rent subsidies and identify strategies and solutions to accommodate the workforce required to deliver major infrastructure projects in the Territory.

While our focus on tenants and ensuring they have safe, secure and affordable homes remains the same, we've seen positive momentum underway to achieve meaningful change. This approach has laid the foundations to ensure we can successfully deliver the big tasks ahead of us and continue to meet the needs of vulnerable Territorians needing housing support."

– Deputy CEO Housing, Brent Warren

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Managing over 10,000 public housing homes, we understand that public housing tenants sometimes face unfair stereotypes in the community. That's why we created the **Pride in Your Place Award**—to celebrate those who take exceptional care of their homes and yards, turning them into spaces of beauty and pride.

Throughout 2023-24, we honoured tenants from across the Territory who exemplify this spirit. Take Kunbry from Mutitjulu for example, who, with the help of her family, transformed her yard into a vibrant garden full of flowers and plants, set against the breathtaking backdrop of Uluru. Her dedication earned her a Pride in Your Place award, showcasing how a bit of love and effort can create something truly special.

Then there's Val, whose devotion to her garden in Palmerston has turned her backyard into a lush oasis. Her space is filled with beautiful plants, charming ornaments and a lovely bird bath—a true testament to years of hard work and passion.

Another shining example is Mahaya, who not only keeps her home and garden looking lovely but also enriches her local community. Inspired by her father, Mahaya grows a variety of fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, cumquats, chillies, pawpaw, jackfruit, longan and figs. She takes great joy tending to her plants and generously shares her bountiful produce with friends and family.

It's not just the community that benefits from these beautiful gardens, our housing teams do too. Their visits to these homes become the highlight of their day. One Tenancy Officer was so inspired by Kaylene's garden in a remote community that she nominated her for the Pride in Your Place Award. Kaylene and her husband have created one of the best and brightest gardens, repurposing old tyres, adding charming ornaments, and even setting up a day bed for relaxing.

These stories remind us that public housing tenants are not just residents; they are caretakers of their homes and active contributors to their communities. The Pride in Your Place Award is our way of acknowledging their efforts and the positive impact they have on everyone around them.



Homelessness

We collaborate with our sector partners to deliver integrated services such as outreach, accommodation and tenancy sustainability programs that help to reduce homelessness.

2023-24 highlights

- **Delivered and extended grant funding for an additional 12 months to 30 June 2025 to 19 non-government providers for the delivery of 58 Specialist Homelessness Services** programs in urban and regional centres across the Northern Territory including:
 - visitor accommodation
 - short term or emergency accommodation
 - medium term/transitional accommodation
 - private rental programs
 - tenancy sustainability programs
 - support services
 - peak body funding
 - drop-in-centres/hubs
 - the Batten Road Integrated Homelessness Supported Accommodation Service.
- **Provided accommodation and support services to 11 youth programs** across the Northern Territory, as part of these Specialist Homelessness Services.
- **Funded Lhere Artepe to deliver a new outreach service for people sleeping rough in Alice Springs**, with a focus on supporting people who are sleeping rough to be linked to Return to Country services or into emergency accommodation as appropriate.
- **Completed an evaluation of Northern Territory visitor parks** to inform the development of new visitor park models across the Territory.
- **Developed an agreed timeline with sector partners to reform homelessness services in response to the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness (NASHH)**, which replaces the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement from 1 July 2024.
- **Secured \$55.6 million per year over 5 years for social housing and homelessness services in the Northern Territory**, which is a significant increase of \$33.7 million each year on the previous agreement under the NASHH. This includes \$42.8 million per year to support the future delivery of specialist homelessness services across the Territory.



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Helping young families thrive

Service Provider: Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Services (ASYASS)

Twenty-three-year-old Sarah* self-referred herself and her one-year-old to Ampe Akweke (an accommodation option for young women pre and post birth needing support) in September 2023. Sarah was experiencing considerable housing stress, overcrowding and general risk to her and her child's health. Pregnant with her second baby, Sarah had limited family support in Alice Springs and found it difficult to manage the needs of her child while living in an overcrowded, loud and unstable home environment.

Sarah and her child found refuge at Ampe Akweke and were provided a safe, homely environment. When Sarah first entered the program, she'd had limited engagement with antenatal care, and was experiencing a lack of food security, hygiene facilities and limited family support. Ampe Akweke liaised with Alukura, a Women's Health Service that provides pregnancy support, education and general health checks. Sarah consistently attended appointments with support from ASYASS staff. She was provided culturally appropriate and safe care, and support to independently take her one-year-old to medical appointments and immunisations.

ASYASS provided resources for her and her child throughout the placement such as nappies, personal hygiene products, clothes, food, and toys. Sarah had continuous daily support and mentoring to get through each day of parenting and learned to care for her child and herself during pregnancy. Staff also provided ongoing emotional support by actively listening to her concerns and validating her feelings. Sarah was able to obtain financial support (parenting payments) and identification documents for her newborn.

One of Sarah's main goals was to live independently in her own home with her children and partner. In December 2023, she reached her goal and moved into a 2-bedroom unit in Alice Springs with her young family. Case management support is ongoing to empower them with the skills they need for future private rental accommodation when they move out of ASYASS accommodation.

* Name has been changed to protect the participant's identity.



CASE STUDY

Dignity Barbecue

In partnership with NT Shelter and Alice Springs Town Council, our Central Australia team conducted regular community barbecues to engage with people camping and sleeping rough and visitors to Alice Springs. During the 2023-24 summer period, 8 community barbecues were conducted with around 200 people attending.

In addition to the regular outreach barbecues, service hubs were held which connect people sleeping rough and other clients with services including Return to Country. The barbecues were temporarily paused when temperatures exceeded 38 degrees, and recommenced when temperatures were favourable in January 2024.

These dignity barbecues provide an opportunity to engage with people camping and sleeping rough, to provide support for their immediate needs and an opportunity to discuss housing pathways.

Urban housing

Our urban portfolio includes social and affordable housing, which ensures those in our community facing disadvantage or vulnerability, can access secure housing.

Social housing can be provided by government (also known as public housing) or by non-government organisations, such as community housing providers. Clients often have a range of needs and social housing ensures their most basic human rights are met through the provision of housing at a standardised low-cost rent.

Affordable housing provides a hand-up for eligible key workers, allowing them to rent a home subsidised by government to reduce rent to below market rates.

We are stewards of a social housing portfolio of 5,690 urban dwellings. This includes supporting government investment in new builds, helping to grow the Community Housing Sector, managing waiting lists and allocations, and providing frontline tenancy management.

Our portfolio of 395 affordable housing rentals includes 383 dwellings head-leased from the private market across Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to support workers in key service industries.

Our 28 Public Housing Safety Officers operate across Greater Darwin Region, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, proactively patrolling public housing and responding to calls from tenants for assistance to maintain their home and

manage for issues such as anti-social behaviour.

Our Public Housing Safety Officers form part of interagency working groups such as Daily Patrollers and the Interagency Tasking and Coordination Group who are multi-agency forums comprised of NTG, local government and non-government organisations (NGO) who implement a coordinated and collaborative approach to prevent and address antisocial behaviour issues impacting community safety.

Additional funding in 2023-24 led to an increase of staff supporting complex, at-risk tenancies in the Greater Darwin Region and Central Australia. Staff work closely with partner agencies and NGOs to support at-risk tenancies through intensive case management. The case management approach supports collaboration with the Family Safety Framework, child protection and support agencies in an attempt to develop sustainable tenancies for our most vulnerable clients prior to compliance action being taken.

Our NT Home Ownership team operates as a Government Business Division within our department, overseeing the provision of NT Government home loan products and services to assist eligible Territorians into home ownership.

Community Housing growth and reform

We work with registered CHPs to transform the way social and affordable housing is delivered and managed in the Territory.

We are committed to supporting the establishment of a strong and sustainable community housing sector and delivering growth opportunities as outlined in the Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32. This includes transferring the management of up to 40% of urban public housing to the sector.

We have transferred, or are in the process of transferring, more than 1,000 dwellings and investing in CHPs as key vehicles to deliver new housing supply.

Through growing the community housing sector and reforming the way social housing is delivered, the Territory will see improved outcomes for social housing tenants and local communities and the establishment of a financially sustainable social housing system.

2023-24 highlights

- **Transferred management of 251 social housing dwellings in Darwin to Mission Australia Housing NT** and prepared for the transfer of 250 social housing dwellings in Palmerston to Venture Housing on 1 July 2024.
- **Completed the John Stokes management transfer to Venture Housing**, with the handover of the final tower of 18 affordable housing dwellings.
- **Commenced a competitive commissioning process to transfer the management of 269 homes in the Greater Darwin Region.**
- **Finalised negotiations with Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation for the management transfer of 100 homes in Palmerston and with Community Housing Central Australia (CHCA) for the management transfer of 100 homes in Alice Springs**, in line with the NT Government's commitment to support the growth of Aboriginal controlled CHPs.
- **Finalised stage one of the commissioning process to identify a CHP or consortium** to redevelop the Shiers Street site in Darwin through the Territory's first large scale Build-to-Rent model in partnership with the sector.
- **Undertook a competitive grants process to award 25% (\$12.5 million) of the \$50 million funding received under the Social Housing Accelerator Payment to the community housing sector.**
- **Entered our first partnership with Housing Australia in the Territory.** Both organisations are funding a Venture Housing development project in Tennant Creek that will deliver 12 new affordable housing dwellings.
- **Funded the auspicing of Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) NT** to support sector strengthening and advocacy, including through finalisation and delivery of the Community Housing Industry Development Plan.

CASE STUDY

In 2023-24, we took a bold step to reshape public housing across the Northern Territory, marking a pivotal moment in the Territory's social housing evolution. As part of our Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32, we partnered with leading CHPs to prepare transfer of the management of over 700 properties to organisations with deep expertise and a strong commitment to community wellbeing. Our aim was to build a sustainable, resilient housing ecosystem that truly meets the diverse needs of our residents.

We began with the largest handover in Northern Territory history, transferring 251 homes in Darwin to Mission Australia Housing NT (MAH-NT), while 250 homes in Palmerston were ready for transfer to Venture Housing on 1 July 2024. This was a significant milestone in our efforts to modernise and sophisticate the Territory's housing system. To ensure a smooth transition for tenants, we have worked closely with MAH-NT and Venture Housing, alongside key government departments, including DIPL, DCDD, and the Australian Government Department – Services Australia. Our collaborative approach, which focused on planning, information sharing, and joint problem-solving, not only made the transition seamless for tenants but also strengthened the local housing sector's capacity to compete for future development opportunities, such as those supported by the Housing Australia Future Fund.

A dedicated transfer working group was central to our success. This team, which included experts in community housing, tenancy, finance, policy, compliance, legal, communications, infrastructure, and systems, worked tirelessly to prepare the assets and tenancies for transfer. We confirmed housing conditions, updated asbestos registers, developed financial procedures for tenant account reconciliation and amended legislation to support the management transfers. Tenant engagement was a top priority, and we worked closely with Services Australia and CHPs to manage the transition of rental payments and connect tenants with vital community programs.

Our efforts didn't stop with Darwin and Palmerston. We also established partnerships with Community Housing Central Australia (CHCA) and Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation (Yilli Housing), in preparation for the management transfer of 100 homes in Alice Springs to CHCA and 100 homes in Palmerston to Yilli Housing in the latter half of



2024. These organisations bring a deep understanding of the local communities they serve, which is essential for building a culturally inclusive and supportive housing system.

The impact of our work is already visible. For example, one tenant, who was initially reluctant to engage with MAH-NT, faced severe stress and mental health challenges, including anxiety, lack of sleep, and not taking medication. Through consistent, personalised support and multiple interactions, we helped her reconnect with the right services and improve her wellbeing. She eventually signed all the paperwork and expressed gratitude for the time and care we took in helping her adjust. Today, she is thriving and has only needed to contact us once for a general tenancy inquiry.

Additionally, an elderly man diagnosed with cancer, who was struggling financially with no support services, was referred to the Tailored Support Coordination Service (TSCS). He received assistance with furnishings, aged care services, home modifications, and gardening services, allowing him and his wife to regain stability. His wellbeing has improved significantly, and he is now ready to be discharged from the TSCS program.

Through these partnerships and our ongoing commitment to reform, we are not just transferring properties—we are building stronger, more supportive communities. Our success in this initiative highlights the importance of collaboration and innovation in ensuring that social housing tenants across the Northern Territory have access to safe, affordable, and well-maintained homes.

System wide reforms are also being delivered that establish a single social housing system in which public housing and community housing operate seamlessly. In collaboration with the sector, cross-departmental teams have led complex reforms to waitlist management, rent setting, management of antisocial behaviour, housing legislation and water charging.

Tenant engagement and compliance

We support tenants in public housing to maintain their properties including ensuring they understand and abide by their tenancy agreements and the *Residential Tenancies Act*. We provide expert advice and recommendations on public housing tenancy matters to support better outcomes for tenants, their neighbours and government.

We have teams dedicated to supporting complex tenancies with a focus on tenant and community safety and compliance. Additionally, we have teams that facilitate the delivery of market-facing programs related to head leasing and the Industry Housing Assistance Scheme to support Territorians.

To assist tenants in sustaining their tenancies we have entered into a funding arrangement with Larrakia Nation to provide subsidised grounds maintenance services to public housing tenants. Our Tenants can now pay a fee for service towards lawn mowing and yard maintenance.

2023-24 highlights

- **Supported key workers and low-income earners through the extension of:**
 - the Rent Choice Rental Subsidy Scheme for another year with an additional \$3 million in funding
 - 9 head leases through the Affordable Housing Scheme
 - 51 head leases through the Social Housing Head Leasing Scheme.
- **National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) approved participant:**
 - achieved 98% of possible incentive valued at nearly \$1.43 million.
 - supported 4 non-government Northern Territory NRAS approved participants by administering payment of the Territory portion of incentive valued at \$1.46 million.
 - facilitated allocation of NRAS onto dwellings in John Stokes Square, making them eligible to receive the Australian Government NRAS incentive.
- **Delivered targeted training and advice on best practice to frontline housing staff** in line with legislation and policies to improve practices and outcomes.
- **Managed ongoing head leases of:**
 - 383 privately owned dwellings, which are sub-let to low-to-middle income key workers under the Affordable Housing Scheme
 - 234 privately owned dwellings, which are sub-let to public housing tenants under the Social Housing Head Leasing Program.
- **Continued the review of the Industry Housing Assistance Scheme to ensure outcomes of the program meet the needs of the community.**
- **Provided secretariat support to the Public Housing Appeals Board and the Community Housing Registrar.**
- **Facilitated meetings with legal services and housing advocates** to enhance transparency, gather feedback on new and existing policies, and discuss issues impacting clients in the delivery of housing services.
- **Funded Larrakia Nation \$100,000** to provide discounted lawn mowing and garden maintenance to public housing tenants in the Greater Darwin Region.

CASE STUDY



Roger*, an affordable housing tenant receiving subsidised rent, successfully saved for a deposit to secure a home loan to purchase his own property. Roger was approved for early release from his affordable housing lease with no penalty because he'd become a homeowner. This is an example of a tenant successfully moving through the housing continuum.

* Name changed to protect identity

CASE STUDY



Strong.AS Program

Our Central Australia Region partnered with Healthy Living Alice Springs to deliver the 'Strong.AS' pilot program to seniors at 2 public housing complexes in Mallam Crescent, Sadadeen and Albrecht Drive, Larapinta. The Strong.AS program was designed to promote healthy ageing through physical activity and improving knowledge about healthy eating to support senior Territorians.

The program rolled out across 8-week sessions at each of the 2 locations which started in mid-March, consisting of one hour of exercise followed by a nutritional education session and healthy lunch prepared with a dietician. Physical activity is the key to staying independent and improving endurance, strength, balance and flexibility. The program is aimed at allowing older adults to live in their homes for longer without assistance by including and maintaining physical activity in their everyday life and staying socially connected. The sessions were also used to discuss and address security concerns with residents, empowering them with information on how to be actively safe in their surroundings.



Remote Community Housing

We are responsible for the development and implementation of key housing reforms to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians living in remote communities, homelands and town camps.

To achieve this, we lead and coordinate the delivery of critical programs to homelands (or outstations) and town camps and support the implementation of remote public housing property and tenancy management programs in remote communities.

The housing surge team was established in June 2023 to deliver direct tenancy management services, support and guidance to remote public housing clients and government employee housing according to the Remote Rent Framework and the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

This often requires travel to remote communities to support the organisation's vision, mission and business objectives towards debt management.



2023-24 highlights

- **Delivered 308 new homes and 1,071 bedrooms to tenants in remote Aboriginal communities through the HomeBuild program** with DIPL as part of the \$2.1 billion Remote Housing Investment program, Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.
- **Delivered 1,082 additional bedrooms to tenants in remote Aboriginal communities through the Room to Breathe program** with DIPL as part of the \$2.1 billion Remote Housing Investment program, Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.
- **Secured \$4 billion in joint funding between the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to build up to 2,700 new homes in remote Aboriginal communities over the next 10 years.** Remote Housing Tenancy Management Support Services contracts have been extended to 30 June 2025. With the successful negotiation of the new 10-year Federation Funding Agreement, all contracts will be reviewed with the intention of procuring long-term service provision.
- **Collaborated with Healthabitat**, a not-for-profit working with communities to 'maintain housing for better health' through prioritisation of 'health hardware' in homes and a focus on the 9 Healthy Living Practices.
- **Continued to deliver the Healthy Homes Program to integrate healthy living practices across homes in remote communities and town camps.** In 2023-24, housing condition inspections have been completed across 6 communities and 2 town camps, and service providers provided with the information required to undertake repairs.
- **Undertook repairs and maintenance works on 37 homes in Elliott town camps.** Works across the town camps have focused on ensuring the health, safety and security of town camps residents, including upgrading houses, roads, critical water and sewage infrastructure, and the installation of new street lighting and fencing.
- **Facilitated and supported installation of signage at Mulgga Town Camp** which outlines the rules that must be respected by visitors who enter Mulgga.
- **Engaged tenants in remote communities, with the housing surge team conducting hundreds of inspections,** Agreement to Pays (ATPs), safety net applications, debt recovery discussions and bond credit transfers.
- **Delivered initial general pest treatments to remote public housing dwellings in 33 communities** and a second treatment to dwellings in 17 communities under the Remote Housing Pest Control Pilot. The pilot aims to:
 - increase awareness of the health impacts of pests in households and to educate tenants with strategies to reduce pests in homes.
 - demonstrate that significant savings can be achieved through regular pest control in public housing by reducing damage caused by vermin to electrical wiring and ovens.

Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes

Housing investment continues to be prioritised under the Remote Housing Investment Package in recognition of the significant social and economic disadvantage experienced by remote Aboriginal communities. The investment recognises the fundamental human right for people to have safe and secure housing, to reduce overcrowding in remote communities and the role of government support for housing to close the gap.

Together with DIPL, we are delivering **Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.** in remote communities and select town camps. The program includes HomeBuild, which builds new homes, and Room to Breathe, which renovates existing homes to increase bedrooms and living spaces.

The program is jointly funded by Northern Territory and Australian Governments' \$2.1 billion Remote Housing Investment Package which includes:

- \$1.1 billion Northern Territory Government funding over 10 years (from 2017-18 to 2026-27) and \$550 million Australian Government funding over 5 years (from 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2023) for new builds, Room to Breathe modifications, government employee housing and repairs and maintenance

- \$432.8 million Northern Territory Government funding over 10 years (from 2017-18 to 2026-27) for land servicing and essential services infrastructure to support new housing.

A further \$4 billion in joint funding for remote housing and homelands was announced in April 2024 by the Northern Territory and Australian Governments. The new Remote Housing Agreement invests funding in remote housing in the Northern Territory over the next 10-years and will see up to 2,700 new homes built.



CASE STUDY



Supporting families in remote communities

The Remote Housing Investment Program, **Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes**, has significantly improved living conditions for many families in remote communities, providing not only much-needed refurbishments but also brand-new homes that transform lives.

One such example is the Thompson family from Maningrida. Before the program, the Thompsons lived in a small, overcrowded house that was inadequate for their growing family. The lack of space and privacy took a toll on their daily lives and wellbeing. Through **Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes**, the Thompsons were provided with a newly constructed home that perfectly meets the needs of their family. The new home, with more bedrooms and a spacious living area, has allowed the family to live comfortably and focus on building a brighter future together. The improved living conditions have had a profound impact on their quality of life, giving them a stable foundation from which they can thrive.

Another family that benefited from a new home is the Nguyen family from the remote community of Galiwin'ku. The Nguyen family previously lived in an aging, overcrowded home that was unsuitable for their needs. The lack of adequate space and deteriorating conditions made daily life challenging. Through **Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes**, the family received a newly constructed home designed to meet the specific needs of their large, extended family. The new house includes multiple bedrooms, a spacious kitchen and modern amenities, providing a safe and comfortable environment. This new home has dramatically improved the family's quality of life, allowing them to live with dignity and focus on their community roles and responsibilities.

These stories highlight how the Remote Housing Investment Program is not just about building homes but about creating opportunities for families to thrive in safe, comfortable and secure environments. The program's success is reflected in these personal stories, showcasing the transformative impact that new housing can have on the lives of remote Territorians.

CASE STUDY



Remote housing and homelessness

Remote communities are important to keeping Aboriginal people connected to community and Country and shouldn't come at the expense of a life well-lived.

Housing in remote Aboriginal communities is more than just building new homes or adding some bedrooms, it's about creating jobs and education opportunities.

Land belongs to Traditional Owners (TO) and is leased back by the Northern Territory Government who build homes for tenants to rent as public housing. For Pauline and her grandchildren who live in Kalkarindji, 464kms southwest of Katherine in the Northern Territory, the 'Australian dream' of owning a home out here isn't a reality. Whether you win the lottery, earn royalties from TO leasing or work hard in a job, building and owning your own home isn't an option.

There is a recognised, urgent need to develop sustainable housing solutions for remote Aboriginal communities across the country, this is a core focus for the Northern Territory Government. Investment into remote communities will work toward defeating the statistics for overcrowding and homelessness and with a sustained effort in this space we have made remarkable strides in enhancing remote housing and improving the lives of residents in these areas.

Despite the mammoth efforts, housing conditions and homelessness as a result of overcrowding continues to be a huge burden and a growing issue for our remote Aboriginal communities. Government's commitment to remote housing is evident through the historic investment of \$2.2 billion, the largest in the Territory's history delivered through the **Our Communities. Our Futures. Our Homes.** program. This initiative has resulted in the construction of over 1,000 new and extended homes across remote communities by 30 June 2024. Such developments have not only provided essential housing but also fostered a sense of community and stability among residents.

In Kalkarindji, one of the 73 communities to benefit from the housing works program, a substantial 111 additional bedrooms have been added. This has allowed families like Pauline to move from severely overcrowded homes to more suitable living spaces. The community has seen the completion of 28 new builds and 11 home extensions. The positive impact is evident in the joy and relief on residents' faces as they receive the keys to their new and upgraded homes.

Joint Territory and federal funding for Northern Territory homelands has also been reinstated through the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP). The program focuses on building and upgrading homes, enhancing essential services and supporting infrastructure projects. This collaborative financial arrangement shows commitment to providing culturally appropriate and durable housing solutions for the residents of homelands and demonstrates governments recognition of homelands as important cultural locations for Aboriginal people. Over the next 3 years an additional \$120 million will be allocated by the Australian Government to continue the vital work of the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program.

A fundamental element in our approach to deploying housing works in remote communities and homelands is centred on community collaboration. By partnering closely with local communities, land councils and AHNT we ensure that housing projects are culturally appropriate and tailored to the specific needs of each area. This method has improved housing conditions and empowered communities, fostering a sense of ownership and pride among residents. Whenever possible, Aboriginal-owned businesses are contracted for these projects, providing employment opportunities for community members.



Government Employee Housing

We provide government employee housing (GEH) to support the employment and retention of qualified and skilled staff in regional and remote locations. GEH is provided in 115 locations throughout the Northern Territory including towns, communities, National Parks and outback stations.

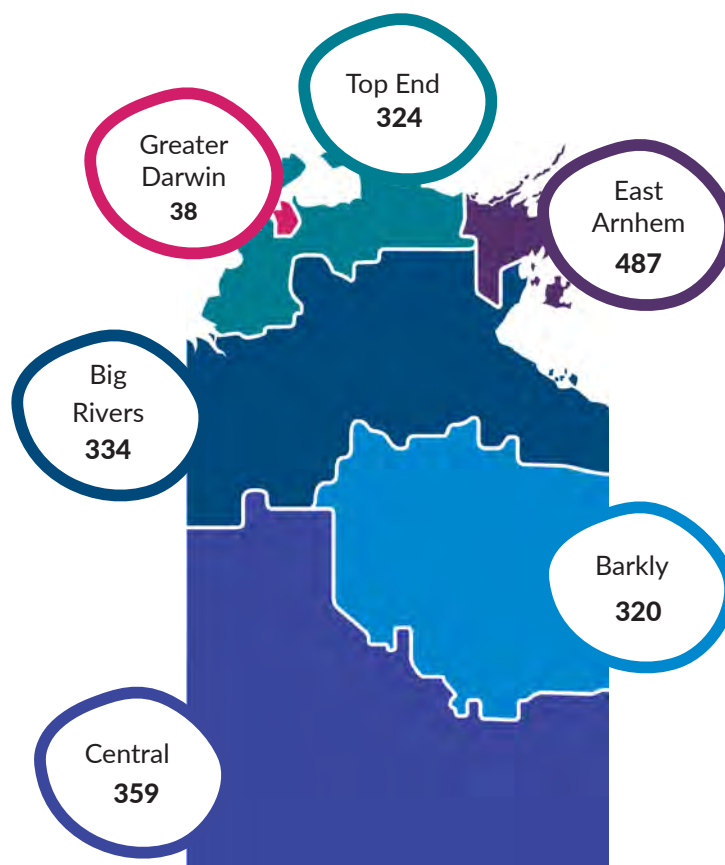
Increasing the number of staff in regional and remote locations supports the delivery of essential services, including by people who live in community and have developed relationships there.

We also manage the Remote Public Housing (Local Recruits) Rental Concession to support local Aboriginal employees working for the Northern Territory Public Service and living in remote public housing. Local recruits are provided a rental concession that allows them to live rent free in their home for the term of their (eligible) employment.

2023-24 highlights

- **Conducted almost 200 vacate inspections in more than 50 remote communities in the 2 weeks before Christmas** to support the Department of Education's end of school year turnover of staff living in GEH.
- **Improved the quality of GEH assets** through the repairs and maintenance and minor new works programs.
- **Commenced assisting DIPL** in drafting specifications for different security levels for GEH based on perceived levels of risk.
- **Delivered 8 new GEH homes.**
- **Implemented the Remote Public Housing (Local Recruit) Rental Concession** for all Northern Territory Government agencies from 1 January 2024.
- **74 employees were receiving the rental concession as at 30 June 2024.**

Total:
1,862



Local recruits – as of 30 June 2024

Agency	Arnhem	Barkly	Big Rivers	Central Australia	Top End	Grand Total
Department of Education	13	3	12	8	7	43
NT Health	1	1	3	5	11	21
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities		1	1	3	1	6
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	1				1	2
NT Police			1	1		2
Grand Total	15	5	17	17	20	74

Town Camps and Homelands

We are responsible for the development and implementation of key housing reforms to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians living in homelands and town camps.

To achieve this, we are responsible for the development and implementation of key housing reforms, leading and coordinating the delivery of critical programs to homelands (or outstations) and town camps and supporting the implementation of remote public housing property and tenancy management programs.

Homelands are small, often remote, Aboriginal living areas outside larger communities and urban regions. They are defined by the residents' cultural or traditional relationship to the land. Residing on homelands is often referred to as 'living on Country'.

Town camps are Aboriginal communities in, or adjacent to, urban centres across the Northern Territory. They are where people have lived and raised their children over many generations. Residents have a strong connection to their town camp, and they are highly valued as places for Aboriginal families to live together and thrive.

2023-24 highlights

- **Provided \$43.6 million in grant funding for the delivery of services in homelands, town camps and remote communities.**
- **Introduced changes to the Homelands Grants Program**, including consolidating and simplifying the number of grants being delivered by homeland service providers, and improving transparency of the program through reporting on the Bushtel website.
- **Continued to deliver the \$100 million HHIP** dedicated to addressing critical housing and infrastructure upgrades in Northern Territory homelands.
- **Finalised regional work plans in collaboration with the land councils and Aboriginal Housing NT** to guide stage 2 of the HHIP.
- **Engaged Menzies School of Health Research** to monitor and evaluate activities, outputs, and outcomes of HHIP and inform future programs and policy development.
- **Commenced all HHIP priority upgrade works**, with 28 contracts awarded through a mixture of expression of interest processes, and direct engagement of existing capable service providers.



CASE STUDY



Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program

In August 2023, we reached a major milestone under the HHIP with the finalisation of the Northern and Central Land Council Regional Work Plans.

The plans guide the regional allocation of \$54 million from the \$100 million committed by the Australian Government across 2022-24 to address urgent housing and infrastructure needs across Northern Territory homelands.

We consulted and collaborated with key regional stakeholders, including Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory (AHNT), the 4 Northern Territory land councils and homeland residents, to coordinate development of the work plans. Consultation involved:

- land councils developing principles to guide investment decisions and engaging with Traditional Owners, councillors and homeland service providers to determine priority projects
- AHNT engaging with homeland service providers to determine key housing and infrastructure issues and priorities
- homeland service providers and TFHC engaging with homelands residents to determine the work required for 2023-24 priority projects.

The investment in homelands will be continued over the next 3 years (2024-27) with the Australian Government committing an additional \$120 million to support housing and infrastructure upgrades on homelands. New regional work plans (2023-27) will be developed for all 4 land councils, that will guide the decision-making process and priority projects identified by each land council over the next 3 years of the program.

CASE STUDY



The Northern Land Council Regional Work Plan identified the need for upgrades to 10 funded dwellings and ablutions in the homeland of Ngangalala, a homeland near the community of Ramingining within the East Arnhem region. As of July 2024, all 10 homes have now been upgraded and residents have now moved back into their homes.

Homeland residents Ricky and Daraline have received upgrades to their homes, to improve their living conditions, which includes upgrades to the floors, a new bathroom and kitchen as well as a new paint job.

Indigenous Essential Services

We are responsible for oversight of the Indigenous Essential Services program, which delivers electricity, water and sewerage services to around 39,000 clients in 72 remote communities and 79 homelands across the Territory.

We achieve this by providing strategic planning, policy advice and grant funding to Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd (IES), a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Power and Water Corporation (PWC). For the 2023-24 period, IES was provided grant funding of \$82.6 million.

2023-24 highlights

- **Established the Remote Water Team**, an inter-agency team consisting of our department, NT Health, the Office of Water Security and PWC to support relevant priority actions of the Territory Water Plan, which aims to deliver water security for remote communities.
- **Continued rollout of our \$28 million program** with funding utilised to leverage Australian Government funding made available through the National Water Grid Authority.
- **Supported the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade on the Remote Power System Strategy** that aims to reduce diesel burned and increase the use of renewable energy in remote communities. This supports the government's commitment to an aggregate 70% renewable energy use across the 72 IES communities by 2030.
- **Secured \$37.7 million from the Australian Government through the National Water Grid Authority** for 5 funding proposals to deliver 14 water infrastructure related projects across 6 remote communities in the Northern Territory. Combined with \$22 million of Northern Territory Government funding, \$59.7 million in total has been allocated to progress water security projects for remote communities.
 - Milingimbi Water Security Strategy: Funding of \$11.4 million provided for 3 water infrastructure projects to improve sustainability and resilience of the water supply and support future sub-division development.
 - Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy: Funding of \$15.3 million provided for construction of 3 water infrastructure projects to improve water security and availability and reduce water losses to support new housing.
 - Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade Strategy: Funding of \$21 million provided for construction of 3 water infrastructure projects to improve water security/supply and reduce water losses.
 - Numbulwar Water Security Strategy – Phase 1: The Numbulwar Water Security Strategy is split into multiple phases. Phase 1 consists of investigative and planning projects to define the needs of future phases to develop a new water source, and \$3.1 million in funding.
 - Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy - Phase 1: Projects cover the communities of Yirrkala and Gunyangara and includes a construction project in Yirrkala to reduce water losses and support new housing, and a planning project in Gunyangara, totalling \$8.9 million in funding.

- **Undertook battery testing of the Wurrumiyanga solar battery** as part of the \$6 million pilot project to install additional solar panels and 1.75MVA battery energy storage. This project is estimated to reduce fuel consumption by 519,000L in the first year of operation and will be installed in 2024.
- **Supported local Aboriginal employment and development through our contracts** – including employment of local Aboriginal essential service operators who perform water quality testing, diesel generator services and maintenance of remote assets.
- **Progressed Closing the Gap Priority Reforms** by formally convening the Remote Essential Services Working Group. This working group brings together Aboriginal stakeholders and government to address target 9b under the Northern Territory Closing the Gap Implementation Plan.



CASE STUDY



Milingimbi Water Story

The remote island community of Milingimbi has a long history of 'water stress' and has been classified as an 'extreme' risk of future water source failure. The community water supply relies on groundwater from a local aquifer that was, until recently, thought to be at risk of over extraction and saltwater intrusion. This situation prevented development at the community, including construction of new social housing and expansion of services.

Overcoming Milingimbi's water security challenges has required innovative solutions appropriate for its very remote location. Through funding provided to PWC, Flinders University led hydrogeological assessments including the use of airborne electromagnetic (AEM) surveys to map large areas. These surveys involved a helicopter flying at low levels (approximately 60 metres) for multiple days and revealed Milingimbi's aquifer to be substantially greater than originally assumed.

This information formed the basis for us to work with PWC to develop the Milingimbi Water Security Strategy. Although reliant upon further understanding of the aquifer and community water use, the strategy comprises a package of 3 design and construction projects across the island to:

- equip 2 existing bores to increase supply, and construct an associated rising main and overhead powerline
- drill 4 new production bores and up to 6 monitoring bores
- installing equipment in up to 4 new production bores and 6 monitoring bores.

With a greater level of confidence provided from the strategic approach, we have been able to move forward and secure funding from existing Northern Territory Government sources and the Australian Government's National Water Grid Authority. The combined budget of the package of capital projects is \$11.4 million, with the first project having been initiated and due to be finalised in the dry season of 2024.

A unique challenge in delivering projects has been the risk of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), a legacy of the island's World War II role as an operational military base. UXOs are remnants of ammunition with specialist defence contractors engaged to conduct remediation services, involving land clearance over a 5-hectare area using magnetometers and metal detectors.

Completion of these projects will allow for the expansion of services to Milingimbi's residents and enable the construction of new housing to improve overcrowding and support Closing the Gap targets.



NT Home Ownership

NT Home Ownership operates as a Government Business Division as determined by the Treasurer under the *Financial Management Act 1995*. Government Business Divisions are required to operate in a competitively neutral manner and adopt commercial practices. These include paying tax equivalents and dividends under the Northern Territory tax equivalent regime and dividend policy. The recipient of these payments is the Northern Territory Government as owner.

NT Home Ownership oversees the provision of Northern Territory Government home loan products and services to assist eligible Territorians to achieve affordable home ownership.

NT Home Ownership was established in 2009 to increase the supply of affordable housing in the market and provide home ownership opportunities for Territorians otherwise unable to enter the housing market, and to reduce pressure on the rental market.

Over the years of operation, various home loan products have been offered with the current product being Home Build Access. NT Home Ownership's loans are administered by People's Choice under a mortgage management contract.

2023-24 highlights

- **Re-negotiated the continuation of the Mortgage Management Contract with People's Choice for 12 months** with the option to extend a further 12 months. This ensures that the management of the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) home loan portfolio is managed effectively via a banking platform, which is not available to the Northern Territory Government.
- **Continued to assist Chief Executive Officer (Housing)(CEOH) home loan clients** through the highest incidence of financial hardship in many years. 13 interest rate increases since May 2022 has affected home loan clients across Australia, and CEOH clients are no different.
- **Worked with the service provider to answer a direction from the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC)** direction for finance providers to do more to assist clients in hardship.
- **Amended the financial hardship application process** to ensure any CEOH clients that indicate that they are in hardship are treated in the same manner as if they were with a mainstream lender. The need to provide a suite of documents as evidence of their financial position was removed, and the service provider now has the capacity to allow up to 12 weeks' repayment pause.

CASE STUDY



We fund NT Home Ownership (NTHO) through Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding. This allows NTHO to provide vital services to the community on a non-commercial basis.

Our investment and partnership with NTHO helped public housing tenants in Larapinta to buy the home they'd been renting from us since 2009. Through the support of NTHO, public housing tenants, many of whom have never been homeowners, are provided with the support they need to guide them through the entire process.

NTHO paid the stamp duty fees of \$14,487 which meant that the tenants didn't have to borrow these additional funds and could use more of their savings towards their home loan.

We later learned of another family experiencing an incredibly difficult time. They were clients of CEOH and had to relocate to Queensland because their young child was battling a life-threatening illness that required ongoing treatment.

Under the terms of their home loan agreement, if they were no longer living in their home, their loan could increase by up to 3%.

The family was experiencing significant financial stress, with one parent unable to work fulltime due to their child's illness. They reached out to NTHO, requesting that the non-occupancy rate increase be waived.

NTHO applied to the Chief Executive Officer for a 12-month waiver on compassionate grounds, which was approved. This decision saved the family over \$300 per month, providing much-needed financial relief during an incredibly difficult time.

We always strive to ensure that our programs truly support people when they need it most, and we're proud to work with NTHO to make that a reality.



Communities

What we do

We foster wellbeing and build strong social connections across the Territory. Through arts and culture, we bring people together by creating access to museums, galleries, cultural precincts, and heritage sites. We actively support individuals and organisations sharing rich and diverse stories of the Territory, from ancient traditions to contemporary expressions.

Our commitment to truth-telling drives us to preserve and provide access to the archives and heritage places of the Northern Territory. We simplify the way communities engage with their history, while and support literacy programs and libraries that empower children, families and the wider community.

Sport and active recreation are a vital part of life here, and we're all about providing more opportunities for people to stay active and connected. From football ovals to water parks, to access to sport and learn to swim vouchers, we make sure that children, families and communities have the spaces and programs they need to thrive.

Inclusion is at the core of our work. We champion diversity, wellbeing and accessibility through programs that celebrate multiculturalism, gender diversity, disability inclusion, and the contributions of seniors and young people. We believe in equality and are dedicated to creating spaces where everyone feels valued, recognised, and supported.



ARTS AND CULTURE



SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION



LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND HERITAGE



SOCIAL INCLUSION



CONCESSIONS AND RECOGNITION

2023-24 at a glance

- Invested \$264.8 million in our Communities portfolio.
- Supported over 490 community events through grants and sponsorships with:
 - 46 community organisations to support events and activities held during Seniors Month
 - 255 events to promote and celebrate young Territorians
 - 97 events, festivals and projects to promote and celebrate our multicultural community
 - 98 grants and initiatives to enhance gender equity and diversity
- 233 artists, artworkers and art organisations funded through grants.
- Over \$7.3 million invested into peak sporting bodies, active recreation organisations and sport service providers.
- 16,496 NT Seniors Recognition Scheme members and 16,812 NT Concession Scheme members.
- 6,030 active participants with an NDIS plan.
- Over 445,000 artworks, artefacts and scientific specimen lots preserved and managed.



'I am proud of the work we do across the Communities portfolio - from sport, arts and culture, heritage, gender equity, multiculturalism, and programs for youth and seniors. Social inclusion is at the heart of everything we do, ensuring that every Territorian, regardless of their background or circumstances, feels valued, connected and empowered. By fostering diverse and vibrant communities, we create opportunities for all individuals to contribute, thrive, and share in the rich tapestry of our society. Together, we're building a more inclusive Territory, where everyone has the chance to belong and succeed.'

- A/Deputy CEO Programs, Samantha Livesley

Arts and culture

We are dedicated to nurturing a thriving arts community while preserving and sharing the Northern Territory's rich cultural and natural heritage. We achieve this by offering grant funding to individual artists and organisations, empowering them to bring their creative visions to life. Our work also extends to managing iconic arts and culture venues, such as the Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs, providing spaces where artistic expression and community connection flourish.

Investing in arts and culture infrastructure is a key priority for us, from the construction of the Northern Territory Art Gallery to upgrading Aboriginal and community-owned arts centres through the Arts Trail Gallery Extension Program. We're committed to maintaining and enhancing these vital spaces, ensuring they remain accessible and vibrant.

We also play a crucial role in shaping the future of the arts sector by developing policies, strategies and research, offering expert advice to both the Northern Territory Government and the wider arts community. Our focus is on building capacity and sustainability within the creative industries, particularly supporting Aboriginal leadership, agency and employment.

At the core of everything we do is a commitment to making arts and culture accessible to all. We believe in the power of participation, ensuring that every Territorian can experience and contribute to the rich cultural landscape we're helping to grow. Through these efforts, we keep the Territory's artistic and cultural heart beating strong.



2023-24 highlights

- **Invested \$7.13 million into the Northern Territory arts sector** across 233 activities supporting 83 artists, 19 arts workers and 131 arts organisations.
- **Committed \$4.9 million per annum for 5 years to support 23 Leading Arts Organisations and Strategic Arts Venues and 6 new Key Arts Organisations** to grow the arts and culture sector and enhance opportunities for Territorians to access and participate in the creative and cultural life of the Territory.
- **Invested \$249,000 in Aboriginal capacity building** to support Aboriginal, leadership and employment in arts and culture.
- **Delivered \$200,000 for 23 arts organisations** to upgrade equipment for arts production, display and sales.
- **Consulted 300 people across the Northern Territory to develop the NT Arts Strategy 2034** via the Have Your Say online survey and face-to-face meetings.
- **Delivered the NT Arts and Culture Infrastructure survey** with ANKA and Desart to identify future infrastructure needs.
- **Continued development of the Northern Territory Art Gallery (NTAG)**, which will showcase the Territory's significant Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal art collections, Southeast Asian collections, host Australian and international exhibitions, and provide more space for learning and community participation in art programs, special events and festivals.
- **Invested \$15.7 million to support the operation of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory's (MAGNT) 7 sites** across the Territory, including \$5 million to support the development of exhibitions and public programs for the NTAG.
- **Completed the MAGNT Bullocky Point Masterplan**, proposing a new direction and vision for MAGNT.
- **Commenced infrastructure upgrade designs for the Strehlow Research Centre and Museum of Central Australia in Alice Springs.**
- **Celebrated the 40th anniversary of Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs** with a community day and a celebratory exhibition Groundswell – Araluen at 40.
- **Empowered leaders of town camps to install an exhibition about the history of town camps at the Araluen Arts Centre.** This exhibition was attended by around 300 town camp members and featured music from town camp bands.
- **Refurbished the Araluen Arts Centre artist in residence space** and commenced preliminary design work on the foyer upgrades.
- **Sold 19,342 tickets to performances and films in the Araluen theatre and welcomed 13,518 people into gallery spaces.**
- **Initiated film screenings at Araluen Arts Centre** for multicultural groups in collaboration with Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia.
- **Invested \$7.4 million to upgrade the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre**, with the design led by Troppo Architects.
- **Commenced construction on the new Gapuwiyak culture and art centre at Lake Evalla in May 2024.** The \$11 million project is a collaboration between the Northern Territory Government, NIAA, and the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program.

CASE STUDY



Arts NT Case study – 2024 Venice Biennale

We proudly supported Territory artists as they took the global stage at the 2024 Venice Biennale, one of the world's most prestigious cultural events. Through a national partnership with Creative Australia, we ensured Territory artists had the opportunity to shine internationally. One standout was Naminapu Maymuru-White, a Senior Yolngu Elder from Yirrkala, whose contemporary art practice earned her a spot as one of just 2 First Nations artists selected to exhibit. Her powerful miny'tji designs, reflecting the Yolngu concept of Milngiyawuy, captivated audiences. Five of her works sold at the exhibition, showcasing not only her talent but also elevating the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. Our support helped amplify the voice of Territory arts and culture on the world stage, reaffirming the strength and uniqueness of our creative community.

CASE STUDY



Arts NT Case study - Adrian Jangala Robertson – International Solo Exhibition

We invested \$20,000 through our Arts Industry Development Grant to support Central Australian artist Adrian Jangala Robertson in achieving a career milestone—his first international solo exhibition at the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery in London. Adrian, a member of the Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists collective and a proud artist with a disability, made a significant impact with his work. This not only marked a personal triumph for Adrian but also highlighted the strength of the Central Desert arts community and disability arts. Our support ensured that the talents of artists like Adrian are recognised on the world stage, reinforcing the Territory's reputation for artistic excellence.

CASE STUDY



Arts NT Case study - The Other Side of Me – National Tour

We invested \$20,000 to enhance the sound and projection design for Gary Lang NT Dance Company's production *The Other Side of Me*, preparing it for a national tour. This allowed Gary Lang and his creative team to incorporate footage and sound gathered on Country, enriching the production's exploration of the Stolen Generations. The show reached over 2,000 people and showcased the extraordinary talent of Northern Territory artists. In April 2024, *The Other Side of Me* received further support from us with an additional \$15,867 in funding to represent Australia's First Nations excellence at the International Society for the Performing Arts Congress in Perth. The production was presented to 250 international delegates, solidifying the Territory's place in the global performing arts landscape.

CASE STUDY



Araluen 40th anniversary

Araluen Arts Centre celebrated its 40th anniversary, marking 4 decades of promoting the vibrant arts and culture of Central Australia. To commemorate this significant milestone, the Centre hosted a special event on Saturday 1 June 2024. The celebration featured gallery talks, panel discussions, live performances by local musicians, and food stalls, culminating in a ticketed evening performance of *The Other Side of Me* by NT Dance Company, choreographed by Larrakia artist Gary Lang.

As part of the celebrations, Araluen unveiled the *GROUND SWELL: Araluen at 40* exhibition, showcasing 200 significant artworks from its permanent collection, alongside 9 works on loan from the National Gallery, including pieces by Albert Namatjira. The event also saw the launch of Kim Mahood's residency exhibition *FORCEFIELD*, featuring her evocative drawings inspired by Central Australia. Araluen's 40th anniversary was a momentous occasion that highlighted its profound cultural impact on Alice Springs and the broader Australian arts community.



Sport and active recreation

We deliver high-quality services and support to the sport and active recreation sector through strategic investment, and training and development programs.

Our focus is on creating environments that maximise participation, enhance athlete performance, and strengthen the skills of coaches, officials, and experts across the Territory. We also prioritise the planning, development and investment in active spaces that align with cultural and community needs, ensuring Territorians have access to facility that support an active and healthy lifestyle.

2023-24 highlights

- **Launched the NT Sport Volunteer Action Plan 2022–25**, resulting in the:
 - launch of the \$100,000 Volunteer Development Grant Program
 - delivery of 8 volunteer development workshops
 - new NT Sport Volunteer Network app to share content and resources
 - celebration and recognition of volunteers during National Volunteer Week 2024.
- **Activated the 2024–25 NT Sport Integrity Action Plan** to enhance protection and safeguarding in Territory sports.
- **Developed and launched Coaching and Officials scholarships**, awarding 22 scholarships.
- **Delivered more than 327 Northern Territory Sports Academy Foundations Program sessions to 613 young Territorians**, with 142 parents/guardians involved as helpers/volunteers.
- **Delivered the Northern Territory Sports Academy Futures Program** to over 60 athletes in 14 different sports supporting their progression.
- **Developed and launched the Para Futures program** supporting 8 athletes with a disability from 4 sports in their high-performance pathway.
- **Delivered and celebrated the 2024 Northern Territory Sports Awards.**
- **Held quarterly NT Sport Integrity Network, NT Women in Sport Network, and Sport and Active Recreation Forum meetings.**
- **Conducted the Physical Literacy Summit** in conjunction with the School of Sport Education NT and Physical Literacy Approach NT Network.
- **Completed the AFL Taskforce Strategic Business Case.**
- **Developed a future Investment Framework for our industry partners from 2024-2029.**
- **Completed master planning for the Mickett Creek Shooting Complex and the Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex.**
- **Commenced a \$9 million redevelopment of Purkiss Reserve in Tennant Creek.**
- **Worked with regional councils on lighting at Ntaria and Gunbalanya ovals.**
- **Upgraded TIO stadium** with a cricket nursery, storage shed, pathway lighting, toilet block and vendor power bollards.
- **Installed a new scoreboard and carpark lighting at Larrakia Football Park.**
- **Upgraded track barriers at Hidden Valley Raceway for safety.**
- **Improved community facilities for Palmerston Tennis and Netball Centre** resurfacing and Palmerston Rugby League change room upgrades.

- Allocated \$300,000 to Katherine Town Council for planning an Aquatics Centre.
- Provided 27,965 sport vouchers and 5,007 learn to swim vouchers worth \$3.15 million redeemed by families across the Territory.

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Northern Territory Sports Academy (NTSA) Para Futures program

The NTSA Para Futures program is helping to shape the next generation of para-athletes in the Northern Territory, with 3 standout individuals making remarkable progress.

Sahrah Hancock, a talented S6 para swimmer with achondroplasia, has become a rising star within the program. As the ambassador for the 2024 NT Swimming Championships, she has taken on a leadership role while continuing to excel in her sport. Sahrah's participation in the National Para Swimming Camp and the Victorian Open Age Championships has showcased her determination and potential, placing her firmly on the path to future success in para swimming.

Romone Lewin, another remarkable athlete in the Para Futures program, has demonstrated incredible strength and skill across multiple disciplines, including the 100m, 200m, long jump and javelin. Romone, who lives with an acquired brain injury, has displayed extraordinary progress. His selection to represent regional Australia at the Oceania Games in Fiji highlights his achievements, and his sights are set even higher as he aims for the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles.

Briseis Brittan, originally from the remote Yolngu community of Ramingining, is also making waves in para sports. After relocating to Darwin for better training opportunities, Briseis has flourished, earning 6 medals at the Australian Track and Field Championships. Her journey as someone living with cerebral palsy, driven by determination and supported by her family, has set her on course for the 2028 Paralympics and serves as an inspiration to many within the para sports community.

Together, these athletes embody the spirit of the NTSA Para Futures program, demonstrating that with the right support and dedication, they can reach their full potential and inspire others to do the same.

Library & Archives NT

Library & Archives NT (LANT) is the leading public research library and archive in the Northern Territory, dedicated to connecting with communities and preserving the Territory's history. Our collections include government archives, books, letters, newspapers, photographs, maps and more.

2023-24 highlights

- **Finalised a new 3-year Strategic Plan and launched the Libraries Connecting Communities 2023–28 vision**, along with a 5-year funding agreement to support 16 municipal and regional councils.
- **Visited 20 public and remote libraries across 11 council areas**, offering direct support and training.
- **Received over 240 submissions for the NT Literary Awards**, with 28 shortlisted. We also coordinated the Chief Minister's NT History Book Award and supported 11 projects through NT History Grants.
- **Hosted community events**, including the LANT Big Book Giveaway, Chinese New Year celebrations, Artists in the Archives, and 2 NT Writers' Festival lunchtime sessions.
- **Refurbished the Millner premises.**
- **Released Cabinet Records from 1993.**
- **Developed a First Nations Framework and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property agreement** to guide future practices, and delivered NT history workshops with a First Nations focus.
- **Supported literacy initiatives in youth justice centres** through a new agreement with the Youth Justice team and the Top End School of Flexible Learning.



CASE STUDY



MacDonnell Regional Council

MacDonnell Regional Council in Central Australia has innovated with its MacConnect program, leveraging free wi-fi from LANT to deliver unique services despite not having physical library branches. Two standout initiatives are Mpwartyeke/Palyantjaku, which teaches digital media creation using industry-standard equipment, and Arrkene-Ileme/Inkanyi, which introduces mixed reality technology combining virtual reality games with educational content.

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Stockman Charlie Flannigan

The South Australian Museum sought to remount a LANT exhibition featuring artist and stockman Charlie Flannigan's sketches and narrative, showcasing his life in the Northern Territory, including his imprisonment at Fannie Bay Gaol. LANT's Don Christophersen uncovered the significant backstory of Flannigan's life as a jockey and cattle station worker, leading the Museum to invite Mr Christophersen to Adelaide for the exhibition opening and public lectures.

Heritage

We preserve the Northern Territory's heritage by administering key legislation, maintaining heritage databases, supporting the Heritage Council and managing grants. We assess historic sites, conduct research, and collaborate to protect and celebrate our history.

2023-24 highlights

- Added Rrkwer/Yurrkuru (Brooks Soak) and the Kahlin Compound Site to the NT Heritage Register.
- Conducted a diver inspection of a newly discovered WWII Beaufort bomber wreck.
- Funded 10 projects with \$100,000 through NT Heritage Grants and provided \$39,000 in rate relief to 15 heritage property owners.
- Supported the Heritage Council with 10 meetings and site visits.
- Responded to 472 stakeholder enquiries.
- Investigated potential damage to heritage sites from community complaints.
- Engaged with remote Aboriginal communities and land councils to protect historic and archaeological sites.

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The recent permanent declaration of Rrkwer/Yurrkuru (Brooks Soak) and the Kahlin Compound Site as heritage places marks a powerful step forward in truth-telling. The Kahlin Compound Site holds deep historical significance for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. Under the *1910 Aborigines Act*, the Chief Protector of Aboriginal people enforced a policy that declared Darwin a prohibited area for Aboriginal residence, forcing all Aboriginal people in the city to live at the Kahlin Compound.

This same 1910 legislation enabled the Chief Protector to forcibly remove Aboriginal children of mixed descent from their families and Country, bringing them to the compound. For many, this separation meant they would never see their families or Country again. The recognition of these sites as heritage places ensures that the painful and important history of these locations is preserved, honouring the resilience of those affected and continuing the essential work of truth-telling.



Disability

We support Territorians with disability, including those not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), by advising on policy, monitoring the NDIS, implementing Australia's Disability Strategy, participating in working groups, providing grants, and developing government-wide disability programs.

2023-24 highlights

- **Released the first annual report of the NT Disability Strategy Action Plan 2022–25**, detailing key achievements and progress from the first 9 months.
- **Funded over \$2.23 million to support, represent and advocate** for people with disability, their carers, and service providers.
- **Invested \$119 million in the NDIS**, supporting 6,030 participants in the Territory, in partnership with the Australian Government and other states and territories.
- **Provided coordination and strategic advice to the joint Commonwealth, state and territory** recommendations of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability.
- **Collaborated on national disability reforms**, focusing on foundational supports and legislative changes following the NDIS review.
- **Launched the International Day of People with Disability grant** to support awareness-raising events and activities.
- **Sponsored the Young Carers Award at the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards**, recognising young carers of people with disability or the aged.
- **Major sponsor of the NT Disability Inclusion Awards**, recognising the significant contributions of the broader community to improve inclusion and accessibility for people with disability.
- **Facilitated 4 Northern Territory Disability Advisory Committee meetings**, including discussions with the Hon Bill Shorten MP and feedback on accessibility adjustments at Darwin Airport.

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Disability inclusion events

In late 2023, a series of inspiring events across the Northern Territory brought together communities to celebrate and promote disability inclusion, fostering a spirit of connection and achievement.

On 1 December, the Carnival of Fun took place at Territory Netball Stadium in Marrara, organised by the DiversAbility Collective. This vibrant event featured accessible activities and performances for people of all abilities, showcasing the diversity and talent within the community. The celebration also included the presentation of the City of Darwin Lord Mayoral Awards and the NT Arts Access Awards, honouring the outstanding achievements of individuals with disabilities. The awards recognised those who have made a significant impact in their fields, reinforcing the importance of inclusion and recognition in the arts and community life.

Just a day earlier, on 30 November, Alice Springs marked the International Day of People with Disability with a special celebration hosted by the Alice Springs Town Council. Highlights included a keynote speech from Paralympic swimmer Blake Cochrane and performances by the 'stArts with D' ensemble and King Marong. The event honoured local heroes through the Alice Springs Mayoral Awards, with recipients like Graham Wilfred and Royston Thompson acknowledged for their peer training program, Padma Andrews for her dedication as a support worker, and the Bindi Mail Run Team for their valuable community service.

Rounding off the festivities, Clubhouse Territory hosted the All Abilities Basketball Challenge on 8 December at Palmerston Recreation Centre. Over 60 participants came together for an inclusive mini tournament, supported by local organisations and featuring a special appearance by the Northern Territory Administrator. The event, which ended with an exhibition match by the Rising Stars team, not only celebrated the participants' skills but also promoted Basketball NT's ongoing weekly program for people with disabilities.

These events not only celebrated the achievements of individuals with disabilities but also highlighted the importance of community, inclusion, and recognition across the Northern Territory.

Youth Affairs

We are dedicated to empowering young Territorians aged 12 to 25. By providing policy advice, coordinating youth programs, and administering grants, we actively engage with young people to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met.

We foster strong connections between young Territorians, government, and the broader community, helping to highlight their achievements and support their personal growth. Our focus is on promoting their wellbeing, celebrating their successes, and helping them reach their full potential.

2023-24 highlights

- **Launched the NT Youth Strategy Action Plan 2024–27**, outlining 235 actions to celebrate young Territorians and support their health, safety, and wellbeing.
- **Allocated \$1.4 million to expand youth services in Darwin’s northern suburbs and \$4.5 million for site preparation for a new Youth and Community Hub**, with an additional \$5 million for construction to commence in 2024–25.
- **Funded \$56,000 to support more than 380 NT Youth Week activities** including the first All Youth Conference in Katherine, following successful conferences in Darwin and Alice Springs.
- **Hosted NT Youth Round Table meetings in Alice Springs and Darwin**, addressing key issues for young people such as education, mental health and safe spaces.
- **Distributed \$249,000 through Youth Engagement grants**, supporting 167 community events and nearly 3,000 school holiday activities.
- **Supported 25 Youth Parliamentarians and 10 Youth Press Gallery Journalists** in debating bills at Parliament House.
- **Attended the National Youth Forum in Canberra in March 2024**, represented by Jordy Humphreys, Armani Francois, Janelle Wong and Patrik Ralph who gained skills in effective policy engagement.
- **Completed a feasibility study with Social Ventures Australia** to assess costings and models for a potential Youth Centre in Nhulunbuy, as part of the Gove Peninsula Youth Action Plan. Operational funding and site options are being explored.
- **Extended the East Arnhem Land Youth Model until 2027** with a \$7.75 million co-funding package and partnership agreement between the Northern Territory Government, the Australian Government, and the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA).
- **Initiated preliminary work on a youth-supported housing model at the Nhulunbuy Town Flats** for young people pursuing employment, education, traineeships and apprenticeships.



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Dante Rodrigues, a martial artist and community leader, made a significant impact through his participation in the 2023 NT Youth Round Table. As a passionate advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, Dante used the program as a platform to drive positive change in his community. Through the Round Table, he honed his leadership, project management and advocacy skills, which he channelled into community initiatives like the One Percent Program.

The Round Table not only connected Dante with mentors and young leaders, but also provided crucial support and resources to help him bring his projects to life. His visibility as a youth leader soared, culminating in his recognition as the 2024 NAIDOC Youth of the Year. The One Percent Program, co-founded with his cousin and 2022 Round Table Chair Jahdi Vigona, was a direct outcome of Dante's Round Table experience. Focused on promoting resilience, leadership and mental health awareness among young Territorians, the program reflects Dante's commitment to youth advocacy.

Dante's journey through the Round Table was transformative. It fuelled his confidence, enhanced his skills, and set him on a path to make a lasting impact on his community. His participation not only shaped his future work, but also empowered him to continue championing youth leadership and wellbeing across the Territory.

Seniors

We are dedicated to helping senior Territorians manage the cost of living, stay active and healthy, and remain connected with their communities.

By recognising their invaluable contributions, we provide essential information and advocate for their wellbeing. Our goal is to address the challenges of an ageing population while ensuring seniors continue to lead healthy, engaged and fulfilling lives.

2023-24 highlights

- **Funded the Council on the Ageing (COTA) NT to administer:**
 - the NT Seniors Discount Card
 - peak body services and advice to Northern Territory seniors
 - healthy ageing activities in regional areas
 - the annual Seniors Month Calendar
 - the annual Grandparents Day in October.
- **Funded the Association of Independent Retirees** to support and advocate for seniors in the Northern Territory.
- **Funded the Darwin Community Legal Service** to develop and provide an effective outreach service model that in partnership with communities can collectively reach and support older persons experiencing abuse.
- **Assisted in progressing the development of the National Plan to End the Abuse and Mistreatment of Older People 2024–34.**
- **Administered \$62,000 in grants to 40 community organisations** to support events and activities during Seniors Month.
- **Supported 4 meetings of the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians meetings**, which strengthened connections between government and the seniors' community to improve policy outcomes. These meetings included an intergenerational session with representatives from the NT Youth Round Table to discuss issues impacting both groups.

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In September 2023, the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians and the NT Youth Round Table met in Alice Springs to discuss intergenerational issues.

Facilitated by Mr Adam Drake of Balanced Choice, and with inspiring and motivational direction, both groups presented their ideas, proposals and areas for support to address common issues across the Northern Territory. This engaging and positive interaction between the groups, with a focus on genuine connection across common themes, fostered a desire from both groups to meet at least annually and keep the connection strong.

The continued networking between these energetic groups will be used as a resource for change and an accord will be developed to plan activities and further promote interaction between members of both committees.

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During August, more than 40 activities were held across the Territory to celebrate Senior's Month.

This annual event fosters connection for our senior Territorians and provided opportunities for 'come and try' events, art and craft activities, plus a variety of picnics, morning tea's, excursions and on-Country events that celebrated seniors' contributions to life in the Northern Territory.

All events supported the fundamental elements of Seniors Month:

- Economic participation and financial security
- Safety and security
- Health and wellbeing
- Social inclusion and diversity

Feedback from participants spoke of how much they enjoyed connecting with like-minded people, getting out of the house and, for many of our seniors, doing something new.



Concessions and Recognition

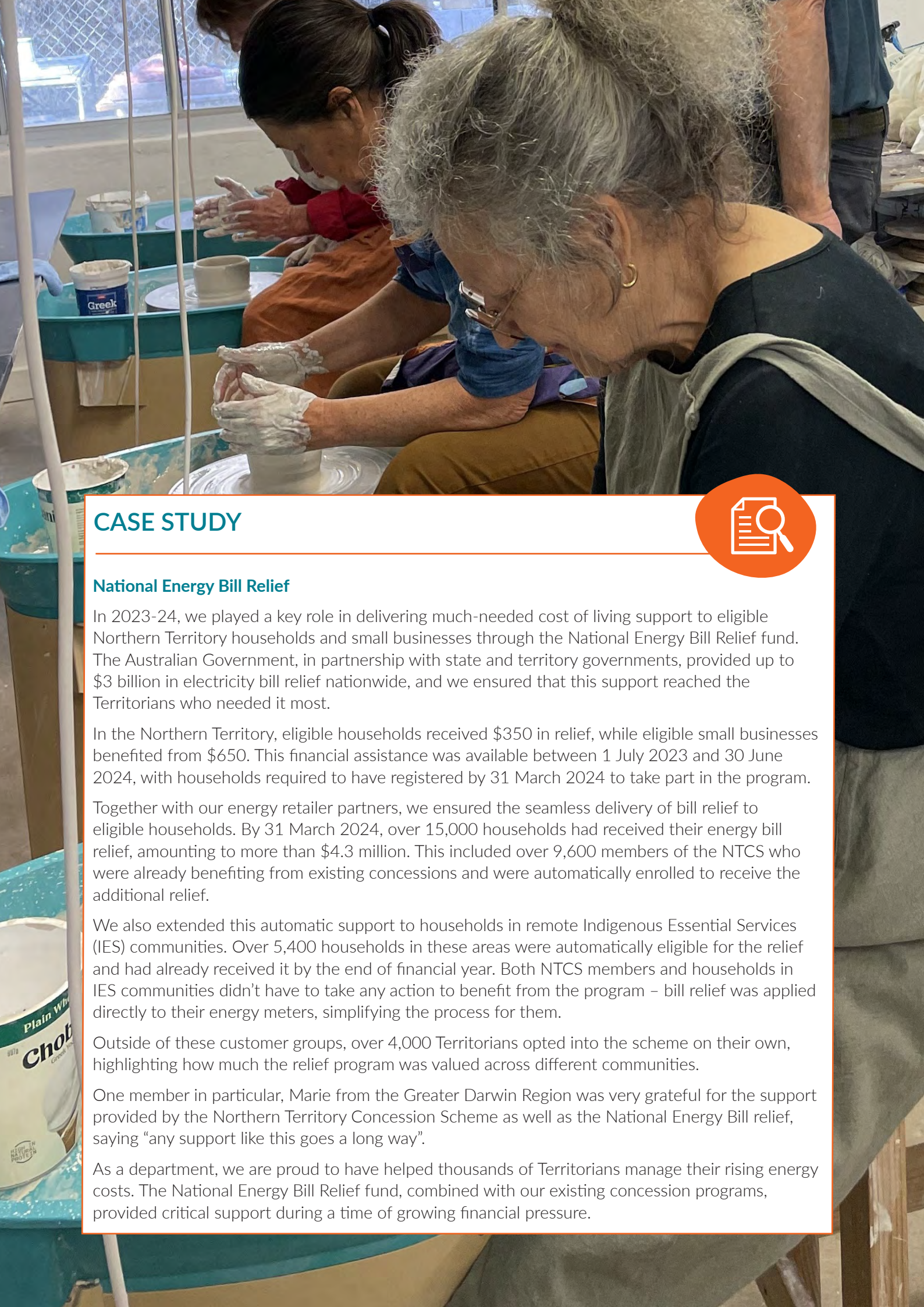
We provide support to eligible Northern Territory residents through 2 schemes.

The Northern Territory Concession Scheme (NTCS) provides eligible members with cost-of-living support through concessions on electricity, water, sewerage, motor vehicle registration, Northern Territory driver's licence fees, council rates, waste removal and spectacles.

The Northern Territory Seniors Recognition Scheme (NTSRS) provides eligible members with a prepaid Visa card each financial year, recognising the valuable contribution senior Territorians make to our community. The card can be used to purchase any goods and services.

2023-24 highlights

- **Invested \$29.2 million to operate the NTCS and NTSRS schemes.**
- **As at 30 June**, there were:
 - 16,812 NTCS members
 - 16,496 NTSRS members.
- **There has been a 4.3% increase in eligible Northern Territory residents on the NTCS** this financial year; 65% of eligible Territorians are members.
- **There has been an increase of 6.9% in eligible Territorians on the NTSRS** this financial year; 74% of eligible Territorians are members.
- **In 2023-24, NTSRS members spent a total of \$8.06 million** through prepaid Visa cards.
- **The NT Concession and Seniors Recognition unit participated in 8 community and seniors' events**, providing the community with an opportunity to seek advice about the schemes and assistance with applications and membership enquiries. Community events included:
 - COTA NT Seniors Expos in Katherine, Darwin and Alice Springs.
 - Public housing/seniors morning teas at seniors and aged complexes, where relevant stakeholders are invited to provide information and support to tenants.
 - Palmerston Probus.
 - Member for Wanguri and Member for Nightcliff Seniors Lunch.

A background photograph showing several people, including an older woman in the foreground, working at pottery wheels in a workshop. They are shaping clay into bowls. There are various pottery-related items like containers and tools visible.

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National Energy Bill Relief

In 2023-24, we played a key role in delivering much-needed cost of living support to eligible Northern Territory households and small businesses through the National Energy Bill Relief fund. The Australian Government, in partnership with state and territory governments, provided up to \$3 billion in electricity bill relief nationwide, and we ensured that this support reached the Territorians who needed it most.

In the Northern Territory, eligible households received \$350 in relief, while eligible small businesses benefited from \$650. This financial assistance was available between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024, with households required to have registered by 31 March 2024 to take part in the program.

Together with our energy retailer partners, we ensured the seamless delivery of bill relief to eligible households. By 31 March 2024, over 15,000 households had received their energy bill relief, amounting to more than \$4.3 million. This included over 9,600 members of the NTCS who were already benefiting from existing concessions and were automatically enrolled to receive the additional relief.

We also extended this automatic support to households in remote Indigenous Essential Services (IES) communities. Over 5,400 households in these areas were automatically eligible for the relief and had already received it by the end of financial year. Both NTCS members and households in IES communities didn't have to take any action to benefit from the program – bill relief was applied directly to their energy meters, simplifying the process for them.

Outside of these customer groups, over 4,000 Territorians opted into the scheme on their own, highlighting how much the relief program was valued across different communities.

One member in particular, Marie from the Greater Darwin Region was very grateful for the support provided by the Northern Territory Concession Scheme as well as the National Energy Bill relief, saying “any support like this goes a long way”.

As a department, we are proud to have helped thousands of Territorians manage their rising energy costs. The National Energy Bill Relief fund, combined with our existing concession programs, provided critical support during a time of growing financial pressure.

Gender Equity and Diversity

We drive gender equity and promote diversity and inclusion across the Northern Territory, and provide policy advice to government on these critical issues, ensuring that equality remains at the forefront of decision-making.

Through the Northern Territory Gender Equality Action Plan, we deliver grants, scholarships, and spearhead key reforms and projects that create real change. Our work is all about fostering a more inclusive and equitable future for everyone in the Territory.

2023-24 highlights

- **Released the first progress report of the Northern Territory Gender Equality Action Plan 2022-25.**
- **Entered into a 3-year agreement with the Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University** to devise and populate a set of data indicators measuring gender equality in the Northern Territory, and to produce an occasional paper series with a focus on gender inequalities experienced by Northern Territorians.
- **Supported a total of 98 events and activities** to enhance gender equity and diversity through grants, scholarships and sponsorships such as:
 - 33 International Women's Day activities
 - 7 Minister for Equality Scholarships
 - 15 Men's Places Grants.



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My Father, My Child – Children's Ground Limited

The Men's Places Grant supported the My Father, My Child Project, which aimed to assist young men and fathers in developing positive attitudes and roles within their families and communities through culturally safe activities. The program, which included health sessions, cultural camps and access to strong role models, successfully engaged nearly 100 participants. A particularly successful component of the program was the intergenerational men's camp that focused on understanding and reimagining men's roles within family and culture.

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Mungguy Man's Grup Camp on Country – Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation

The Men's Places Grant has supported the Mungguy Mans Grup in establishing itself as a key centre for healing and connection for men in the Beswick, Barunga, Daly River, and Katherine regions through cultural activities like men's camps. At the 2023 Barunga Festival, the group spoke about the Reconnecting the Songlines project, which aims to bring back to Jawoyn Country the learning and practice of the healing corroboree and local songlines, and promoting healing and positive change. The group continues to meet and collaborate with the women's group on violence prevention and child protection.

Multicultural Affairs

We coordinate services and activities for the multicultural community, promote participation and facilitate their input in government decision-making.

We provide information on grants, scholarships, community groups, the advisory council and service providers. Our commitment is to support diversity, strengthen inclusion and celebrate the achievements and cultures of the Territory's multicultural community.

2023-24 highlights

- **Distributed \$1.044 million in funding through the 2023–24 Multicultural Grants Program.** This grant program contributed:
 - \$483,300 towards 97 events, festivals and projects, including through Harmony Grants
 - \$546,398 towards multicultural services and peak bodies
 - \$14,000 towards Charles See Kee Scholarship.
- **Provided \$278,420 to support 4 capital works projects** under the Multicultural Community Facilities Grants.
- **Provided \$56,500 to support 7 sharing arrangement schemes** for the sharing of facilities between multicultural facility owners and participating communities.
- **Convened 2 Ministerial Advisory Council meetings** to discuss items that impact our multicultural communities, including:
 - future potential multicultural events and festivals
 - attraction and retention of migrants
 - issues such as community safety and domestic and family violence.
- **Funded Charles Darwin University \$34,897** to continue the Overseas Qualification Assessment service until 31 December 2024.
- **Reviewed multicultural peak bodies and restructured the Multicultural Grants Program** with the aim to empower more multicultural communities and service providers to develop innovative projects addressing emerging issues in the multicultural community.
- **Continued support of the Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree and the Big Day Out in Harmony in Alice Springs** providing an opportunity to celebrate the Territory's cultural diversity and experience other cultures' traditions, cuisines and performances.

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Martha* and Stewart* are experienced professionals who moved to the Northern Territory in 2023 and participated in the Onboarding and Mentoring Program by Ignite Potential, funded by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The program, which included job application tips, Australian resume standards and networking skills, helped Martha secure a position as an Audiologist and Stewart as a Health Coordinator, highlighting the importance of initial support for migrants in finding meaningful employment.

*Names changed to protect privacy



Interpreting and Translating Service Northern Territory (ITSNT)

We provide professional interpreting and translating services to support government and businesses on effectively communicating with people who speak languages other than English.

Our services include:

- face-to-face interpreting in migrant and refugee languages
- translation of documents, including posters and legal agreements
- advice on preparing text for translation.

We employ over 60 local interpreters, many of whom hold accreditation through the National Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI), and work with 136 NAATI accredited local and interstate translators.

ITSNT offers translation services for 66 languages and provide interpreting services for 36 languages and dialects.

2023-24 highlights

- **Completed 413 requests for a translation service.** Our most requested languages for translation were Indonesian, Thai, French, Vietnamese and Chinese.
- **Received requests for translation services from international clients** in France, Italy, Finland, Denmark and Indonesia.
- **Completed 2,304 requests for an interpreter service.** With the most requested languages being Vietnamese, Greek, Thai, Mandarin and Swahili.
- **Organised specialised interpreting training for ITSNT interpreters**, including Interpreting at Police Interviews in partnership with Legal Aid, Trauma-Informed Practice with Melaleuca Australia and Interpreting in Dementia Settings.
- **Recruited and onboarded 32 interpreters from 12 different countries**, who collectively speak 20 different languages and dialects.

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The Passport to Drive program is a driver education, training and mentoring initiative unique to the Northern Territory. It is designed to assist recently arrived refugees in becoming safe and competent drivers, helping them to get their drivers licence.

In 2023–24, ITSNT provided support in 7 languages to the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT) through multiple sessions of the program. The languages included Vietnamese, Swahili, Burmese, Thai, Urdu, Arabic and Spanish.

The inclusion of interpreters in these sessions facilitated:

- **Enhanced Learning Experience:** Participants benefited from receiving explanations and answers to their questions in their native languages, which reinforced their understanding of the course content.
- **Increased Engagement:** The availability of language support allowed participants to feel more confident and actively engage in the sessions.

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In 2023–24, ITSNT provided essential support to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade. A key highlight was ITSNT's assistance through an Indonesian interpreter during the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Chief Minister and the Governor of West Nusa Tenggara.

The successful execution of the MOU, supported by professional interpreting services, reinforced the partnership between the Northern Territory and West Nusa Tenggara.



Reform Management Office

What we do

In November 2023, the functions of the Reform Management Office (RMO) were absorbed into the department and the RMO team dissolved. We established the office to provide a whole-of-government mechanism to coordinate the implementation of reforms for children and families following the Royal Commission and Board of Inquiry into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

We continue to lead the Northern Territory's children and families reform agenda, which includes:

- providing secretariat support and policy advice to strategic committees, including the Children and Families Tripartite Forum and the Generational Strategy Steering Committee and the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing
- coordination and monitoring of key strategies including Safe & Supported: the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021–2031 and 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in the Northern Territory.

2023-24 highlights

- **Released the final Generational Change Impact Report** in October 2023, marking 5 years of delivering projects in response to the 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission in the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.
- **Supported 3 meetings for the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing**, which is the main forum for monitoring the outcomes of the National Partnership for Remote Housing NT and consists of representatives from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and the Northern Land Council, Central Land Council, Tiwi Land Council, Anindilyakwa Land Council and Aboriginal Housing NT.
- **Supported 4 meetings of the Northern Territory Children and Families Tripartite Forum**, comprising of the Northern Territory and Australian Governments and the community sector represented by Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT), the Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS), and the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA).



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Generational Change Impact Report

The Northern Territory Government invested \$229.6 million in 2018 to deliver 185 of the 218 recommendations to support the strengthening of families and building resilient communities. We are continuing to implement 33 remaining recommendations.

Highlights of this investment and key achievements since 2018 include:

- Opened 6 new Child and Family Centres operated by Aboriginal organisations in Alice Springs Town Camps, Tennant Creek, Kalkarindji, Katherine, Darwin and Wadeye.
- Implemented major reforms to the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007* and the *Youth Justice Act 2005*, providing for a range of measures from early support for families to removing barriers to youth diversion programs.
- Developed and delivered the NT Preschool STEM Games to preschools and early childhood services.
- Introduced a new Intensive Therapeutic Residential Care model for up to 100 young people to improve care and protection over 5 years.

With the final report released, annual reporting will continue through the Tripartite Forum and the 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families.

The Tripartite Forum released the first action plan of the Kids Safe, Family Together, Community Strong: 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in the Northern Territory in October 2023.

The first action plan 'Planting the Seeds' contains 15 high level action areas targeting significant reform and transforming the sector to better support Aboriginal people and create strong foundations for self-determination and community control.

The 10-Year Generational Strategy is the overarching policy for children, young people and families in the Northern Territory. Three Action Plans are being developed to implement the Generational Strategy.

The department is responsible for several key actions in the first action plan and is working with key partners to progress the initiatives.

These include:

- designing and implementing 2 place-based approaches to youth justice, building on community strengths to keep young people out of the youth justice system
- creating mechanisms for young people to have their voices heard and be involved in decisions that impact their lives
- strengthening pathways to support families earlier and reduce contact with the child protection system.

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Remote Housing investment

In March 2024, the Australian and Northern Territory Governments announced a joint \$4 billion investment over 10 years for housing in remote communities across the Northern Territory and \$240 million over 3 years for housing improvements and essential infrastructure upgrades in remote homelands.

The establishment of a partnership agreement with representatives of the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing was also announced to implement this unprecedented investment.

The partnership agreement sets out the principles and objectives that will inform the implementation of the 10-Year Northern Territory Remote Housing Agreement 2024-34 and the Restoring Funding for Northern Territory Homelands Agreement 2024-27.

The partnership agreement is informed by the 4 priority reforms under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (the National Agreement) and works towards achieving outcomes relating to target 9a through the supply and maintenance of appropriate remote housing.

The partnership agreement is nationally significant as it is the first agreement aligned with the commitments of the National Agreement to be linked to a Federation Funding Agreement Schedule.





Governance and Compliance

Our Ministers



**The Hon Ngaree Ah Kit
MLA**

- Minister for Territory Families
- Minister for Urban Housing
- Minister for Youth, Seniors and Equality
- Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- Minister for Disabilities



**The Hon Selena Uibo
MLA**

- Minister for Housing and Homelands



**The Hon Kate Worden
MLA**

- Minister for Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence
- Minister for Sport
- Minister for Essential Services



**The Hon Chansey Paech
MLA**

- Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Ministerially appointed bodies

- Arts NT Register of Peers
- Board of the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT
- Clinical Governance and Professional Practice Committee
- Disability Advisory Committee
- Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Cross-Agency Working Group
- Aboriginal Advisory Group
- Libraries and Archives NT Community Reference Group
- Libraries and Archives NT History Grants and Awards Register of Peers
- Minister's Advisory Committee on Homelands
- Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians
- Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs
- Creative Industries Ministerial Advisory Council
- National Aboriginal Art Gallery Reference Group
- NT Heritage Council
- NT Sports Awards Selection Panel
- NT Water Safety Advisory Council
- NT Youth Round Table
- Public Housing Appeals Board
- Strehlow Research Centre Board
- Working With Children Clearance Screening Authority
- Youth Justice Advisory Committee

Governance committees

Senior Executive Group

Chair: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: an operational forum for senior executives to provide timely and cohesive responses to emergent issues.

Executive Leadership Board

Chair: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: assists the Chief Executive Officer to define and deliver strategic and operational priorities, set policy direction and monitor and assess the agency's performance.

Budget Committee

Chair: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: ensure effective allocation and management of resources, to achieve service delivery outcomes, within a balanced budget.

Operational Senior Leadership Group

Chair: DCEO Regional Services and Communities

Purpose: responsible for information sharing, whole of operational governance, oversight of key operational reforms and agency priority projects; and identify emergent future priorities.

Infrastructure Committee

Chair: DCEO Strategic and Enabling Services

Purpose: oversight of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics delivery of the infrastructure program.

Strategic HR Committee

Chair: DCEO Strategic and Enabling Services

Purpose: monitor and oversee the strategic human resource planning and management for the agency.

Strategic Information Management Committee

Chair: General Manager Strategic Services

Purpose: provide strategic direction and risk management regarding information and data management, knowledge management and information and communications technology, including oversight of key projects.

Emergency Management Committee

Chair: Executive Director Families Programs

Purpose: fulfil agency obligations as the Welfare Group Leader and as a key contributor to regional emergency response under the NT, Regional and Local Emergency Plans under the *Emergency Management Act NT (2013)*.

Work Health and Safety Steering Committee

Chair: Executive Director Office of the CEO

Purpose: oversight and leadership of the agency's management of Work Health and Safety (WHS) risks, legislated responsibilities and WHS workplace committees.

Aboriginal Cultural Security Advisory Committee

Chair: Elder in Residence

Purpose: provide an Aboriginal perspective into the business of the agency and leadership to prioritise the needs of Aboriginal people.

Risk and Audit Committee

Chair: External member

Purpose: provide assurance that sufficient internal controls exist to appropriately manage the agency's risk, control and compliance framework and advise whether the current level of exposure to risk is acceptable.

Clinical Governance and Professional Practice Committee

Chair: External member

Purpose: provide specialist advice on practice and standards to support effective services to clients.

Our legislation

Territory Families, Housing and Communities has responsibility for the administration of the following Acts (or part of an act) and their associated Regulations as provided in the Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 2) 2024:

Legislation

- *Adoption of Children Act 1994*
- *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007 (except Part 3.3)*
- *Carers Recognition Act 2006*
- *Community Housing Providers (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2013*
- *Disability Services Act 1993 (except Parts 3 to 7)*
- *Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007 (Part 5A)*
- *Guardianship of Infants Act 1972*
- *Heritage Act 2011*
- *Housing Act 1982*
- *Information Act 2002 (Part 9 provisions about archives management)*
- *Major Cricket Events Act 2003*
- *Meteorites Act 1988*
- *National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Act 2020*
- *National Trust (Northern Territory) Act 1976*
- *Publications (Legal Deposit) Act 2004*
- *Strehlow Research Centre Act 2005*
- *Youth Justice Act 2005 (except Parts 3 and 4)*

Legislative reform

In 2023-24, we advanced several reform initiatives in collaboration with other government agencies and community stakeholders. The following section outlines the legislative amendments that were implemented and the reform activities we undertook over this period.

Housing reform to support transfers to Community Housing Providers

A new legislative framework commenced on 5 April 2024 to support the transfer of tenancy management from the CEO (Housing) to community housing providers in line with the Northern Territory Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32.

The amendments ensure continuity of service and clarity about the operating model for community housing providers to deliver social housing.

The new legislative framework was created by prescribing a Social Housing Scheme under the *Housing Act 1982*, and amending the *Community Housing Providers (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2013*, the *Housing Act 1982*, the *Housing Regulations 1983*, and the *Residential Tenancies Act 1999* through the *Housing and Related Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

New supported bail options

The *Bail Amendment Regulations 2024* commenced on 28 June 2024. These regulations amended the *Bail Regulations 1983* to prescribe 'supported bail accommodation' at Foundation Road, Holtze; Gap Road, Alice Spring; and Peko Road, Tennant Creek to increase the supported bail options for young people and to ensure continuity of service through changes in service providers.

Information release

We assisted members of the public and other organisations to access government and personal information. Our assistance included managing formal applications received under the freedom of information provisions of the *Information Act 2002*.

In 2023-24, we processed 392 freedom of information applications, one more than the 393 the previous year. In addition, we complied with 217 warrants and court orders for production of material.

Request	Received	Completed
Freedom of Information requests	382	392
<i>Family Law Act 1975</i> Section 69ZW requests	70	70
Subpoena (including interstate subpoenas)	14	12 (1 withdrawal)
Summons	17	16
Coroner's warrant	11	10
Police warrant	133	109

Our workforce

Our workforce comprised 1,291.2 full time equivalent (FTE) staff in the last pay period of 2023-24. This is an increase of 83.21 FTE from the 2022-23 year.

The new roles created support the delivery of key community safety initiatives including the co-responder model in Darwin and Alice Springs and Residential Youth Justice Facilities in Darwin and Tennant Creek.

Senior Officer positions account for 18.87% of the agency's FTE staff, which is 0.46% more than the prior year (18.41%). Aboriginal employees account for 19.23% of our overall workforce, compared to the global target of 16% Aboriginal employment within the Northern Territory Public Sector.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) employees have also increased from 24.4% in 2022-23 to make up 27.7% of our FTE staff in 2023-24.

Year on year comparison

Classification Group	FY 2022-23	FY 2023/24
Administrative Officer (AO1-4)	371.56	376.89
Administrative Officer (AO5-7)	377.19	446.87
Executive Contract Officer	33.55	34
Executive Officer	5	3
Graduate and Trainee	9.51	7.65
Other	0.89	2.96
Physical	3	3
Professional	209.21	195.87
Senior Administrative Officer (SAO1-SAO2)	135.56	153.95
Senior Professional	48.3	52.78
Technical	14.22	14.23
Total	1,207.99	1,291.2

2023-24 FTE breakdown

Classification Group	FTE
Executive Officer 6 – contract	1
Executive Officer 4 – contract	5
Executive Officer 3	0
Executive Officer 3 – contract	7
Executive Officer 2	3
Executive Officer 2 – contract	17
Executive Officer 1 – contract	4
Senior Professional Officer 2	12.98
Senior Professional Officer 1	39.8
Professional 3	81.78
Professional 2	62.44
Professional 1	51.65
Senior Administrative Officer 2	50.51
Senior Administrative Officer 1	103.44
Administrative Officer 7	118.02
Administrative Officer 6	143.08
Administrative Officer 5	185.77
Administrative Officer 4	280.55
Administrative Officer 3	89.62
Administrative Officer 2	7.12
Administrative Officer 1	0
Technical 6	2
Technical 5	5.99
Technical 4	1.64
Technical 3	3
Technical 2	1.6
Physical 3	2
Physical 2	1
NTPS Graduate / Traineeship	7.65
School Based Trainee	2.18
Other	0.78
Grand Total	1,291.2

Training and development

Ensuring our people have the right skills to do the best job possible is vital to the success of the organisation and our clients. The Professional Development and Training Unit plans, designs, develops, delivers, evaluates, and brokers training and professional development opportunities to help build a highly skilled, well-trained and qualified workforce.

Given the complex issues that many of our people in operational roles are managing daily, ongoing training is critical to provide them with the skills and knowledge they need to do their roles well and importantly, support the clients they engage with.

These professional development opportunities contribute towards the retention of staff and the goal of 'growing our own' staff, by enhancing the skills of our regional and remote workforce, strengthening the professional stream, and creating an agile workforce across the sector of human and community services.

2023-24 highlights

- **Published the online Reframe training for our people.** This is an evidence-based program developed by researchers at the Telethon Kinds Institute. This online training aims to educate professionals to recognise and understand neuro-disability in young people, reframe their behaviours, and respond appropriately to their needs, with a particular focus on young people in a youth detention setting.
- **Continued offering formal training opportunities to support staff working in frontline roles.** This included:
 - 5 intakes of the Certificate IV in Youth Justice through the Australian Childhood Foundation.
 - one intake of the Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention through Charles Darwin University.
 - 2 intakes for the Certificate IV in Housing (Social Housing) through Charles Darwin University.
 - 5 intakes for Investigative Interviewing through the Griffith University Centre for Excellence,
 - one intake into the new Computer Literacy Training Skill Set for remote staff through Charles Darwin University.
 - 12 staff graduating with a Diploma of Child Youth and Family Intervention through Charles Darwin University.
 - 3 staff graduating with a Graduate Certificate in Safe Communities through Charles Darwin University.
 - 5 Aboriginal staff enrolled in the Kigaruk/Lookrukin Aboriginal Leadership program (Diploma of Leadership and Management) through the University of New England.

In 2023-24, we offered the following courses and training programs to our people:

Induction Courses

- 4 Care and Protection Induction Courses
- 2 Life Cycle of the Tenancy Induction Courses
- one On the Right Track Induction Course
- 2 Public Housing Safety Officer Induction Courses
- one Residential Youth Justice Facility Induction Course
- one Safe Care House Induction Course
- 2 Corporate Induction Courses
- 4 Youth Outreach and Reengagement Officer Induction Courses
- 6 Youth Justice Officer Induction Courses

Specialist Training Courses

- Changing Habits and Reaching Targets
- Youth Level of Service / Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI)
- Safe and Together training
- Maybo Positive Approaches to Behaviour
- Fire Warden and Fire Extinguisher
- Microsoft Excel
- Power BI training
- Harmful Sexual Behaviours training
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Alcohol and Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA)
- Disability and Development in a Territory Families Context
- EQ and Resilience and Team Building
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Parole Board NT
- Provide First Aid
- Restorative Practice Workshop
- Signs of Safety Practice Framework
- Signs of Success Practice Framework
- Strengthening Families
- Suicide Awareness
- Working with Children and Young People with a Disability
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Court and Legal Training
- Working with Children and Young People with Disabilities
- Engaging with Young People

CASE STUDY



Upskilling our remote workforce

Aaron is based in Nauiyu, Daly River, where he works as a Tenancy Contracts Officer within the Top End Region.

Aaron graduated with a Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention through Charles Darwin University. This diploma is one of several centrally funded courses under our Learning Pathways Strategy, aligning with NTPS across-government initiatives such as the OCPE Aboriginal Employment and Career Development Strategy which outlines the NT Government's commitment to growing Aboriginal employment.

Studying while living in a regional or remote area and traveling to Darwin each month for face-to-face workshops takes commitment. Aaron rose to the challenge and has successfully applied classroom theories to his everyday work practices.

"Completing the diploma has been a big challenge for me being remote and the challenges I face on a daily basis; being able to finally complete it is very rewarding and now I am able to understand the role of child protection and what is involved, better. I've really enjoyed being able to study and do my work on the ground." **Aaron McTaggart**



CASE STUDY



Celebrating professional development

In April, 7 of our people graduated from Charles Darwin University with new qualifications in social work and community welfare. The staff commented on how their first or subsequent degrees have enhanced their professional identity as social workers or community welfare workers. They all reflected on how their degrees have equipped them to better engage and support the young people they work with, to understand the theoretical aspect of practice, and be able to apply theory to practice, especially around trauma-informed practice and strength-based approach.



Risk and Audit

The risk and audit function coordinates and oversees the department's frameworks, policies, processes and responses regarding risk management, as well as governance frameworks and internal and external audits.

In 2023-24, we undertook a review of our strategic risks to ensure the actions we take to mitigate risks are effective and to identify any improvements needed in managing those risks.

In addition to the internal and external audits, we commenced delivering assurance monitoring through our Internal Control Pulse Checks. This work helps to support business areas across the department to ensure their processes maintain high levels of compliance and accountability in managing the department's identified risks.

Risk and Audit Committee

The Risk and Audit Committee met on 4 occasions in 2023-24, with key activities including:

- monitoring the management of strategic risks and response to fraud matters
- monitoring implementation of the Internal Audit Plan 2022-25 and external audit activities of the department
- monitoring implementation of recommendations relating to internal and external audit finding
- driving improved reporting on matters relating to internal and external audits, conflicts of interest, gifts and benefits, and investigations of serious and improper conduct matters.

Committee Chair: External member.

Audits and reviews

We audit and review our functions to ensure that structures, systems and controls are appropriate and effective, and to make recommendations for improvement to achieve optimal performance and outcomes. In 2023-24, these included:

Type	Title	Description	Status at 30 June
External audit	Agency Compliance Audit 2023-24	Assess the adequacy of Department systems and processes for compliance against the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i> , Treasurer's Directions, <i>Procurement Act 1995</i> and other service-wide policies.	Completed
External Audit	NT Home Ownership Financial Statements Audit 2022-23	To form an audit opinion on the 2022-23 financial statements of the NT Home Ownership.	Completed
External audit	NT Home Ownership Interim Financial Statements Audit 2023-24	To facilitate the end of financial year audit of NT Home Ownership's financial statements for 2023-24.	Completed
External audit	Services Australia Centrelink Confirmation eServices and Rent Deduction Scheme Assurance Review	Review the Department's compliance against the Centrelink Confirmation eServices and Rent Deduction Scheme.	Completed
Internal audit	Cabinet Information Security Breached	Verify that staff across the Department have complied with Cabinet confidentiality requirements regarding security breaches.	Completed
Internal audit	Value for Territory	Assess the Department's compliance against the Northern Territory Government's Procurement Rules, Governance Policy and Buy Local Plan.	Completed
Internal audit	Complaints Management System Audit	Assess the management frameworks and processes for complaints.	Audit is being finalised
Internal audit	Employee Qualifications Audit	Review employee qualifications from recruitment actions.	Audit is in progress
Internal audit	Contract Management Audit	Assess procurement and grant contract practices are compliant and governance arrangements are appropriate.	Audit is in progress
Internal audit	Housing Delegations Audit	Assess the application of the Housing Delegations Instrument.	Audit is in progress
Internal Control Pulse Check	Delegations	Review of the Department's Delegations.	Completed
Internal Control Pulse Check	Corporate Credit Card transactions	Test transactions for compliance against Department checklist controls.	Completed

Work health and safety

We continue to strengthen our commitment to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all through the development and implementation of the agency's WHS management systems and service delivery model. The service delivery model focuses on 4 key areas: Education, Prevention, Response and Recovery.

The Work Health Safety (WHS) team played a key role in supporting the efforts of the Welfare Functional Group in response to September bushfires in the Barkly region and the flooding in the Big Rivers region in early 2024. We completed 15 worker engagement sessions across the workplace to gain a better understanding of the day-to-day activities that workers undertake. Each worker engagement session also provides information designed to improve WHS awareness and Figtree reporting. The team also delivered 6 WHS induction presentations to Youth Justice Officers, Public Housing Safety Officers, and the Residential Youth Justice Facility workers in the Barkly region.

Work Health and Safety Steering Committee

The Work Health and Safety Steering Committee provides oversight and leadership of the department's management of WHS risks, legislated responsibilities and WHS Workplace Committees.

The WHS Steering Committee met on 3 occasions in 2023-24 and consulted upon a range of WHS related matters, with a focus on:

- NTPS Mentally Healthy Workplace tool kit
- reviewing the department's First Aid policy, Remote Travel policy and 2024-25 Cyclone Plan
- ongoing review of our WHS management systems alignment with the Northern Territory Government's system
- reviewing the department's risk to identify, assess and control WHS hazards and risks
- ensuring we are meeting legislative obligations, particularly regarding effective communication, consultation and cooperation to resolve WHS matters and to achieve legislative compliance at all levels.

Steering Committee Chair: Executive Director, Office of the Chief Executive.

Purpose: provide oversight and leadership of the agency's management of Work Health and Safety (WHS) risks, legislated responsibilities and WHS Worksite Committees.

Hazard, incident and injury reporting

We have worked with internal and external stakeholders to achieve improvements in hazard identification and reporting processes, which have resulted in improvements in the agency's WHS reporting culture.

In 2023-24, we reduced the total of work-related health and safety hazards and incidents reported to 389¹, down from 418 in the previous year.

Of these:

- 38 were hazard reports
- 146 were reports for incidents that did not result in injury
- 205 were reports for incidents that resulted in injury¹.

¹Data Source: Northern Territory Government, Figtree Work Health and Safety Reporting system. Data current as at 12/07/2023.

Compliance with the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*

Employment Instruction	Performance 2023-24
Number 1 Filling vacancies	We mandate recruitment and selection training for all panel members filling vacancies. In 2023-24, 192 staff completed Merit Selection training.
Number 2 Probation	We adhere to the NTPS mandated 6-month probation period. Of the 73 commencements in 2023-24, 0 were terminated while on probation.
Number 3 Natural justice	We embed the principles of natural justice in relevant policies, trainings, performance management discussions and resources.
Number 4 Employee performance management and development systems	We used myPlan for career planning, with information and templates available to staff on the intranet. In 2023-24, 32.43% of staff had a myPlan.
Number 5 Medical examinations	We engage qualified health practitioners as needed. In 2023-24, 1 employee undertook a medical examination or assessment for fitness for duty for inability
Number 6 Employee performance and inability	We support staff to attend performance management training. In 2023-24, performance and inability processes were managed for 7 employees.
Number 7 Discipline	Employment Instruction 7 has been revoked
Number 8 Internal agency complaints and Section 59 grievance reviews	Our Employee Internal Complaints Policy and guidelines are available to staff on the intranet. In 2023-24: 3 complaint matters were lodged for internal review. 11 complaints were lodged with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment for review - 1 remains open and 10 were closed (finalised).
Number 9 Employment records	We maintain employment records in accordance with legislative requirements.
Number 10 Equality of employment opportunity programs	Cross cultural awareness forms a part of all our induction programs, from our corporate induction to our 6 role-specific induction courses. Our Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework is embedded in our Strategic Plan and Strategic Workforce Plan, which includes targets for Aboriginal employment. We encourage active participation of staff at events including NAIDOC Week, International Women's Day and International Day of People with Disability.
Number 11 Occupational health and safety standards program	Our Work Health and Safety policy, guidelines, templates and resources are available to staff on the intranet. In 2023-24 the WHS team completed 19 worker engagement sessions and 4 WHS induction presentations. Additionally, there were 66 completions of first aid training, 67 of CPR refresher training, 4 of fire warden training and 124 of mental health first aid training.

Number 12 Code of conduct	We embed these principles through staff induction, training, performance management discussions and in resources. In 2023-24, 305 staff completed the NTG Essential online Code of Conduct training.
Number 13 Appropriate workplace behaviour	Our policy is available to staff on the intranet and behaviours are fostered through training and induction, meetings and promoting NTPS values. In 2023-24, 248 TFHC employees completed OneNTG's Appropriate Workplace Behaviours training.
Number 14 Redeployment and redundancy procedures	Information is available to staff on the intranet.
Number 15 Special measures	We applied Special Measures to 100% of our positions to support the growth of our Aboriginal workforce. In 2023-24, 19.23% of our workforce identifies as Aboriginal.

Complaints

We value accountability and accessibility and welcome feedback from our community to inform continuous quality improvement.

In 2023-4, we recorded 1,263 complaints, 244 more than 2022-23.

There has been a decrease in complaints recorded which are categorised as 'other'. 'Other' complaints are varied and disparate, for example regarding sport vouchers and internet publishing errors.

Decription	2022-23	2023-24
Child Protection	154	207
Youth Justice	30	28
Pensioner Concessions	19	14
Other	51	14
Housing Complaints*	765	1000
Total	1,019	1,263

*Complaints about services and/or actions of agency or staff, excludes antisocial behaviour housing complaints.

Antisocial behaviour housing complaints

In 2023-24, we responded to 67% of complaints about antisocial and/or disruptive behaviour within the required timeframes:

- 4 hours for serious complaints
- 2 days for moderate complaints
- 4 days for minor complaints.

Children's Commissioner

We maintain a collaborative and solutions focussed relationship with the NT Children's Commissioner.

In 2023-24, the Commissioner used Notices to Access on 104 matters and gave notice of 2 inquiries as part of her role monitoring the work of the department across child protection and youth justice.



Responding to climate change

Climate change presents a real threat to all aspects of Territory life, and we are committed to doing our bit under the Northern Territory Government's Climate Change Response: Towards 2050.

The Response identifies 4 key objectives, which we use to inform our actions and guide mitigation strategies:

1. achieve net zero emissions
2. build a resilient Territory
3. unlock opportunities from a low carbon future
4. inform and involve all Territorians.

CASE STUDY



Green Champions in Central Australia

The Green Champions Team (GCT) are a Remote Services Central Australia (RSCA) initiative to identify opportunities to reduce the department's impact on the Central Australian environment. The Central Australian region has a footprint covering 600,000 sq. kms, including our office locations and urban and remote housing stock.

A key focus area of the department, and NTG overall, is to increase the use of Electric Vehicles (EVs). The RSCA is currently the NTG leader in EV usage in Central Australia with 4 EVs in their fleet.

To encourage greater use of the EVs for trips of short duration or distance, (each car in the town fleet averages 16,000kms p.a.), GCT is partnering with RSCA Business Services to help demystify the EV experience by managing the charging process and providing training for all staff.

All visiting staff and internal stakeholders to the Central Australian region are encouraged to use the 4 EVs in the fleet.

- Territory Families Housing and Communities Central Australia currently has 4 EVs.
- NTG EV roll out program aims for 200 EVs by 2034.
- TFHC is a leader in Central Australia for rollout and usage of EVs.

Objective 1: Achieve net zero emissions

Arts Trail Gallery Extension Program investments in capital upgrades to community owned art centres include designs to increase operational efficiency and reduce environmental impacts such as installation of solar systems at Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Crafts and Godinmayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre (GYRACC). Mimi and GYRACC have reported reduction in power costs of an estimated 40% as a result of the new solar system.

The design of the Northern Territory Art Gallery has strong environmental sustainability features and is responsive to the Top End's climate. Features which seek to provide shade to the building as well as exemplify a tropical architectural aesthetic include the fly roof, large awnings, verandas and shade screens.

In addition, the project has been designed to:

- comply with the National Construction Code 2019 Section J energy efficiency requirements
- include a photovoltaic (PV) system of up to 199kVA
- demonstrate a trajectory to net zero emissions by 2050; the building can be described as 'net zero ready'
- utilise lower carbon concrete products throughout the building structure and pavements, with up to 50% cement content reduction for some elements.

We are proud to report that several of our offices have implemented sustainable features and programs such as:

- solar panels on office roofs and more energy efficient infrastructure
- a reduction in fleet vehicles or upgrades to hybrid and electric vehicles where possible or utilising diesel vehicles for remote travel.

In regions and remote areas where the infrastructure cannot yet support initiatives such as electric vehicles or solar energy storage, we encourage staff to find other ways to be more energy efficient, such as:

- ensuring air conditioning and lighting systems are on timers
- reducing paper use
- coordinating joint staff visits to regional and remote locations that reduce the need for multiple vehicles or flights.

Our significant investment in capital infrastructure is ensuring new buildings and upgrades meet the highest standards of energy efficiency. This includes:

- the installation of solar systems at Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Crafts and Godinmayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre through our Arts Trail Gallery Extension Program investments. Mimi reported reduction in power costs of an estimated 40% from the new solar system.
- the design of the Northern Territory Art Gallery
- the Alice Springs Public Housing Solar Trial.

Objective 2: Build a resilient Territory

In response to increasingly extreme weather events, our Welfare Group plan for the response and recovery to all hazard events including heatwaves and other climate influenced disasters included in the Territory Emergency Plan through a regionalised service delivery model.

Our Heritage Branch stays informed about international and national discourse on climate change impacts to coastal heritage to ensure the Territory is adequately prepared to respond to similar challenges.

Our commitment to building a resilient Territory is reflected in specific strategies including:

- the NT Youth Strategy with key actions to support:
 - youth voice and actions that promote inclusive spaces for young people resilience to climate change
 - young people to be change agents for and design of community infrastructure protecting and safeguarding a future against climate change.
- the NT Gender Equality Action Plan 2022 2025 with key action:
 - development of government policy and actions will consider and be informed by the gendered impacts on Territorians, including development and planning for the built environment, climate change and emergency management.

In response to water insecurity, we're investing \$28 million in select remote communities to reduce wastage and secure supply. In 2023-24 this included:

- installation of bulk water meters completed in Atitjere, Engawala, Imanpa, Numbulwar, Waruwi and Wutunugurra to identify high levels of water loss to guide water saving works
- installation of smart water meters in Numbulwar and approvals from the Northern Land Council to install Waruwi in 2023, to support demand management measures
- 4 water-saving projects in Yuendumu to reduce water leakage and wastage, including the installation of bulk and smart water meters, modification of bore pumps and network repair and conditions assessment.

To support our remote public housing tenants with rising temperatures, we include air conditioning as a standard in all new builds and are in the process of retrofitting existing homes with air conditioning systems.

Additionally, in arid locations we're transitioning from evaporative cooling to reverse cycle air conditioning in remote public housing. While evaporative models can use less energy, their reliance on water makes them an unsuitable option in many remote communities where water is limited.

Objective 3: Unlock opportunities from a low carbon future

We're working closely with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade to increase solar generation and maintain reliability of power supplies across the Territory. This includes working towards a target of 70% renewable energy power supply for Indigenous Essential Services communities by 2030. This has included:

- the Solar Energy Transformation Program, which decreased reliance upon diesel powered electrical generation by approximately 3.5 million litres
- a \$6 million pilot project to install additional solar panels and energy storage in Wurrumiyanga.

As our use of solar grows, we're carefully monitoring the reliability of the power supply network, which includes the average time taken to restore power supply after a failure.

In 2023-24 we met our target of under 500 minutes for the 72 remote communities serviced by Indigenous Essential Services.

We're committed to undertaking procurement activities and working with organisations that support the Northern Territory's climate targets. In 2023-24 this included awarding the:

- cleaning contract for our youth detention centres to a provider with triple certification in ISO standards for environmental management.
- meal provider contract for our youth detention centres to a provider that uses eco-friendly materials.

The Regional & Remote Music Summit (7-9 August 2024) is discussing sustainability and impact of climate change on the live music industry including touring – the event received funding of \$106,400 from Arts NT.

Objective 4: Inform and involve all Territorians

Our Climate Change Champion and 2 Climate Change Coordinators participate in and contribute to the network and meetings led by the Office of Climate Change Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security.

Our Housing Officers, along with our contracted Remote Tenancy Support Providers educate tenants on electricity and water use and encourage them to reduce consumption through everyday behaviours and through the early reporting of repairs and maintenance.



Financial statements

Territory Families, Housing and Communities

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Financial statement overview

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Agency overview

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is a human services agency that works to provide safe, responsive programs that empower communities and improve social outcomes.

The agency partners with families, communities and service providers to build safe, strong and thriving communities where Territorians are empowered, valued and can participate in community life.

The primary objective of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is to provide support services across child protection, domestic and family violence, youth justice services, housing, homelessness, social inclusion, sport and active recreation and to support arts, culture, heritage libraries and archives in the Northern Territory.

Territory Families, Housing and Communities' financial performance for the year and its financial position as at 30 June 2024 are reported in the following financial statements and consists of a Comprehensive Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, and Cash Flow Statement, and the notes accompanying these statements.

The agency's output groups are:

- Families
- Housing
- Communities
- Corporate and Shared Services

Note 3 of the financial statements outlines the Comprehensive Operating Statement by output groups.

Summary of financial performance

Budget Performance

In 2023-24, the Department had an original Budget of \$1.24 billion which increased to \$1.32 billion across the year. The increase of \$78.20 million was predominately related to additional budget for:

Northern Territory Government additional funding:

- **\$3.50 million** for the National Iconic Arts Trail
- **\$3.07 million** for the Emu Point Housing Upgrade Project
- **\$2.82 million** through a Treasurer's Advance for legal expenses
- **\$2.50 million** in indexation for the non-government sector delivering priority frontline services in Domestic, Sexual and Family Violence (DSFV) and homelessness
- **\$1.88 million** through a Treasurer's Advance for emergency management requirement
- **\$0.46 million** for Government Employee Housing.

Northern Territory Government funding carried over from 2022-23:

- **\$2.50 million** for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- **\$1.40 million** for the Ozanam House relocation
- **\$1.40 million** for the Affordable Housing and Key Worker Subsidy
- **\$1.00 million** for additional public housing safety officers
- **\$0.82 million** for the Elliot upgrades program
- **\$0.60 million** transferred in from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade for Desert Knowledge Australia.

Commonwealth funding:

- **\$17.50 million** for the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program
- **\$2.88 million** for the Domestic, Sexual and Family Violence (DSFV) Response 2021-27
- **\$2.30 million** for the National Energy Bill Relief Program
- **\$0.44 million** for the Keeping Women Safe in their Homes program.

Other funding sources:

- **\$8.20 million** for additional rent and tenancy revenue invested into public housing
- **\$0.40 million** funding returned from unspent grants.

Non-cash related adjustments:

- **\$56.15 million** to recognise increased repairs and maintenance services received through the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL)
- **\$24.91 million** for depreciation and other asset related items
- **\$16.30 million** for the recognition of public housing doubtful debts
- **\$1.25 million** to recognise the gifting of land for specialist disability accommodation
- **\$1.40 million** to recognise the transfer of assets to Community Housing Providers as service concession assets.

These increases were partially offset by reductions for:

- **\$44.00 million** transferred to 2024-25 for the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program
- **\$6.80 million** transferred to Northern Territory Treasury Corporation for interest on Commonwealth Loans
- **\$6.50 million** transferred to the DIPL for upgrades to Dawn House
- **\$5.90 million** transferred to DIPL for their share of the increased funding for National Partnership on Remote Housing
- **\$4.18 million** transferred to 2024-25 for DFSV shelters in Darwin and Katherine
- **\$2.57 million** transferred to 2024-25 for the Community Housing strategy grants
- **\$2.14 million** transferred to 2024-25 for DSFV Action Plan 2
- **\$2.00 million** transferred to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC) for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery of Australia project
- **\$1.80 million** transferred to 2024-25 for the National Partnership on Remote Housing
- **\$1.00 million** to correct funding received under the National Partnership on Remote Housing
- **\$0.70 million** transferred to DCMC for functions under the Reform Management Office.

2023-24 Budget and expenditure by output group

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Families	337 419	344 692	349 908	(5 216)
Family support	43 281	45 871	38 322	7 549
Child protection	22 228	23 983	22 233	(1 750)
Out of home care	133 937	137 864	147 063	(9 199)
Youth justice	82 869	87 800	90 135	(2 335)
Domestic, family and sexual violence	55 104	50 924	50 405	519
Housing	532 273	537 925	708 310	(170 385)
Homelessness services	37 764	40 543	43 281	(2 738)
Urban housing	102 435	109 932	129 947	(20 015)
Remote housing	136 154	152 002	295 789	(143 787)
Town camps and homelands	122 178	99 588	81 948	17 640
Government employee housing	47 354	50 707	72 215	(21 508)
Indigenous essential services	86 388	85 153	85 130	23
Communities	274 138	291 217	264 782	26 435
Arts and culture	33 378	37 589	39 794	(2 205)
Heritage, libraries and archives	14 130	12 565	12 808	(243)
Sport and active recreation	36 158	37 370	41 776	(4 406)
Social inclusion	5 006	5 947	6 289	(342)
Disability services	144 139	152 126	123 595	28 531
Northern Territory concession and recognition schemes	40 627	42 438	36 040	6 398
Emergency management welfare group	700	3 182	4 480	(1 298)
Corporate and shared services	96 984	145 174	134 241	10 933
Corporate and governance	15 756	15 696	14 510	1 186
Shared services received	81 228	129 478	119 731	9 747
Total expenses	1 240 814	1 319 008	1 457 240	(138 232)

Budget performances

Territory Families, Housing and Communities final expenditure result was \$1.46 billion, resulting in an above budget position of \$0.14 million or 10.50 per cent against the final budget of \$1.32 billion.

The above budget result is primarily due to:

- **\$169.46 million** in non-cash adjustments related to depreciation expenses and asset write offs in Urban and Remote Public Housing, and Government Employee Housing outputs
- **\$9.20 million** in Out of Home Care expenses for young people in the care of the department
- **\$5.86 million** in repairs and maintenance for Government Employee Housing transferred from DIPL.

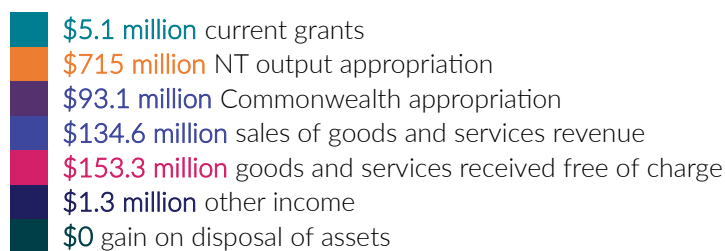
This above budget result is partially offset by the following underspends:

- **\$26.80 million** as a result of increased claims for in kind support provided by the NT Government which reduces the Northern Territory's cash contribution requirement paid to the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- **\$9.75 million** in shared services for repairs and maintenance (DIPL) and corporate services (Department of Corporate and Digital Development)
- **\$11.79 million** in the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program due to delays.

Operating Revenue

Operating revenue for the financial year was \$1.10 billion. The agency is dependent on government appropriations with the Northern Territory Government contributing \$715.00 million and the Commonwealth \$93.10 million.

The other main source of revenue for the agency is goods and services revenue of \$134.57 million predominantly for public housing tenancy charges.



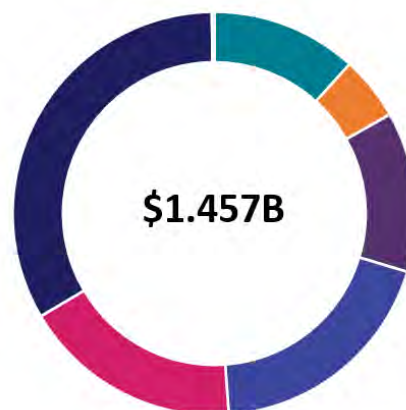
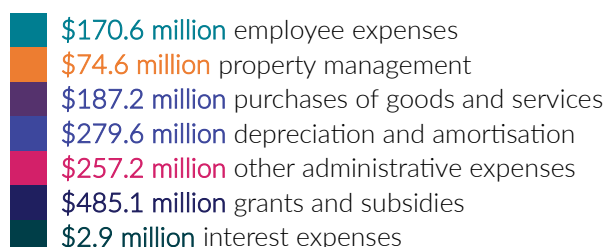
Operating Expenses

The department's operating expenses were \$1.46 billion. The payment of grants and subsidies contributed to \$485.10 million or 33.3 per cent of total operating expenses. These were largely grants paid for the NT's commitments to the NDIS, support of Indigenous Essential Services, frontline service delivery by non-government organisation partners, concession schemes and Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program.

Purchase of goods and services expenditure was \$186.70 million or 12.8 per cent with employee expense being \$170.62 million or 11.7 per cent of total operating expenses.

The remainder of cash related operational expenses were in relation to property management of \$74.60 million, including water and sewerage, rates and lease charges and interest expense for finance leases of \$2.95 million.

Non-cash asset expenses were \$279.57 million for depreciation and amortisation and \$257.70 million in other administrative expenses, which includes services received free of charge from the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics and the Department of Corporate and Digital Development and other non-cash asset related expenses including asset and debt write offs.



Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows the Department's net worth and financial position. The department held total assets worth \$4.23 billion as at 30 June 2024, consisting mainly of \$3.62 billion of public housing assets with the remainder for detention centres, museums and strategic sporting infrastructure such as Hidden Valley and Marrara. Total liabilities is \$224.38 million, which consists mainly of lease liabilities of \$105.41 million.

Cash flow statement

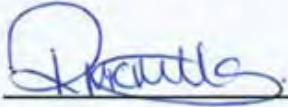
The cash flow statement represents cash received and used during the year from the department's operating, investing and financing activities. As at 30 June 2024, the department held \$141.34 million in cash and deposits, a decrease of \$12.68 million when compared to 30 June 2023. This is a result of Commonwealth revenue expected to be paid in 2024-25 for expenditure incurred in 2023-24.

Certification of the financial statements

We certify that the attached financial statements for the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities have been prepared based on proper accounts and records in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and with the requirements as prescribed in the *Financial Management Act 1995* and Treasurer's Directions.

We further state that the information set out in the comprehensive operating statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the financial position on that date.

At the time of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.

	
Emma White	Rachelle McMillan
Chief Executive Officer	Chief Financial Officer
30 August 2024	30 August 2024

Comprehensive operating statement

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	Restated 2023
		\$000	\$000
INCOME			
Grants and subsidies revenue			
Current	4	1 316	1 223
Appropriation			
Output	5	715 004	707 054
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)	5	93 085	72 630
Sales of goods and services	6	134 573	119 375
Goods and services received free of charge	7	153 295	167 136
Gain on disposal of assets	8	14	-
Other income	9	5 102	2 304
TOTAL INCOME		1 102 389	1 069 722
EXPENSE			
Employee expenses	10	170 620	165 676
Administrative expenses			
Property management		74 604	67 075
Purchases of goods and services	11	186 702	159 954
Depreciation and amortisation	20	279 567	183 907
Other administrative expenses		164 733	175 903
Grants and subsidies expenses			
Current	12a	387 152	326 167
Capital	12b	77 895	66 320
Community service obligations	12c	20 055	17 011
Interest expenses	13	2 949	9 730
Loss on disposal of assets	8	92 964	11 534
TOTAL EXPENSES		1 457 241	1 183 277
NET (DEFICIT)		(354 852)	(113 555)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Items that will not be reclassified to net surplus/deficit			
Changes in asset revaluation surplus		(142,733)	223 307
Transfer from reserves	31	11 724	(3 242)
Correction of prior period errors		-	371
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(131 009)	220 436
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT		(485 861)	106 881

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	Restated 2023
		\$000	\$000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and deposits	15	141 344	154 022
Receivables	17	39 051	22 189
Inventories	18	41	46
Prepayments	19	2 662	2 569
Total current assets		183 098	178 826
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	20	3 880 981	3 919 533
Heritage and cultural assets	24	170 314	169 389
Total non-current assets		4 051 295	4 088 922
TOTAL ASSETS		4 234 393	4 267 749
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Deposits held	25	6 659	6 754
Payables	26	37 462	27 448
Borrowings and advances	27	15 483	21 703
Provisions	28	21 005	20 187
Other liabilities	29	53 836	54 400
Total current liabilities		134 445	130 492
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings and advances	27	89 930	112 743
Total non-current liabilities		89 930	112 743
TOTAL LIABILITIES		224 375	243 235
NET ASSETS		4 010 018	4 024 514
EQUITY			
Capital		3 879 755	3 408 390
Reserves	31	1 956 521	2 099 254
Accumulated funds		(1 826 258)	(1 483 130)
TOTAL EQUITY		4 010 018	4 024 514

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Equity at 1 July (Restated)	Comprehensive result	Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	Equity at 30 June
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
2024					
Accumulated funds		(1 480 259)	(354 852)	-	(1 835 111)
Correction of prior period errors		371	-	-	371
Transfers from reserves		(3 242)	11 724	-	8 482
Total Accumulated Funds		(1 483 130)	(343 129)	-	(1 826 258)
Reserves					
Asset Revaluation Surplus	31	2 099 254	(142 733)	-	1 956 521
Total Reserves		2 099 254	(142 733)	-	1 956 521
Capital					
Equity injections					
Capital appropriation		2 419 679	-	3 909	2 423 588
Equity transfers in		1 050 372	-	478 052	1 528 424
Other equity injections		93 554	-	104	93 658
Specific purpose payments		3 050	-	-	3 050
Equity withdrawals					
Capital withdrawal		(15 610)	-	(8 740)	(24 350)
Equity transfers out		(142 655)	-	(1 960)	(144 615)
Total Capital		3 408 390	-	471 365	3 879 755
Total equity at end of financial year		4 024 514	(485 861)	471 365	4 010 018

	Note	Equity at 1 July \$000	Comprehensive result \$000	Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners \$000	Equity at 30 June (Restated) \$000
Restated 2023					
Accumulated Funds		(1 366 704)	(113 555)	-	(1 480 259)
Correction of prior period errors		-	371	-	371
Transfers from reserves		-	(3 242)	-	(3 242)
Total Accumulated Funds		(1 366 704)	(116 426)	-	(1 483 130)
Reserves					
Asset Revaluation Surplus		1 875 947	301 006		2 176 953
Adjustment			(77 699)		(77 699)
Total Reserves	31	1 875 947	223 307		2 099 254
Capital					
Equity injections					
Capital appropriation		2 415 020	-	4 659	2 419 679
Equity transfers in		759 731	-	290 641	1 050 372
Other equity injections		93 554	-	-	93 554
Specific purpose payments		3 050	-	-	3 050
Equity withdrawals					
Capital withdrawal		(15 610)	-	-	(15 610)
Equity transfers out		(142 362)	-	(293)	(142 655)
Total Capital		3 113 383	-	295 007	3 408 390
Total equity at end of financial year		3 622 626	106 881	295 007	4 024 514

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Cash flow statement

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$000	\$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating receipts			
Grants and subsidies received			
Current		1 316	1 223
Appropriation			
Output		715 004	707 054
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)		122 364	119 853
Receipts from sales of goods and services		118 180	141 658
Total operating receipts		956 864	969 788
Operating payments			
Payments to employees		(169 641)	(165 856)
Payments for goods and services		(288 821)	(253 700)
Grants and subsidies paid			
Current		(386 811)	(326 064)
Capital		(71 822)	(52 609)
Community service obligations		(20 670)	(17 248)
Interest paid		(2 968)	(9 732)
Total operating payments		(940 733)	(825 209)
Net cash from operating activities	16	16 131	144 579
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investing receipts			
Proceeds from sales		368	1 512
Total investing receipts	8	368	1 512
Investing payments			
Purchases of non-financial assets		(3 402)	(32)
Total investing payments		(3 402)	(32)
Net (used in) investing activities		(3 034)	1 480
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Financing receipts			
Equity injections			
Capital appropriation	0	3 909	4 659
Other equity injections		104	-
Total financing receipts		4 013	4 659
Financing payments			
Deposits paid		(95)	(952)
Repayment of borrowings		-	(4 343)
Lease liabilities payments		(20 953)	(17 192)
Equity withdrawals		(8 740)	-
Total financing payments	16b	(29 788)	(22 487)
Net (used in)/from financing activities		(25 775)	(17 828)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(12 678)	128 231
Cash at beginning of financial year		154 022	25 791
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	15	141 344	154 022

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1. Objectives and funding

The primary objective of the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is to provide support services across child protection, domestic and family violence, youth justice services, housing, homelessness, social inclusion, sport, and active recreation and to support arts, culture, heritage libraries and archives in the Northern Territory.

Additional information in relation to the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and its principal activities may be found in the annual report.

The department is predominantly funded and therefore dependent on the receipt of parliamentary appropriations. The financial statements encompass all funds through which the agency controls resources to carry on its functions and deliver outputs. For reporting purposes, outputs delivered by the agency are summarised into several output groups. Note 3 provides summarised financial information in the form of a comprehensive operating statement by the output group.

The Agency's output groups are:

- Families
- Housing
- Communities
- Corporate and Shared Services.

Machinery of government changes

Transfers in

Details of transfer: Desert Knowledge Australia (grant agreement) transferred from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

Basis of transfer: Administrative Arrangements Order 27 March 2024

Date of transfer: Effective from 01 July 2023

The assets and liabilities transferred as a result of this change were as follows:

Assets	\$000
Cash	560
Receivables	-
Property, plant and equipment	-
	560
Liabilities	
Payables	-
Provisions	-
Other liabilities	-
Net assets	560

Transfers out

Details of transfer: National Aboriginal Art Gallery (major project) transferred to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Basis of transfer: Administrative Arrangements Order 27 March 2024

Date of transfer: Effective from 01 July 2023

The assets and liabilities transferred as a result of this change were as follows:

Assets	\$000
Cash	520
Receivables	-
Property, plant and equipment	-
	520
Liabilities	
Payables	7
Provisions	-
Other liabilities	2
	9
Net assets	511

Transfers out

Details of transfer: Reform Management Office transferred to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Basis of transfer: Instrument of Transfer dated 15 December 2023

Date of transfer: Effective from 01 July 2023

The assets and liabilities transferred as a result of this change were as follows:

Assets	\$000
Cash	301
Receivables	-
Property, plant and equipment	-
	301
Liabilities	
Payables	(59)
Provisions	-
Other liabilities	-
	(59)
Net assets	360

2. Statement of material accounting policies

a. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1995* and related Treasurer's Directions. The *Financial Management Act 1995* requires the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities to prepare financial statements for the year ended 30 June based on the form determined by the Treasurer.

The form of agency financial statements should include:

- a certification of the financial statements
- a comprehensive operating statement
- a balance sheet
- a statement of changes in equity
- a cash flow statement and
- applicable explanatory notes to the financial statements.

b. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognises the effect of financial transactions and events when they occur, rather than when cash is paid out or received. As part of the preparation of the financial statements, all intra-agency transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Except where stated, the financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The form of the agency financial statements is also consistent with the requirements of Australian accounting standards. The effects of all relevant new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are effective for the current annual reporting period have been evaluated.

Standards and interpretations effective from 2023-24 financial year

AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates has been applied for the first time from 2023-24.

The amendments in AASB 2021-2 require the disclosure of 'material', rather than 'significant', accounting policies. Although the amendments have not resulted in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they have impacted accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. Accordingly, accounting policies that are not considered 'material' have now been removed from the financial statements.

Several other amendments and interpretations have been issued that apply to the current reporting period but are considered to have no or minimal impact on public sector reporting.

Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

No Australian accounting standards have been adopted early for 2023-24 financial year.

Several amendments interpretations have been issued that apply to future reporting periods but are considered to have no or minimal impact on public sector reporting.

AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities

This standard amends the application of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement to non-financial assets of not-for-profit public sector entities not held primarily to generate cash inflows. It applies prospectively to annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2024, with earlier application permitted.

This revised standard provides clarification and further guidance on the current requirements for measuring non-financial assets including:

- when an asset's use is considered "financially feasible"
- application of cost approach in measurement of an asset's fair value
- costs to be included in the calculation of replacement cost
- indicators of economic obsolescence

The department is under the process of assessing whether it will have material impact from July 2024.

c. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover the department as an individual reporting entity.

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is a Northern Territory department established under the *Interpretation Act 1978 and Administrative Arrangements Order*.

The principal place of business of the department is:

Level 7, Power House, 41 Smith Street, Darwin 0800

The department also has regional and remote offices across the Northern Territory.

d. Agency and Territory items

The financial statements of Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities include income, expenses, assets, liabilities and equity over which the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities include has control (agency items) and is able to utilise to further its own objectives. Certain items, while managed by the agency, are administered and recorded by the Territory rather than the agency (Territory items). Territory items are recognised and recorded in the Central Holding Authority as discussed below.

Central Holding Authority

The Central Holding Authority is the 'parent body' that represents the government's ownership interest in government-controlled entities.

The Central Holding Authority also records all Territory items, such as income, expenses, assets and liabilities controlled by the government and managed by agencies on behalf of the government. The main Territory item is Territory income, which includes taxation and royalty revenue, Commonwealth general purpose funding (such as GST revenue), fines, and statutory fees and charges.

The Central Holding Authority also holds certain Territory assets not assigned to agencies as well as certain Territory liabilities that are not practical or effective to assign to individual agencies such as unfunded superannuation and long service leave.

The Central Holding Authority recognises and records all Territory items, and as such, these items are not included in the agency's financial statements. However, as the agency is accountable for certain Territory items managed on behalf of government, these items have been separately disclosed in Note 37 – Schedule of administered Territory items.

e. Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information for the 2022-23 financial year has been reclassified to provide consistency with current year disclosures.

f. Presentation and rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, with amounts of \$500 or less being rounded down to zero. Figures in the financial statements and notes may not equate due to rounding.

g. Changes in accounting policies

There have been changes to accounting policies adopted in 2023-24 financial year as a result of management decisions.

The Department assessed the useful economic lives (UELs) of remote assets to be lower than previous financial year based on qualitative and quantitative analysis undertaken. The assessment includes the consideration of the requirements of the Treasurers Directions (version 15 August 2006 and Treasurers Directions in effect 1 July 2024), Australian Accounting Standards and the analysis of recommendations made by the Valuer Herron Todd White.

Implementing the UEL change on 1 July 2023 results in an increase in depreciation expense of \$76.50 million and a corresponding \$76.50 million reduction in the written down value of these assets as at 30 June 2024

h. Accounting judgments and estimates

The preparation of the financial report requires the making of judgments and estimates that affect the recognised amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

i. Goods and services tax

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable or payable unless otherwise specified. Gross GST recoverable on commitments is disclosed separately in the commitments note.

j. Contributions by and distributions to government

The agency may receive contributions from government where the government is acting as owner of the agency. Conversely, the agency may make distributions to government. In accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1995* and Treasurer's Directions, certain types of contributions and distributions, including those relating to administrative restructures, have been designated as contributions by, and distributions to, government. These designated contributions and distributions are treated by the agency as adjustments to equity.

The statement of changes in equity provides additional information in relation to contributions by, and distributions to, government.

3. Comprehensive operating statement by output group

		Families		Housing		Communities		Corporate and Shared Services		Total	
	Note	2024	2023	2024	Restated 2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	Restated 2023
		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
INCOME											
Grants and subsidies revenue											
Current	5	880	969	282		154	254	-	-	1 316	1 223
Appropriation	5										
Output		291 088	307 800	190 760	188 693	218 954	191 576	14 202	18 985	715 004	707 054
Commonwealth		15 466	24 074	63 879	37 801	13 740	10 755	-	-	93 085	72 630
Sales of goods and services	6	138	67	132 602	117 433	1 651	1 720	182	155	134 573	119 375
Goods and services received free of charge	7	-	-	537	1 227	33 027	27 319	119 731	138 590	153 295	167 136
Gain on disposal of assets	8	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
Other income	9	300	525	3 315	1 476	1 509	181	(22)	122	5 102	2 304
TOTAL INCOME		307 872	333 435	391 389	346 630	269 035	231 805	134 093	157 852	1 102 389	1 069 722
EXPENSES											
Employee expenses		105 693	104 315	32 965	29 517	19 909	20 634	12 053	11 210	170 620	165 676
Administrative expenses											
Property management		3 524	2 891	65 372	59 760	5 407	4 082	301	342	74 604	67 075
Purchases of goods and services	10	142 098	116 527	33 219	27 766	9 865	13 935	1 520	1 726	186 702	159 954
Depreciation and amortisation	20	3 630	4 283	261 332	165 308	14 551	14 248	54	68	279 567	183 907
Other administrative expenses ¹		727	74	11 260	9 918	33 016	27 326	119 730	138 585	164 733	175 903
Grants and subsidies expenses											
Current	11a	92 653	80 928	136 179	130 425	157 765	114 772	555	42	387 152	326 167

		Families		Housing		Communities		Corporate and Shared Services		Total	
	Note	2024	2023	2024	Restated 2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	Restated 2023
		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Capital	11b	1 492	1 835	69 173	55 311	7 230	9 174	-	-	77 895	66 320
Community service obligations	11c	-	-	3 440	3 414	16 615	13 597	-	-	20 055	17 011
Interest expenses	12	5	5	2 917	9 700	-	-	27	25	2 949	9 730
Loss on disposal of assets	8	86	44	92 453	11 563	425	28	-	(101)	92 964	11 534
TOTAL EXPENSES		349 908	310 902	708 310	502 682	264 783	217 796	134 240	151 897	1 457 241	1 183 277
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(42 036)	22 533	(316 921)	(156 052)	4 252	14 009	(147)	5 955	(354 852)	(113 555)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME											
Items that will not be reclassified to net surplus											
Correction of prior period errors		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	371	-	371
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	(142 733)	220 065	(142 733)	220 065
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-	-	-	11 724	-	11 724	-
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-	-	-	-	-	(131 009)	220 436	(131 009)	220 436
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT		(42 047)	22 533	(316 921)	(156 052)	4 253	14 009	(131 156)	226 391	(485 861)	106 881

¹ Includes DCDD service charges and DIPL repairs and maintenance service charges.

Income

Income encompasses both revenue and gains. Income is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, exclusive of the amount of GST. Exchanges of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration being exchanged are not recognised as income.

4. Grants and subsidies revenue

	2024			2024		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Current grants	1 007	309	1 316	1 173	50	1 223
Total grants and subsidies revenue	1 007	309	1 316	1 173	50	1 223

Grants revenue is recognised at fair value exclusive of GST.

Where a grant agreement is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations for the agency to transfer goods or services to the grantor or a third-party beneficiary, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 as revenue from contracts with customers. In this case, revenue is initially deferred as unearned contract revenue liability, included in Note 29 Other liabilities, when received in advance and recognised as or when the performance obligations are satisfied. The agency has adopted a low value contract threshold of \$50 000 excluding GST and recognises revenue from contracts with a low value, upfront on receipt of income.

The agency's contracts with customers relate to Commonwealth funding arrangements for Tripartite Forum (\$411k), Underwater Heritage (\$69k), Keeping Women Safe in their Homes (\$442k) and Conservation of Alice Springs Town Council's Art Collection (\$85k).

Revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

Grant agreements that satisfy recognition requirements under AASB 15 are disaggregated below.

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Type of good and service:		
Service delivery	1 007	1 173
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 007	1 173
Type of customer:		
Commonwealth Government	922	1 088
State and Territory Government	85	85
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 007	1 173
Timing of transfer of goods and services:		
Overtime	410	677
Point in time	597	496
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 007	1 173

A financing component for consideration is only recognised if it is significant to the contract and the period between the transfer of goods and services and receipt of consideration is more than one year. For the 2023-24 and 2022-23 reporting periods, there were no adjustments for the effects of a significant financing component.

Where grant agreements do not meet criteria above, it is accounted for under AASB 1058 and is recognised upfront on receipt of funding.

Capital grants with enforceable contracts and sufficiently specific obligations are recognised as an unearned capital grants liability, included in Note 29 Other liabilities, when received and subsequently recognised progressively as revenue as or when the agency satisfies its obligations under the agreement. Where a non-financial asset is purchased, revenue is recognised at the point in time the asset is acquired and control transfers to the agency.

Territory Families, Housing and Communities revenue recognised under AASB 1058 includes a Commonwealth reimbursement for expenditure incurred in 2023-24 for Remote Housing System Research Project (\$282k).

For constructed assets, revenue is recognised over time, using the percentage of completion method, measured as the costs incurred as a proportion of estimated total project costs.

Grant revenue, passed on from a Territory Government-controlled entity except for the Central Holding Authority, is recognised upfront on receipt, irrespective of which revenue accounting standard it may fall under in accordance with the Treasurer's Direction on income.

Revenue in the form of community service obligations (CSO) is received by the agency where the agency is required to carry out activities on a non-commercial basis. CSO revenue is recognised when received.

5. Appropriation

Appropriation recorded in the operating statement includes output appropriation and commonwealth appropriation received for the delivery of services.

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Output	-	715 004	715 004	-	707 054	707 054
Commonwealth	-	93 085	93 085	-	72 630	72 630
Total appropriation in the operating statement	-	808 089	808 089	-	779 684	779 684

Appropriation recorded in the cashflow statement includes capital appropriation and commonwealth capital appropriation received for the delivery of assets to be retained by the agency.

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Capital	-	3 909	3 909	-	4 659	4 659
Total appropriation in the cashflow statement	-	3 909	3 909	-	4 659	4 659

Output appropriation is the operating payment to each agency for the outputs they provide as specified in the *Appropriation Act*. It does not include any allowance for major non-cash costs such as depreciation. Output appropriations do not have sufficiently specific performance obligations and recognised on receipt of funds.

Commonwealth appropriation follows from the intergovernmental agreement on federal financial relations, resulting in specific purpose payments (SPPs) and national partnership (NP) payments being made by the Commonwealth Treasury to state treasuries, in a manner similar to arrangements for GST payments. These payments are received by the Department of Treasury and Finance on behalf of the Central Holding Authority and then passed on to the relevant agencies as Commonwealth appropriation.

Where appropriation received has an enforceable contract with sufficiently specific performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 as revenue from contracts with customers. In this case, revenue is recognised as and when goods and or services are transferred to the customer or third-party beneficiary. Otherwise, revenue is recognised when the agency gains control of the funds.

Commonwealth appropriation has been received under National Partnership Agreements, as follows:

- \$37.36 million for the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure program (HHIP)
- \$21.22 million for the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement
- \$11.13 million for the Disability Care Australia Fund of the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- \$9.87 million for the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment
- \$5.59 million for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence responses
- \$4.67 million for the Remote Housing Northern Territory
- \$2.20 million for the National Energy Bill Relief
- \$0.63 million for the National Water Grid Fund
- \$0.41 million for the Changing Places Facilities.

a) Summary of changes to budget appropriations

The following table presents changes to budgeted appropriations authorised during the current financial year together with explanations for significant changes. It compares the amounts originally identified in the *Appropriation (2023-2024) Act 2023* with revised appropriations as reported in *2024-25 Budget Paper No. 3 Agency Budget Statements* and the final end of year appropriation.

The changes within this table relate only to appropriation and do not include agency revenue (for example, goods and services revenue and grants received directly by the agency) or expenditure. Refer to Note 38 *Budgetary information* for detailed information on variations to the agency's actual outcome compared to budget for revenue and expenses.

	Original 2023-24 budget appropriation \$000	Revised 2023-24 budget appropriation \$000	Change to budget appropriation \$000	Final 2023-24 budget appropriation \$000	Change to budget appropriation \$000
Output ¹	722 528	709 804	(12 724)	715 004	5 200
Capital ²	9 659	3 909	(5 750)	3 909	-
Commonwealth ³	142 590	117 872	(24 718)	117 872	-
Total appropriation	874 777	831 585	(43 192)	833 785	5 200

1. Output Appropriation

The following are explanations of changes over \$1.00 million or where there is a significant offset resulting in net changes under \$1.00 million.

- \$5.20 million Treasurer's Advance for emergency management, legal claims and Local Decision Making financial support grant.
- \$3.07 million for the Emu Point housing upgrade project.
- \$3.50 million for the National Iconic Arts Trail.
- \$2.50 million in indexation for the non-government sector delivering priority frontline services in DFSV and homelessness.
- \$1.79 million for workers compensation premiums.
- \$0.60 million transferred in from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade for Desert Knowledge Australia.
- \$0.58 million indexation for Indigenous Essential Services.
- \$0.40 million for the Rugby Infrastructure Upgrades at Jim McConville Oval.

These increases are partially offset by decreases for:

- \$6.80 million transferred to Northern Territory Treasury Corporation for interest on in Commonwealth Loans
- \$6.50 million transferred to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) for upgrades to Dawn House
- \$4.18 million transferred to 2024-25 for DFSV shelter upgrades
- \$2.14 million transferred to 2024-25 for DFSV Action Plan
- \$2.00 million transferred to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC) for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery of Australia project
- \$1.44 million transferred to 2024-25 for the NT Library Education and Community Precinct
- \$0.78 million transferred to 2024-25 for Gunbalanya Oval Lights
- \$0.73 million transferred to DCMC for functions under the Reform Management Office
- \$0.42 million transferred to the Department of Attorney General and Justice for youth legal claims

- \$0.15 million transferred to DCMC for the summer pool program.

2. Capital Appropriation

- \$9.0 million transferred to 2024-25 for the Community Housing Strategy
- Partially offset by additional funding of \$3.25 million transferred from DIPL for the purchase of land in Alice Springs.

3. Commonwealth Appropriation

Commonwealth appropriation reflects funding anticipated to be received from the Commonwealth for both operational and capital purposes. As Commonwealth appropriations are largely recognised as or when performance obligations are satisfied, the actual amounts receipted by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and reported in these financial statements may vary from the budgeted amounts reported in this table.

The following are explanations of changes over \$1.00 million or where there is a significant offset resulting in net changes under \$1.00 million.

- \$44.00 million transferred to 2024-25 for the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program.
- \$5.90 million transferred to DIPL for their share of the increased funding for National Partnership on Remote Housing.
- \$1.80 million transferred to 2024-25 for the National Partnership on Remote Housing.
- \$1.00 million to correct funding received under the National Partnership on Remote Housing.

Partially offset by additional funding from:

- \$17.50 million for the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program
- \$2.88 million for the Domestic, Sexual and Family Violence (DSFV) Response 2021-27
- \$2.30 million for the National Energy Bill Relief Program
- \$0.44 million for the Keeping Women Safe in their Homes program.

Output and capital appropriations reflect funding as a direct result of government-approved decisions, with actual funding received by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities in line with the budgeted amounts.

6. Sales of goods and services

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Other goods and services revenue	134 141	432	134 573	119 005	370	119 375
Total sales of goods and services	134 141	432	134 573	119 005	370	119 375

Sales of goods

Revenue from sales of goods is recognised when the agency satisfies a performance obligation by transferring the promised goods. The agency typically satisfies its performance obligations when the control of goods is transferred to the customers, and when a customer obtains control of promised goods. The payments are typically due when the control of goods is transferred to the customers, and when the customer obtains control of the promised goods.

Revenue from these sales is based on the price specified in the contract, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable a significant reversal will not occur. There is no element of financing present as sales are made with a short credit term.

Rendering of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the agency satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services. Most of the goods and services that is disclosed in this note include rental income from operating lease arrangements of agency public housing. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms. These are recognised at fair value, exclusive of GST.

Revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Type of good and service:		
Service delivery	134 141	119 005
Total revenue from contracts with customers	134 141	119 005
Type of customer:		
Non-government entities	134 141	119 005
Total revenue from contracts with customers	134 141	119 005
Timing of transfer of goods and services:		
Overtime	132 422	117 447
Point in time	1 719	1 558
Total revenue from contracts with customers	134 141	119 005

7. Goods and services received free of charge

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Department of Corporate and Digital Development	39 169	36 590
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	80 562	101 999
National Disability Insurance Scheme in-kind services	33 564	28 547
Total goods and services received free of charge	153 295	167 136

Resources received free of charge are recognised as revenue when, and only when, a fair value can be reliably determined, and the services would have been purchased if they had not been donated. Use of those resources is recognised as an expense. Resources received free of charge are recorded as either revenue or gains depending on their nature.

Repairs and maintenance expenses incurred on the agency's assets and costs associated with administration of these expenses are centralised and in the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on behalf of the agency, and form part of goods and services received free of charge by the agency.

In addition, the following corporate services staff and functions are centralised and provided by Department of Corporate and Digital Development on behalf of the agency and form part of goods and services received free of charge by the agency:

- financial services including accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll
- employment and workforce services
- information management services
- procurement services
- property leasing services.

Under the National Disability Insurance Scheme, in-kind supports are provided by other Northern Territory government agencies to scheme participants and are recognised in the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities as service free of charge.

8. Loss on disposal of assets

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Net proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets	368	1 511
Less: Carrying value of non-current assets disposed	(354)	(1 528)
Gain/(Loss) on the disposal of non-current assets	14	(17)
Carrying value of non- current assets write off	(92 964)	(11 517)
Carrying value of non- current assets gifted	-	(32)
Total loss on disposal of assets	(92 964)	(11 517)
Net loss on the disposal of asset	(92 950)	(11 534)

9. Other income

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Service Concession Revenue	-	1 206	1 206	-	-	-
Cultural Assets acquired nil consideration	-	926	926	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income	1 768	1 202	1 202	1 620	684	684
Total other income	1 768	3 334	5 102	1 620	684	2 304

The Agency revenue from contract with customers relates to revenue under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS). The Agency is one of the participants under this scheme where an agency is to provide affordable rental dwellings at 20 per cent below market rates. Revenue is recognised when the agency satisfies the performance obligation.

The Agency recognises Service Concession Revenue based on revenue collected from the tenants for the period. An equal and offsetting expense is recognised resulting in a nil effect to the comprehensive operating statement.

Revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Type of good and service:		
Service delivery	1 768	1 620
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 768	1 620
Type of customer:		
Australian government entities	1 768	1 620
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 768	1 620
Timing of transfer of goods and services:		
Overtime	1 768	1 620
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 768	1 620

10. Employee benefits expense

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Salaries and wages	145 687	142 042
Superannuation expenses	15 461	14 477
Workers compensation ¹	-	-
Fringe benefits tax	688	639
Payroll tax	8 784	8 519
Total employee benefits expense	170 620	165 677

¹ Workers compensation expenses are captured in insurance premiums under purchases of goods and services (note 11).

The number of full-time equivalent employees for 2023-24 was 1 291 (2022-23: 1 208).

Salaries and wages are recognised in the reporting period when the employee renders services to the Territory Government. It includes recreation leave, labour hire costs, allowances and other benefits, which are recognised in the reporting period when employees are entitled to the benefit or when incurred.

The recognition and measurement policy for employee benefits is detailed in Note 26: Payables and Note 28: Provisions.

11. Purchases of goods and services

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Goods and services		
Consultants ¹	3 206	1 556
Advertising ²	192	232
Marketing and promotion ³	1 055	829
Document production	294	241
Legal expenses ⁴	5 155	2 984
Recruitment ⁵	349	244
Training and study	3 781	2 536
Official duty fares	5 456	3 969
Travelling allowance	1 438	1 195
Information technology charges and communications	8 540	8 516
Accommodation	3 159	1 871
Agent Service Arrangements	9 407	9 866
Audit Fees	86	22
Client Travel	2 221	1 690
Consumables/general expenditure	1 101	1 513
Child placement expenses ⁶	90 582	74 519
Child related expenses ⁷	30 150	27 569
Insurance premiums	4 944	3 086
IT Hardware and Software Expenses	567	502
Medical/ dental supplies and services	2 655	2 915
Motor vehicle expenses	3 430	3 351
Office requisites and stationery	507	369
Other equipment expenses	1 792	4 418
Other operating expenses	6 635	5 961
Total purchases of goods and services	186 702	159 954

¹Includes marketing, promotion and IT consultants

²Does not include recruitment related advertising or advertising for marketing and promotion.

³Includes advertising for marketing and promotion but excludes marketing and promotion consultants' expenses, which are incorporated in the consultants' category.

⁴ Includes legal fees, claim and settlement costs.

⁵ Includes recruitment-related advertising costs.

⁶Includes expenses for sourcing and approving appropriate Out-of-Home-Care placements

⁷Includes expenses for all children and young people in the care of the Chief Executive Officer.

Purchases of goods and services generally represent the day-to-day running costs incurred in normal operations, including supplies and service costs recognised in the reporting period in which they are incurred.

12. Grant and subsidies expenses

a. Current grant and subsidy expense

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current grant		
Local government	26 438	28 995
Private and not-for-profit sector	158 427	134 720
Grants to other sectors of government	63 665	67 674
Other	108 903	70 096
Total current grants	357 433	301 485
Subsidy		
Private and not-for-profit sector	28 461	24 682
Grants to other sectors of government	1 258	-
Total subsidies	29 719	24 682
Total current grant and subsidy expense	387 152	326 167

Current grants expenses are intended to finance the current activities of the recipient for which no economic benefits of equal value are receivable in return. Current grant expense largely comprises of payments to Indigenous Essential Services (\$63.67 million), National Disability Insurance scheme (\$85.90 million), Homelands and Town Camps (\$32.61 million), Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (\$15.74 million).

Subsidies are payments aimed at reducing all or part of the costs of an activity. They include payments made to NT Seniors Recognition Scheme (\$8.20 million), and NT Concession Scheme (\$4.95 million).

Current grant and subsidy expenses are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST.

b. Capital grant expense

	2024	Restated 2023
	\$000	\$000
Local government	3 490	5 357
Private and not-for-profit sector	53 907	41 449
Grants to other sectors of government	20 339	19 514
Other	160	-
Total capital grant expense	77 896	66 320

Capital grant expenses are transfers made to a recipient for the purpose of acquiring or constructing a new physical asset or upgrading an existing physical asset, for which no economic benefits of equal value are receivable in return. It includes transfer of ten dwellings to Ilpeye Ilpeye Aboriginal Corporation and nine dwellings to Garawa Housing Aboriginal Corporation for which no economic benefits of equal value are receivable in return.

Capital grant expenses largely comprise of Indigenous Essential Services (\$20.34million), Homelands Housing Infrastructure Program (\$29.82 million), Homelands Capital program (\$5.53 million) and Emu Point Housing Upgrades (\$3.07 million).

Capital grant expenses are recognised in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST. Where an existing agency asset is transferred to recipient, the transaction is recognised when the agency transfers control of asset to the recipient.

c. Community service obligations

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Private and not-for-profit sector	16 641	13 597
Northern Territory Home Ownership	3 414	3 414
Total community service obligations	20 055	17 011

Community service obligations (CSO) are payments the agency makes to a government business division or a government owned corporation to compensate them for undertaking activities they would not elect to undertake on a commercial basis or would only undertake commercially at a higher price. CSO payments are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST.

13. Interest expenses

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Interest from lease liabilities	2 949	2 339
Interest from loans and advances	-	7 391
Total interest expenses	2 949	9 730

Interest expenses consist of interest and other costs incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds and lease liabilities. In 2022-23 it includes interest on loans and in 2023-24 these loans were transferred to Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.

14. Write-offs, postponements, waiver, gifts and ex gratia payments

	Agency				Territory items			
	2024	No. of trans.	2023	No. of trans.	2024	No. of trans.	2023	No. of trans.
	\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000	
Write-offs, postponements and waivers under the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i>								
<i>Amounts written off, postponed and waived by delegates</i>								
Irrecoverable money written off	402	271	1 024	712	-	-	-	-
Losses or deficiencies of money written off	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Waiver of right to receive or recover money or property	340	201	105	67	-	-	-	-
Total written off, postponed and waived by delegates	742	474	1 129	780	-	-	-	-
<i>Amounts written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer</i>								
Waiver or postponement of right to receive or recover money or property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Losses or deficiencies of money written off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Irrecoverable amounts payable to the Territory or an agency written off	125	16	694	65	-	-	-	-
Total written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer	125	16	694	65	-	-	-	-
Write-offs, postponements and waivers authorised under other legislation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts under the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i>								
Represented by:								
Gifts by delegate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts by Treasurer	-	-	32	3	-	-	-	-
Total Gifts	-	-	32	3	-	-	-	-
Total authorised under the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i>	867	490	1 855	848	-	-	-	-

15. Cash and deposits

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Cash on hand	1	8
Cash at bank	141 343	154 014
Total cash and deposits	141 344	154 022

For the purposes of the balance sheet and the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are highly liquid short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash. Cash at bank includes monies held in the Accountable Officer's Trust Account (AOTA) that are ultimately payable to the beneficial owner – refer also to Note 0.

16. Cash flow reconciliation

a. Reconciliation of cash

The total of agency 'Cash and deposits' of \$141,344 recorded in the balance sheet is consistent with that recorded as 'Cash' in the cash flow statement.

Reconciliation of net surplus/deficit to net cash from operating activities

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Net deficit	(354 852)	(99 844)
<i>Non-cash items:</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation	279 567	183 907
Asset write-offs/write-downs	92 964	11 505
Asset donations/gifts	-	32
Gain/loss on disposal of assets	(940)	16
Doubtful debts expense	10 948	7 119
Doubtful expense - other advance	-	(20)
Capital grants	6 073	-
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>		
Decrease in receivables	(27 810)	(15 940)
Increase/(decrease) in inventories	5	(12)
(Decrease)/increase in prepayments	(93)	134
Increase in payables	10 014	7 248
Increase/(decrease) in provision for employee benefits	639	(982)
Increase in other provisions	179	248
(Decrease)/increase in other liabilities	(563)	51 168
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	16 131	144 579

b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

2023-24	Cash flows					Non-cash		
	1 July	Deposits paid	Lease Liabilities Repayments	Equity withdrawals	Total cash flows	Other	Total other	30 June
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Deposits held	6 754	(95)		-	(95)	-	-	6 659
Borrowings	55 016	-	-	-	-	-	-	55 016
Lease liabilities	62 259	-	(20 953)	-	(20 953)	-	-	41 306
Service concession liabilities	-	-	-	(8 740)	(8 740)	-	-	(8 740)
Total	124 029	(95)	(20 953)	(8 740)	(29 788)	-	-	94 241

2022-23	Cash flows					Non-cash		
	1 July	Deposits paid	Repayments	Lease liabilities repayments	Total cash flows	Other	Total other	30 June
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Deposits held	7 706	952	-	-	952	-	-	6 754
Borrowings	59 359	-	(4 343)	-	(4 343)	-	-	55 016
Lease liabilities	74 187	-	-	(17 192)	(17 192)	5 264	5 264	62 259
Total	141 252	952	(4 343)	(17 192)	(22 487)	5 264	5 264	124 029

c) c) Non-cash financing and investing activities

Lease transactions

During the financial year, the agency recorded a right-of-use asset for the lease of affordable, social and government employee housing with an aggregate value of \$75.47 million.

17. Receivables

	2024 \$000	2023 \$000
Current		
Accounts receivable	46 400	29 879
Less: loss allowance	(29 780)	(18 833)
	16 620	11 046
Accrued contract revenue	14 594	2 824
Less: loss allowance	-	-
	14 594	2 824
GST receivables	4 920	5 512
Other receivables	2 917	2 807
	7 837	8 319
Total receivables	39 051	22 189

Receivables are initially recognised when the agency becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are measured at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. Receivables include contract receivables, accounts receivable, accrued contract revenue and other receivables.

Receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairments.

Accounts receivable and contract receivables are generally settled within 30 days and other receivables within 60 days.

The loss allowance reflects lifetime expected credit losses and represents the amount of receivables the agency estimates are likely to be uncollectible and are considered doubtful.

Accrued contract revenue

Credit risk exposure of receivables

Receivables are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure exposure to bad debts is not significant. The entity applies the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses. This approach recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime expected credit losses for all accounts receivables, contracts receivables and accrued contract revenue. To measure expected credit losses, receivables have been grouped based on shared risk characteristics and days past due.

The expected loss rates are based on historical observed loss rates, adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information, which may include macroeconomic factors. Most of the agency's accounts receivable balance comprises tenancy related debt. The only forward-looking factor which could materially impact housing tenants would be Centrelink benefits. As most tenants are reliant on Centrelink benefits, any variance could impact the expected loss rate. However, it is not expected that these benefits will decrease materially overtime, therefore the expected credit loss rate applied is the historical default rate.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act*, receivables are written off when based on demonstrated actions to collect, there is no reasonable expectation of recovery for reasons beyond the agency's control.

The loss allowance for receivables at reporting date represents the amount of receivables the agency estimates is likely to be uncollectible and is considered doubtful. Ageing analysis and reconciliation of loss allowance for receivables as at the reporting date are disclosed below.

Internal receivables reflect amounts owing from entities controlled by the Northern Territory Government such as other agencies, government business divisions and government owned corporations. External receivables reflect amounts owing from third parties which are external to the Northern Territory Government.

Loss allowance for receivables

	2024				2023			
	Gross receivables	Loss rate	Expected credit losses	Net receivables	Gross Receivables	Loss rate	Expected credit losses	Net receivables
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	\$000
Internal receivables								
Not overdue	1 061	0.00	-	1 061	2 957	0.00	-	2 957
Total internal receivables	1 061	0.00	-	1 061	2 957	0.00	-	2 957
External receivables								
Not overdue	17 789	0.00	-	17 789	5 837	0.00	5	5 832
Overdue for less than 30 days	1 045	12.85	134	911	1 334	24.45	326	1 008
Overdue for 30 to 60 days	1 622	14.82	240	1 382	1 447	41.77	604	843
Overdue for more than 60 days	42 395	69.36	29 407	12 988	23 936	74.77	17 898	6 038
Total external receivables	62 851	47.38	29 781	33 070	32 554	57.85	18 833	13 721

Reconciliation of loss allowance for receivables

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
External receivables		
Opening balance	18 833	11 714
Recovered during the year	39	53
Increase in allowance recognised in profit or loss	10 909	7 066
Total external receivables	29 781	18 833

18. Inventories

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Inventories	41	46
Total inventories	41	46

Inventories include assets held for sale and general inventories.

General inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, while those held for distribution are carried at the lower of cost and current replacement cost. Cost of inventories includes all costs associated with bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

The cost of inventories held for distribution are assigned using a mixture of first in, first out or weighted average cost formula, or using specific identification of their individual costs.

Inventory held for distribution is regularly assessed for obsolescence and loss.

19. Other financial assets

a) Prepayments

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Prepayments	2 662	2 569
Total	2 662	2 569

Prepayments represent payments in advance of receipt of goods and services or that part of expenditure made in one accounting period covering a term extending beyond that period.

b) Agency as a lessor

Leases under which the agency transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset are classified as finance leases. Other leases are classified as operating leases.

Subleases are classified by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, rather than by reference to the underlying asset. A sublease is an arrangement where the underlying asset is re-leased by a lessee (intermediate lessor) to another party, and the lease (head lease) between the head lessor and original lessee remains in effect.

Finance leases

At the lease commencement date, the entity recognises a receivable for assets held under a finance lease in its statement of financial position at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. The net investment in leases is classified as financial assets amortised cost and equals the lease payments receivable by a lessor and the unguaranteed residual value, plus initial direct costs, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease initial direct costs.

Finance income arising from finance leases is recognised over the lease term, based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the lease.

The former Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture entered into a 30-year finance arrangement with ARLC NT Limited to lease the Warren Park complex. This arrangement has transferred to the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities as a result of administrative restructuring.

The arrangement is a peppercorn lease with nominal lease payments, with the intention to further the not-for-profit objectives of the lessee. As such, no finance lease receivables has been recognised. In line with the requirements of AASB 16 for lessors, the Warren Park complex, with a value of \$24.60 million, was derecognised in the 2019-20 financial year.

Management of TFHC lease portfolio through the utilisation of the Progen system. This maintains a comprehensive record of TFHC lease arrangements and instrumental in TFHC lease management process to ensure monitoring and compliance.

Operating leases

An operating lease is a lease other than a finance lease. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the statement of comprehensive income due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

The agency owns housing rental properties across the Territory. These properties are leased to tenants under operating lease agreements with rent payable weekly. Tenancy leases for the housing properties are short term or periodic, and may be cancelled by providing the required number of days' notice under the Residential Tenancy Act 1999 (RTA) by either party.

The agency also subleases properties under Affordable and Social Housing and Government Employee Housing (GEH) private head-lease arrangements. Sub-lease arrangements for both affordable housing buildings and under social housing are generally between 1 to 5 years. Leases may be cancelled by providing the required number of days' notice under the RTA by either party. Therefore, sub-lease arrangements under affordable and social housing are treated as operating leases. Similarly, GEH private head-lease properties are sub-leased to NTG agencies and are categorised as operating leases.

The agency is lessor to several peppercorn leases with various not-for-profit sporting and cultural organisations, and other non-government organisations. These leases do not meet the recognition criteria of a finance lease under AASB16 so are treated as operating leases. The leases payments are nominal, or significantly below market value. The purpose of these arrangements is to further the not-for-profit objectives of the lessee and the Department. Four properties are currently being used to provide services in accordance with the services contract and all ancillary residential uses required to provide the services. These properties are utilised for children in care under the CEO.

As at 30 June 2024, the agency does not have non-cancellable operating lease future rental receivables.

20. Property, plant and equipment

a) Total property, plant and equipment

	2024 \$000	Restated 2023 \$000
Land		
At fair value	56 129	55 364
Rental properties		
Urban vacant land at fair value	17 610	14 876
Urban unimproved land at fair value	725 444	780 822
	743 054	795 698
Urban rental buildings		
At fair value	844 441	886 730
Less: accumulated depreciation	(45 534)	(38 886)
	798 907	847 844
Remote Rental properties		
Remote buildings at fair value	3 620 237	3 426 093
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1 833 997)	(1 581 092)
	1 786 240	1 845 001
Buildings		
At fair value	539 509	522 981
Less: accumulated depreciation	(301 733)	(315 500)
	237 776	207 481
Infrastructure		
At fair value	122 236	122 236
Less: accumulated depreciation	(76 626)	(72 369)
	45 610	49 867
Construction (work in progress)		
At capitalised cost	12	12
Plant and equipment		
At fair value	31 187	28 340
Less: accumulated depreciation	(24 193)	(22 332)
	6 994	6 008
Leased land and buildings		
At fair value	122 401	93 711
Less: accumulated depreciation	(21 580)	(18 246)
	100 821	75 465
Service Concession Arrangements		
At fair value	171 025	36 795
Less: accumulated depreciation	(65 588)	-
	105 437	36 795
Total property, plant and equipment	3 880 981	3 919 534

Reconciliation of carrying amount of property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment includes right-of-use assets under AASB 16 Leases and service concession assets under AASB 1059. Further information on right-of-use assets and *service concession assets* are disclosed in Note 21 and Note 22 respectively. A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end year is set out below:

2024	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings- remote rental dwelling	Public buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased land and buildings	Service Concession Asset	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July (Restated)	55 364	795 698	847 844	1 845 000	207 481	49 867	12	6 008	75 465	36 795	3 919 534
Additions	-	1 358	18 234	283 639	42 526	-	-	2 574	4 871	-	353 202
Disposals	-	(1 717)	(3 071)	(17 733)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22 521)
Additions/disposals from administrative restructuring	1 090	(1 960)	-	-	140	-	-	-	-	-	(730)
Additions/disposals from asset transfers	(325)	(50 325)	(30 349)	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 999	-
Depreciation/ amortisation expense	-	-	(45 534)	(193 084)	(12 371)	(4 257)	-	(1 587)	(21 580)	(1 154)	(279 567)
Revaluation increments/decrements	-	-	11 783	(131 582)	-	-	-	-	42 065	(11 203)	(88 937)
Carrying amount as at 30 June	56 129	743 054	798 907	1 786 240	237 776	45 610	12	6 995	100 821	105 437	3 880 981

Restated 2023 Property, plant and equipment reconciliations

Property, plant and equipment includes right-of-use assets under AASB 16 Leases and service concession assets under AASB 1059. Further information on right-of-use assets are disclosed in Note 21. A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end year is set out below:

Restated 2023	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings-urban rental dwellings	Buildings-remote rental dwelling	Public buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased land and buildings	Service Concession Asset	Restated Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July	54 743	746 873	750 737	1 746 023	207 056	49 676	13 723	7 755	71 277	-	3 647 863
Adjustment ¹	-	-	-	(77 699)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(77 699)
Additions	621	969	22 883	176 037	12 888	4 356	-	193	9 144	36 795	263 886
Disposals	-	(998)	(11 366)	(611)	-	-	(13 711)	-	-	-	(26 686)
Disposals from asset transfers	-	-	(493)	(511)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1 004)
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	-	(38 886)	(108 206)	(12 463)	(4 165)	-	(1 940)	(18 246)	-	(183 907)
Revaluation increments	-	48 854	124 970	109 968	-	-	-	-	-	-	283 792
Remeasurement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13 290	-	13 290
Carrying amount as at 30 June	55 364	795 698	847 844	1 845 000	207 481	49 867	12	6 008	75 465	36 795	3 919 534

¹Adjustment to revised opening balances to align with Treasurer's Annual Financial Statements

b) Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment held and used by the agency

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment held and used by the agency to deliver its outputs and services to the public is set out below:

2024	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings-remote rental dwellings	Public Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased Land and Buildings	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July	18 375	18 786	54 804	128 901	26 412	939	-	5 815	-	254 032
Additions		-	-	-	38 332	-	-	2 577	-	40 909
Additions/disposals from administrative restructuring	1 090				140					1 230
Additions/disposals from asset transfers	(325)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(325)
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	-	-	-	(7 044)	(1 553)	-	(1 568)	-	(10 165)
Transfer between asset classes	12 509	(18 786)	(54 804)	(128 901)	70 361	29 689	-	84	-	(89 848)
Carrying amount as at 30 June	31 649	-	-	-	128 201	29 075	-	6 908	-	195 833

2023	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings- remote rental dwellings	Public Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased Land and Buildings	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July	42 338	14 738	89 143	178 868	131 829	40 479	-	7 714	26 839	531 948
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(149)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(149)
Depreciation/amortisation	-	-	13 415	38 150	-	-	-	-	-	51 565
Additions/disposals from asset transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments/decrements	-	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235
Remeasurement of leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer between asset classes	(23 963)	3 813	(44 855)	(81 595)	(104 164)	(39 491)	-	(12)	(26 839)	(317 106)
Carrying amount as at 30 June	18 375	18 786	54 804	128 901	26 412	939	-	5 815	-	254 032

c) Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment where the agency is a lessor under operating leases

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment where the agency is a lessor under operating leases is set out below. These assets are leased by public and non-government organisations for the purpose of providing services to the community.

2024	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings- remote rental dwellings	Public Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased Land and Buildings ¹	Service Concession Asset	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July (Restated)	36 989	776 912	793 041	1 716 100	181 069	48 928	12	193	75 465	36 795	3 665 504
Additions	-	1 358	18 234	283 639	4 194	-	-	-	4 872	-	312 297
Disposals	-	(1 717)	(3 071)	(17 733)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22 521)
Additions/disposals from administrative	-	(1 960)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1 960)
Additions/disposals from asset transfers	-	(50 325)	(30 349)	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 999	325
Depreciation/ amortisation expense	-	-	(45 534)	(193 084)	(5 327)	(2 704)	-	(23)	(21 580)	(1 154)	(269 406)
Revaluation increments/ decrements	-	-	11 783	(131 582)	-	-	-	-	42 065	(11 203)	(88 937)
Transfer between asset classes	(12 509)	18 786	54 803	128 900	(70 361)	(29 689)	-	(84)	-	-	89 846
Carrying amount as at 30 June	24 480	743 054	798 907	1 786 240	109 575	16 535	12	86	100 822	105 437	3 685 148

¹Adjustment to revised opening balances to align with Treasurer's Annual Financial Statements

Restated 2023	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings- remote rental dwellings	Public buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased land and buildings	Service Concession Asset	Restated Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July	12 405	732 135	661 594	1 567 155	75 227	9 197	13 723	41	44 438	-	3 115 915
Adjustment	-	-	-	(77 699)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(77 699)
Additions	621	969	22 883	176 037	12 888	4 356	(13 711)	193	9 144	36 795	263 886
Disposals	-	(998)	(11 217)	(611)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(26 537)
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	-	(36 136)	(101 684)	(11 210)	(4 116)	-	(53)	(18 246)	-	(171 445)
Additions/ disposals from asset transfers	-	-	(493)	(511)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1 004)
Revaluation increments/decrements	-	48 619	124 970	109 968	-	-	-	-	13 290	-	296 847
Transfer between assets	23 963	(3 813)	31 440	43 445	104 164	39 491	-	12	26 839	-	265 541
Carrying amount as at 30 June	36 989	776 912	793 041	1 716 100	181 069	48 928	12	193	75 465	36 795	3 665 502

Acquisitions

Property, plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost.

Items of property, plant and equipment with a cost or other value, equal to or greater than \$10 000 are recognised in the year of acquisition and depreciated as outlined below. Items of property, plant and equipment below the \$10 000 threshold are expensed in the year of acquisition.

Complex assets

A physical non-financial asset capable of disaggregation into separate and identifiable significant components which have different useful lives. The components may be replaced during the useful life of the complex asset.

Construction (work in progress)

As part of the financial management framework, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is responsible for managing general government capital works projects on a whole of government basis. Therefore, appropriation for capital works is provided directly to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the cost of construction work in progress is recognised as an asset of that department. Once completed, capital works assets are transferred to the agency.

Revaluations and impairment

Revaluation of assets

Subsequent to initial recognition, assets belonging to the following classes of non-financial assets are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date:

- urban rental land
- urban rental dwellings
- remote rental land and dwellings including Government employee Housing (GEH) remote rental dwellings

Commencing 2023 – 24, TFHC has adopted a rolling valuation approach for urban land and dwellings and remote dwellings, where the entire portfolio is revalued over a three-year period. The assets will be valued every 3 years on a rolling annual basis, with a subset of regions valued each year. In the current financial year, remote and urban assets located in Central Australia and Barkly were valued.

For the assets not revalued, an assessment is determined if a valuation is to occur if there is evidence that the carrying amount of these assets materially differ from their fair value at reporting date.

Subsequent to initial recognition, assets belonging to the following classes of non-financial assets are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount of these assets do not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date:

- land
- buildings
- infrastructure assets
- service concession assets
- heritage and cultural assets

The above classes of property, plant and equipment include certain new assets initially recognised at cost. Such new assets will continue to be measured at cost, which is deemed to equate to fair value, until the next revaluation for that asset class occurs.

Plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation, which is deemed to equate to fair value.

Herron Todd White conducted an independent valuation at 30 June 2024 of rental land and dwellings (urban and remote) in Central Australia and Barkly regions. The Northern Territory Valuer General subsequently endorsed the valuation outcome. The valuation outcomes are reflected in the financial statements.

Urban Rental properties

The basis for the valuation of urban rental properties is the market approach, that of 'fair value' being the estimate the price at which an orderly transaction to sell the asset or to transfer the liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. Urban rental properties consists in land, houses, flat complexes and interests in body corporates.

Existing urban rental properties that have incurred major renovations or upgrading costs are revalued as soon as possible after the contract has been completed for those works. Useful lives of urban rental dwellings located in Central Australia (CA) and Barkly have been reassessed at the time of valuation.

Remote Rental Dwellings Including Government Employee Housing (GEH) Remote Rental Dwellings

Remote rental dwellings are measured on the basis of 'fair value' using the depreciated replacement cost methodology. The useful lives of remote rental dwellings located in Central Australia (CA) and Barkly are also reassessed at the time of valuation.

Refer to Note 32: Fair value for additional disclosures.

The latest revaluation of public building assets was independently conducted by Territory Property Consultants as at 30th June 2022.

The latest valuation of heritage and cultural assets was independently conducted as at 30 June 2023 by Australian Valuations. The unique nature of some heritage and cultural assets may preclude reliable measurement. Such assets have not been recognised in the financial statements.

Impairment of assets

An asset is said to be impaired when the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Materially significant non-financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment annually. If any indicator of impairment exists, the agency determines the asset's recoverable amount. The asset's recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the asset's current replacement cost and fair value less costs to sell. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are recognised in the comprehensive operating statement. They are disclosed as an expense unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. Where the asset is measured at a revalued amount, the impairment loss is offset against the asset revaluation surplus for that class of asset to the extent an available balance exists in the asset revaluation surplus.

In certain situations, an impairment loss may subsequently be reversed. Impairment loss may only be reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, nor exceed the net carrying amount that would have been

determined had not impairment loss been recognised for the asset in the prior years. Where an asset is carried at a revalued amount, impairment reversal is recognised in the comprehensive operating statement as income to the extent that an impairment loss was previously recognised in the profit or loss, otherwise, impairment reversal results in an increase in the asset revaluation surplus.

Agency property, plant and equipment assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2024. As a result of this review \$74 million of impairment losses were recognised against remote rental dwellings. Impairment losses were charged to the asset revaluation surplus.

Depreciation and amortisation expense

Items of property, plant and equipment, including buildings but excluding land, have limited useful lives and are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

The estimated useful lives for each class of asset are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions and are determined as follows:

	2024	2023
Urban dwellings	50 Years	50 years
Remote Public Housing Dwellings	25 Years	30 years
GEH Remote Area Dwellings	30 Years	40 years
Public Buildings	10-50 Years	10-50 years
Infrastructure assets	8 Years to Infinite	8 years - infinite
Plant and equipment	5-10 Years	5-10 years
Leased Land and Buildings Upgrades	Remaining period of lease	Remaining period of lease

TFHC assessed the useful economic (UEs) of remote assets to be lower than previous financial year based on qualitative and quantitative analysis undertaken. The assessment includes the consideration of the requirements of the Treasurers Directions (version 15 August 2006 and Treasurers Directions in effect 1 July 2024), Australian Accounting Standards and the analysis of recommendations made by the Valuer Herron Todd White.

Baseline UELs have been revised, based on TFHC analysis and for the purpose of the 2024 financial year opening position as of 1 July 2023. The estimation of useful lives is a matter of judgement and requires review at each financial year end taking into the following factors:

- specific business panning or optimum replacement timing
- expected physical wear and tear in excess of that which maintenance can restore
- obsolescence, both technical and commercial
- legal or other limits on the use of the asset

The change in UEL relates to the remote rental dwellings asset class, which has a total value at 30 June 2023, prior to UEL revision, of \$1.85 million.

Implementing the UEL change on 1 July 2023 results in an increase in depreciation expense of \$76.50 million and therefore a corresponding \$76.50 million reduction in the written down value of these assets as at 30 June 2024

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

The estimated useful lives disclosed above includes the useful lives of right-of-use assets under AASB 16 and service concession assets under AASB 1059. For further detail, refer to Note 21 and 22, respectively.

21. Agency as a lessee

The Department leases include private head leases for affordable and social housing head leases, and government employee housing dwellings, government employee housing remote land leases, remote land peppercorn leases, and vehicles. Lease contracts are typically made for fixed periods of two to 40 years, but may have extension options. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants. The agency does not provide residual value guarantees in relation to leases.

Extension and termination options are included in a number of leases. These terms are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing contracts. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the agency and not by the respective lessor. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

Potential future cash outflows have not been included in the lease liability because it is not reasonably certain the leases will be extended (or not terminated). The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs that affects this assessment and is within the control of the lessee. During the current financial year, the financial effect of revising lease terms to reflect the effect of exercising extension and termination options did not have a material impact.

Right-of-use asset

The following table presents reconciliation of right-of-use assets (including concessionary leases) included in the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at Note 20.

	Land	Buildings	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Balance as at 1 July 2023	25 166	50 299	75 465
Additions	20	4 851	4 871
Depreciation expense	(919)	(20 661)	(21 580)
Revaluation increments including remeasurement	1 086	40 979	42 065
Carrying amount as at 30 June 2024	25 353	75 468	100 821
Balance as at 1 July 2023	24 332	46 944	71 276
Additions	-	9 145	9 145
Depreciation expense	(873)	(17 374)	(18 247)
Revaluation increments including remeasurement	1 706	11 584	13 290
Carrying amount as at 30 June 2023	25 165	50 299	75 464

The following amounts were recognised in the comprehensive operating statement for the year in respect of leases where the agency is the lessee:

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	21 579	18 246
Interest expense on lease liabilities	2 949	2 339
Expense relating to short-term leases	10 326	14 459
Expense relating to leases of low-value assets	24	9
Intergovernmental leases	1 944	2 103
Total amount recognised in the comprehensive operating statement	36 822	37 156

Recognition and measurement

The agency assesses at contract inception whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration and hence contains a lease.

The agency recognises lease liabilities representing an obligation to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

The agency recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (the date the underlying asset is available for use).

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

	2024	2023
Land	12 to 40 years	12 to 40 years
Building	2 to 10 years	2 to 10 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the agency at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

The right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at fair value which approximates costs except for those arising from leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the agency to further its objectives and are also subject to impairment.

The right-of-use assets are subject to remeasurement principles consistent with the lease liability. This includes applying indexation and market rent review. Right-of-use assets are also revalued where a trigger or event may indicate their carrying amount does not equal fair value.

Inter-governmental leases

The agency applies the inter-governmental leases recognition exemption as per the Treasurer's Direction – Leases and recognises these as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. These largely relate to the lease of motor vehicles from

NT Fleet. Leases of commercial properties for office accommodation are centralised with the Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD). Consequently, all lease liabilities and right-of-use assets relating to these arrangements are recognised by DCDD and not disclosed within these financial statements.

Leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the agency to further its objectives

The Department owns remote public housing dwellings are on land owned by the Traditional owners. The agency enters long-term peppercorn lease arrangements with the Traditional owners for these land parcels. Lease payments are generally set a \$1 per annum, payable when demanded, and are stipulated in the lease contracts. The leased land lots must be used for the provision of public housing and the construction, demolition, upgrading, extending, refurbishment, landscaping, and maintenance of houses. The remote public housing operation is dependent on these lease arrangements.

Right-of-use assets under leases at significantly below-market terms and conditions that are entered into principally to enable the agency to further its objectives, are measured at cost.

These right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, subject to impairment. They are not subject to revaluation.

22. Service concession arrangements

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Reconciliation of carrying amount		
Land		
Carrying amount at 1 July	-	-
Acquisition	-	-
Disposal	-	-
Transfers in/(out)	50 650	-
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	-
Revaluation increments/decrements	-	-
Impairment losses	-	-
Impairment losses reversed	-	-
Carrying amount at 30 June	50 650	-
Building		
Carrying amount at 1 July	36 795	-
Acquisition	-	-
Disposal	-	-
Transfers in/(out)	30 349	36 795
Depreciation/amortisation expense	(1 154)	-
Revaluation increments/decrements	(11 203)	-
Impairment losses	-	-
Impairment losses reversed	-	-
Carrying amount at 30 June	54 787	36 795

Service concession assets are measured at current replacement cost on initial recognition or reclassification and are subsequently measured at fair value (determined using current replacement cost). The assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives of 50 years.

During the current period, the net carrying amount of \$105.44 million (FY 2023: \$36.80 million) for existing assets of the entity have been recognised as service concession assets. The agency's accounting policies on fair value measurement and impairment for property, plant and equipment disclosed in Note 20 also apply to service concession assets.

Specific accounting policies and disclosures for each of the agency's service concession arrangements are provided below.

Service Concession Arrangement

The Department has transferred public housing dwellings to the management of Community Housing Providers (CHPs). These dwellings were transferred to Venture Housing Company Limited and Mission Australia Housing Northern Territory. The mechanism used for the transfer is long term leases with a minimum ten-year management term with an option to renew/extend for a further 10 years. Ownership of the transferred dwellings remain with the Agency and the CHPs will be responsible for all asset and tenancy management. CHPs will be required to manage the transferred dwellings in accordance with the Community Housing Asset and tenancy Management Policy.

For the purposes of dwelling transfers, the Agency concludes all community housing management transfers of public housing assets meet the requirements of AASB 1059.

The Agency (CEO Housing) retains ownership of the leased assets through the term and at the expiration of the lease. The fair value of the asset are recognised as a service concession asset of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

Service Concession Assets

The Department initially recognises service concession assets and service concession assets under construction, including land, buildings, equipment and intangible assets, at current replacement cost in accordance with the cost approach to fair value in AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. Where an asset is an existing asset of the Department, the asset is reclassified as a service concession asset and remeasured at current replacement cost at the date of reclassification. Any difference between the previous carrying amount and current replacement cost is recognised as if it is a revaluation of the asset.

Subsequent Measurement

Subsequent to the initial recognition or reclassification, the service concession asset is measured at current replacement cost and accounted for in accordance with the depreciation and impairment requirements of AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment and AASB 136 Impairment of Assets. Service concession assets are revalued with sufficient regularity (at least once every three years) to ensure the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date.

Service Concession Liability and Income and Expenses

The Department does not recognise a service concession liability related to service concession arrangements at initial recognition or reclassification as the operator has not constructed, developed, acquired or funded upgrades to the service concession asset and no compensation is provided from the Department to the Community House Providers. Although there is no liability being recognised this does not preclude the requirement of the Department to reflect the economic substance of the arrangement by recognising non-cash service concession income. The economic substance of the arrangement is economic benefits are being derived from the SCAs carried on the Department's balance sheet and as no liability is recognised an equal and offsetting expense is recognised resulting in a nil effect to the comprehensive operating statement.

The Department recognises service concession income (other income) and an equal and opposite offsetting expense in its financial statements using the Revenue approach based on the most reliably measurable data available from the CHP. In accordance with the revenue approach the Department recognises the service concession income based on revenue collected from the tenants for the period (exclusive of any rebates paid from the Federal Government to the CHP).

The recognition of liability when CHPs incur and pay the capital expenditure on behalf of the Department, representing the unearned portion of the revenue arising from the exchange of assets, would depend on the specific terms and conditions of the agreement between the Department and the CHPs.

Derecognition of Service Concession Assets

At the end of the service concession arrangement the Department accounts for the asset in accordance with Australian accounting standards, reclassifying the asset based on its nature and function. The asset fair value reverts from the mandated current replacement cost under AASB 1059, to the appropriate approach under AASB 13. The asset is derecognised if the entity loses control of the asset in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation of service concession assets is based on the useful lives determined during initial recognition of service concession assets or subsequent valuation of SCAs. Depreciation occurs over the

expected useful life of each asset. The estimated useful lives for each class of service concession assets are disclosed in Note 20.

The Department will disclose below information in the table to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of assets, liabilities, revenue and cash flows arising from service concession arrangements.

Name of service concession arrangement	Period	Terms of engagements	Rights and Obligations including renewal and termination option	Change in arrangement during the current year	Carrying amount of arrangement 30 June 2024 (\$000)	Carrying amount of arrangement 30 June 2023 (\$000)
John Stokes Square Residential Precinct Community Housing Management (JSS Lease)	Commenced in 2023 for a period of 20 years with an option to extend for 30 years.	Venture Housing (CHP) will provide the public social and affordable rental housing.	Venture Housing is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the assets including the general care of the premises. The CHP has the discretion to set, and charge rent that maintains affordability for tenants and households and receives the revenue from the leased asset. There is implicit control of price setting by capping rent charged based on two regulatory factors: percentage of assessable income and Commonwealth Rent Assistance. Venture Housing must allocate the dwellings to eligible applicants from the Agency's waitlist. The Agency (CEO Housing) retains ownership of the leased assets through the term and at the expiration of the lease.	No change during the year	40 599	36 795

Name of service concession arrangement	Period	Terms of engagements	Rights and Obligations including renewal and termination option	Change in arrangement during the current year	Carrying amount of arrangement 30 June 2024 (\$000)	Carrying amount of arrangement 30 June 2023 (\$000)
Community Housing Lease - NS22-0466A (Darwin)	Commenced in 2024 for a period of 10 years with an option to extend for 10 years.	Mission Australia Housing NT (CHP) will provide the public social and affordable rental housing.	Mission Australia Housing NT is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the assets including the general care of the premises. The CHP will ensure that any rent charged to Tenants is in accordance with the Community Housing Asset and Tenancy Management Policy. There is implicit control of price setting by capping rent charged based on two regulatory factors: percentage of assessable income and Commonwealth Rent Assistance. Total rent charged must not exceed the Gazetted Market Rent for the dwelling. Mission Australia NT Housing must allocate the dwellings to eligible applicants from the Agency's waitlist. The Agency (CEO Housing) retains ownership of the leased assets through the term and at the expiration of the lease.	Entered into this SCA arrangement during the year	64 838	-

23. Intangibles

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Intangibles with a finite useful life		
Computer software		
At cost	638	638
Less: accumulated amortisation	(638)	(638)
Written down value - 30 June	-	-

Impairment of intangibles

Agency intangible assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2024.

No impairment adjustments were required as a result of this review.

24. Heritage and cultural assets

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount		
At valuation	170 314	169 388
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-	-
Carrying amount at 30 June	170 314	169 388
Reconciliation of carrying amount		
Carrying amount at 1 July	169 388	155 941
Additions	926	-
Revaluation increments/(decrements)	-	13 448
Carrying amount as at 30 June	170 314	169 389

Heritage and cultural assets valuation

The latest valuation of heritage and cultural assets was independently conducted as at 30 June 2023 by Australian Valuations. The unique nature of some of the heritage and cultural assets may preclude reliable measurement. Such assets have not been recognised in the financial statements.

Refer to note 32: Fair value for additional disclosures.

Impairment of heritage and cultural assets

Agency heritage and cultural assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2024. No impairment adjustments were required as a result of this review.

25. Deposits held

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Gifts fund account	16	4
Accountable officer's trust account (a)	6 643	6 750
Total deposits held	6 659	6 754

Deposits held mainly comprise Accountable Officer's Trust Account and clearing money.

Accountable Officer's Trust Accounts hold trust monies established under legislations held by the by the agency on behalf of others for a specific purpose and not for use in operations of government. These include unclaimed monies, rent security deposits and other deposits for Araluen productions.

Clearing money is public money in transit that is payable to another entity. These funds typically do not contribute to the operations of the agency.

a) Accountable officer's trust account

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Security deposit	6 255	6 283
Unclaimed money	313	355
Other money	75	112
Total accountable officer's trust account	6 643	6 750

26. Payables

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Accounts payable	10 959	2 320
Accrued expenses	25 533	23 523
Government payables	970	1 586
Interest payables	-	19
Total payables	37 462	27 448

Liabilities for accounts payable and other amounts payable are carried at amortised cost, which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether billed to the agency. Accounts payable are normally settled within 20 days from receipt of valid of invoices under \$1.00 million or 30 days for invoices over \$1.00 million.

27. Borrowings and advances

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current		
Loans and advances	-	4 943
Lease liabilities	15 483	16 760
	15 483	21 703
Non-current		
Loans and advances	-	50 073
Lease liabilities	89 930	62 670
	89 930	112 743
Total borrowings and advances	105 413	134 446

Loans and advances

Loans and advances are recorded initially at fair value, net of transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in net surplus/(deficit) when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease where the agency is the lessee, the agency recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. Lease payments include:

- fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate
- amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees
- exercise price of a purchase options reasonably certain to be exercised by the agency
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the agency exercising the option to terminate.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for the agency's leases, the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation's institutional bond rate is used as the incremental borrowing rate.

After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (such as changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

The following table presents liabilities under leases.

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Balance at 1 July	79 430	74 187
Additions/remeasurements	46 936	22 436
Interest expenses	2 949	2 339
Payments	(23 902)	(19 532)
Balance at 30 June	105 413	79 430

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable leases not recorded as liability are as follows:

	2024		2023	
	Internal	External	Internal	External
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Not later than one year	2 107	2 754	1 098	6 342
Later than one year and not later than five years	4 673	90	1 879	636
Later than five years	-	-	-	-
Total	6 780	2 844	2 977	6 978

28. Provisions

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current		
<i>Employee benefits</i>		
Recreation leave	14 959	14 558
Long service leave	47	-
Leave loading	2 345	2 182
Recreation leave fares	32	28
Purchased leave	24	-
<i>Other current provisions</i>		
Fringe Benefits Tax	169	163
Payroll Tax	1 185	1 141
Superannuation contributions	2 244	2 115
Total	21 005	20 187

The agency employed 1,291 full time equivalent employees as at 30 June 2024 (1,208 as at 30 June 2023).

Employee benefits

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated because of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries and recreation leave. Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, recreation leave and other employee benefit liabilities that fall due within twelve months of reporting date are classified as current liabilities and are measured at amounts expected to be paid. Non-current employee benefit liabilities that fall due after twelve months of the reporting date are measured at present value, calculated using the government long-term bond rate.

No provision is made for sick leave, which is non-vesting, as the anticipated pattern of future sick leave to be taken is less than the entitlement accruing in each reporting period.

Employee benefit expenses are recognised on a net basis in respect of the following categories:

- wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, recreation leave and other leave entitlements;
- other types of employee benefits.

As part of the financial management framework, the Central Holding Authority assumes the long service leave liabilities of government agencies, including the Agency and therefore no long service leave liability is recognised within these financial statements.

Superannuation

Employees' superannuation entitlements are provided through the:

- Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities Superannuation Scheme (NTGPASS)
- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS)
- or non-government employee nominated schemes for those employees commencing on or after 10 August 1999.

The agency makes superannuation contributions on behalf of its employees to the Central Holding Authority or non-government employee-nominated schemes. Superannuation liabilities related to government superannuation schemes are held by the Central Holding Authority and therefore not recognised in agency financial statements.

29. Other liabilities

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current		
Unearned contract revenue rent charged/paid in advance	4 969	3 337
Unearned contract revenue - other	48 867	51 063
Total other liabilities	53 836	54 400

Unearned contract revenue liability

The agency anticipates to recognise as revenue, any liabilities for unsatisfied obligations as at the end of the reporting period in accordance with the time bands below:

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Not later than one year	4 988	3 348
Later than one year and not later than five years	48 848	51 052
Later than five years	-	-
Total	53 836	54 400

30. Commitments

Commitments contracted represent future obligations or cash outflows that are not recognised as liabilities on the balance sheet and can be reliably measured.

Disclosures in relation to other commitments are detailed below.

a) Other non-cancellable contract commitments¹

	2024		2023	
	Internal \$000	External ¹ \$000	Internal \$000	External ¹ \$000
Not later than one year	25 429	195 635	1 176	239 750
Later than one year and not later than five	21 307	40 326	1 971	133 334
Later than five years	-	4 046	0	5 602
Total other non-cancellable contract commitments (exclusive of GST)	46 736	240 007	3 147	378 686
Plus: GST recoverable	3 655	23 898	294	22 949
Total other non-cancellable contract commitments (inclusive of GST)	50 391	263 905	3 441	401 635

¹ Excludes capital and lease commitments but includes maintenance contracts. Also, excludes amounts recognised as unearned revenue in the agency's financial records.

31. Reserves

Asset revaluation surplus

(i) Nature and purpose of the asset revaluation surplus

The asset revaluation surplus includes the net revaluation increments and decrements arising from the revaluation of non-current assets. Impairment adjustments may also be recognised in the asset revaluation surplus.

	Land		Land- Urban Rental Properties		Buildings - urban rental dwellings		Buildings – remote rental dwellings		Public buildings		Infrastructure		Heritage and Cultural Assets		Service Concession Asset		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Balance as at 1 July	29 330	29 330	744 280	695 391	314 802	195 712	771 164	729 283	67 353	67 353	4 449	4 449	167 876	154 429	-	-	2 099 254	1 875 947
Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(77 699)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(77 699)
Increment/ (decrement)	-	-	-	48 854	11 783	124 970	(131 582)	109 598	-	-	-	-	-	13 447	(11 203)	-	(131 002)	296 869
Transfers In	-	-	-	35	(11 414)	747	-	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 407	-	-	895
Transfers to accumulate d funds	-	-	-	-	(1 174)	(6 627)	(10 550)	9 869	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11 724)	3 242
Balance as at 30 June	29 330	29 330	774 280	744 280	313 997	314 802	629 032	771 164	67 353	67 353	4 449	4 449	167 876	167 876	204	-	1 956 521	2 099 254

32. Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use. The highest and best use takes into account the use of the asset that is physically possible, legally permissible and financially feasible.

When measuring fair value, the valuation techniques used maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used to the extent that sufficient relevant and reliable observable inputs are not available for similar assets/liabilities.

Observable inputs are publicly available data relevant to the characteristics of the assets/liabilities being valued. Observable inputs used by the agency include, but are not limited to, published sales data for land and general office buildings.

Unobservable inputs are data, assumptions and judgments not available publicly but relevant to the characteristics of the assets/liabilities being valued. Such inputs include internal agency adjustments to observable data to take account of particular and potentially unique characteristics/functionality of assets/liabilities and assessments of physical condition and remaining useful life.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the following fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used:

Level 1 – inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3 – inputs are unobservable.

The fair value of financial instruments is determined on the following basis:

- the fair value of cash, deposits, advances, receivables and payables approximates their carrying amount, which is also their amortised cost
- the fair value of derivative financial instruments are derived using current market yields and exchange rates appropriate to the instrument
- the fair value of other monetary financial assets and liabilities is based on discounting to present value the expected future cash flows by applying current market interest rates for assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles.

a) Fair value hierarchy

The agency does not recognise any financial assets or liabilities at fair value as these are recognised at amortised cost. The carrying amounts of these financial assets and liabilities approximates their fair value.

The table below presents non-financial assets recognised at fair value in the balance sheet categorised by levels of inputs used to compute fair value.

		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total fair value	
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	Restated 2023	2024	Restated 2023
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Assets									
Land	20	-	-	-	7 594	56 129	47 770	56 129	55 364
Land-urban rental properties	20	-	-	743 054	795 698	-	-	743 054	795 698
Buildings- urban rental dwellings	20	-	-	792 244	847 844	6 663	-	798 907	847 844
Buildings-remote rental dwellings	20	-	-	-	-	1 786 240	1 845 000	1 786 240	1 845 000
Leased land and Buildings	20	-	-	-	-	100 821	75 465	100 821	75 465
Construction (work in progress)	20	-	-	-	-	12	12	12	12
Plant and Equipment	20	-	-	-	-	6 994	6 008	6 994	6 008
Public buildings	20	-	-	-	34 031	237 776	173 450	237 776	207 481
Infrastructure	20	-	-	-	-	45 610	49 867	45 610	49 867
Service concession assets	22	-	-	50 650	36 795	54 787	-	105 437	36 795
Heritage and cultural assets	24	-	-	-	-	-	169 388	-	169 388
Total assets		-	-	1 585 948	1 721 962	2 295 033	2 366 960	3 880 981	4 088 922

b) Valuation techniques and inputs

Valuation techniques used to measure fair value in 2023-24 are:

	Level 2 techniques	Level 3 techniques
Asset classes		
Land (Note 20)	Market approach	-
Land-urban rentals properties (Note 20)	Market approach	-
Buildings-urban rental dwellings (Note 20)	Market approach	-
Buildings-remote rental dwellings (Note 20)	-	Cost approach
Public buildings (Note 20)	Market approach	Cost approach
Infrastructure	Market approach	Cost approach
Plant and equipment (Note 20)	-	Cost approach
Leased land and buildings (Note 20)	-	Cost approach
Heritage and cultural assets (Note 24)	Market approach	Cost approach
Intangibles (Note 23)	-	Cost approach

The agency's assets, excluding plant and equipment and construction (work in progress) are stated at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation, impairment losses, and any additions or modifications. Land, buildings, infrastructure and heritage and cultural assets are revalued at least once every five years. The agency's urban land and urban and remote dwellings are revalued every year to ensure the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date.

Herron Todd White performed a valuation of urban and remote rental land and dwellings at 30 June 2024.

Level 2 fair values of urban rental land and buildings are based on market evidence of sales price of comparable land and buildings in similar locations.

Level 3 fair values of remote rental properties are determined by calculating their depreciated replacement costs due to the absence of an active market within remote locations. The depreciated replacement cost is derived from a combination of internal records detailing the historical cost of the dwellings, which are adjusted for contemporary technology and construction methods. Significant judgement is exercised in assessing the dwellings remaining useful lives, taking into account variable such as local environmental conditions, projected usage, and records of the current condition of the dwellings.

Public building and infrastructure assets are valued at level 2 or level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, subject to the characteristics of the building and availability of market information. Due to the unique and specialised nature of the agency's building and infrastructure assets, combined with inherent restrictions upon use of some of these assets, depreciated replacement cost has been determined the primary method of valuation.

The depreciated replacement cost was based on a combination of internal records of the historical cost of the assets, adjusted for contemporary pricing and construction approaches, project costs of recent construction, cost data from construction manuals, the remaining useful life of the assets, and current conditions of the assets. This was then assessed against observable market data including price per square metre. Where an active market and relevant data does not exist for building and infrastructure assets that are special-purpose or have limited other uses, these assets are categorised within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The agency's heritage and cultural assets are stated at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Assets were valued June 2023

The heritage and cultural assets held by the agency are by nature unique and due to a range of factors including provenance, rarity, a paucity of observable market data and activity, valuation of these assets

requires market inputs to be materially adjusted and a high degree of professional judgement. Further, appraisals conducted by statistical sampling methodology and that use cost approach methodology introduces inherent risk and the use of unobservable inputs. Consequently, due to the level of professional judgement exercised by the valuers, all heritage and cultural assets are categorised as level 3.

For the purpose of the revaluation, the agency's heritage and cultural assets were divided into two distinct sections, namely Natural Sciences and Cultural Heritage and Fine Art.

Level 3 fair value of the collections held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and Araluen Art Centre were determined as follows:

- **Recollection cost approach:** Recollection cost approach follows the principle of substitution and is based on the averaged unit cost to collect and accession of a substitute specimen, object or item. Most Natural Science objects cannot be reliably valued using the market approach because they have no observable market value. Therefore, the current replacement approach was used for the Natural Science collection, except for the Meteorite collection (see market approach). The Archaeological objects under the Cultural Heritage and Fine Art Collection were also valued under this approach.
- **Market approach:** This approach is based on verified sales of comparable items. For rare items, and where there is a paucity of market data, the Valuer looked to market indications, these included items of similar importance for sale. In these instances, the Valuer relied on their professional experience, judgement, and interpretation of similar items and current market conditions. The Cultural Heritage and Fine Art collection, except objects on the Archaeological collection (see recollection cost approach), were valued under this approach. The Meteorite collection under the Natural Sciences category was also valued under this approach.

c) Additional information for level 3 fair value measurements

i. Reconciliation of recurring level 3 fair value measurements of non financial assets

	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings- remote rental dwellings	Public Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased land and buildings	Heritage and cultural assets	Service concessio n assets	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
2023-24												
Fair value as at 1 July 2023 (Restated)	47 770	-	6 663	1 845 000	173 450	49 867	12	6 008	75 465	169 388	-	2 373 623
Additions	-	-	-	283 639	-	-	-	2 577	4 872	-	-	291 088
Disposals	-	-	-	(17 733)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17 733)
Additions/Disposals from Administrative restructuring	1 090	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 090
Additions/Disposals from Asset Transfers	(325)	-	3 230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 349	33 254
Depreciation/Amortizati on	-	-	-	(193 084)	-	(4 257)	-	(1 591)	(21 580)	-	(1 154)	(221 666)
Revaluation increments/decrements including remeasurements	-	-	(3 230)	(115 224)	-	-	-	-	42 065	-	(11 203)	(87 592)
Impairment losses	-	-	-	(16 358)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16 358)
Fair value as at 30 June 2024	48 535	-	6 663	1 786 240	173 450	45 610	12	6 994	100 821	169 388	17 992	2 355 706

	Land	Land-urban rental properties	Buildings- urban rental dwellings	Buildings- remote rental dwellings	Public Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Leased land and buildings	Heritage and cultural assets	Service concession assets	Restated Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Restated 2022-23												
Fair value as at 1 July 2022	47 770	-	-	1 746 022	206 536	49 676	13 723	7 755	71 277	155 941	-	2 298 700
Adjustments	-	-	-	(77 699)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(77 699)
Additions	-	-	-	176 037	11 608	4 356	-	193	9 144	-	-	201 338
Disposals	-	-	-	(611)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14 322)
Depreciation/amortisation	-	-	-	(108 206)	(9 161)	(4 165)	(13 711)	(1 940)	(18 246)	-	-	(141 718)
Revaluation increments/decrements including remeasurements	-	-	-	117 093	-	-	-	-	13 290	13 447	-	143 830
Transfer between asset classes	-	-	-	(7 636)	(35 533)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43 169)
Fair value as at 30 June 2023	47 770	-	-	1 845 000	173 450	49 867	12	6 008	75 465	169 388	-	2 366 960
2022-23												
Fair value as at 1 July 2022	47 770	-	-	1 746 022	206 536	49 676	-	7 755	71 277	155 941	-	2 284 977
Adjustments	-	-	-	(77 699)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(77 699)
Additions	-	-	-	176 037	11 608	4 356	37 468	193	9 144	-	-	238 806
Disposals	-	-	-	(611)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(611)
Depreciation/amortisation	-	-	-	(108 206)	(9 161)	(4 165)	-	(1 940)	(18 246)	-	-	(141 718)
Revaluation increments/decrements including remeasurements	-	-	-	117 093	-	-	-	-	13 290	13 447	-	143 830
Transfer between asset classes	-	-	-	(7 636)	(35 533)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43 169)
Fair value as at 30 June 2023	47 770	-	-	1 845 000	173 450	49 867	37 468	6 008	75 465	169 388	-	2 404 416

ii. Sensitivity analysis

Remote rental dwellings- Unobservable inputs used in computing the fair value of buildings include the new replacement costs on a per structure basis. They have been ascertained from Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics by analysing remote residential construction contracts for new constructions over the past year on either a whole or part basis, information received from a major constructions contractors/architects/quantity surveyors and engineers cross referenced to Rawlinson's, Cordell's and the Building Economists guidelines to derive construction cost rates on a per square metre/net area modern equivalent basis.

Useful economic life determinations on a per structure basis have been undertaken with reference to historic information, individual construction/engineering characteristics and associated obsolescent factors (to include technical, structural, economic and functional features) and industry standards as identified by the Australian Taxation Office and the Institute of Chartered Accounts in Australia. Remote residential housing and associated infrastructure are generally accepted to have useful economic lives of between 20-40 years, however individual units will vary dependent on construction type, location, utility, alternate use and related service features and functions. For the purpose of this valuation a useful economic life of 30 years has been applied in all instances with the exception of Government Employee Housing (GEH) which have a higher quality of internal fit-out and fittings, and these have had a useful economic life of 40 years applied.

Given the locations and number of agency buildings, it is not practical to compute a relevant summary measure for the unobservable inputs. In respect of sensitivity of fair value to changes in input value, a higher replacement cost results in a higher fair value and greater consumption of economic benefit lowers fair value.

Other Land, Buildings and Infrastructure- Unobservable inputs used in computing the fair value of these assets include the historical cost and the consumed economic benefit for each asset. Given the large number of assets, it is not practical to compute a relevant summary measure for the unobservable inputs. In respect of sensitivity of fair value to change in input value, a higher historical cost results in a higher fair value and greater consumption of economic benefit lowers fair value.

Heritage and Cultural Assets- The key unobservable input used in computing the fair value of these assets is their 'contribution' to the purpose of the agency, but without regard to any intangible or non-monetary values that they may possess (scientific, cultural, historical, or sentimental values). Given the nature of the agency's heritage and cultural assets, it is not practical to compute a relevant summary measure for the unobservable inputs. In respect to sensitivity of fair value to changes in input value, a higher or lower replacement or recollection cost results in a higher or lower fair value respectively.

33. Financial instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet when the agency becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. The agency's financial instruments include cash and deposits; receivables; advances paid; payables and borrowings.

Due to the nature of operating activities, certain financial assets and financial liabilities arise under statutory obligations rather than a contract. Such financial assets and liabilities do not meet the definition of financial instruments as per AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation. These include statutory receivables arising from taxes including GST and penalties.

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities has limited exposure to financial risks as discussed below.

Exposure to interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, credit risk, price risk and liquidity risk arise in the normal course of activities. The Territory Government's investments, loans and placements, and borrowings are

predominantly managed through the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation adopting strategies to minimise the risk.

a) Categories of financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the agency's financial assets and liabilities by category are disclosed in the table below.

	Fair value through profit or loss		Amortised cost	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
	Mandatorily at fair value	Designated at fair value			
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
2024					
Cash and deposits	-	141 344	-	-	141 344
Receivables	-	-	16 620	-	16 620
Total financial assets	-	141 344	16 620	-	157 964
Deposits held	-	-	6 659	-	6 659
Payables	-	-	37 462	-	37 462
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	-	-	105 413	-	105 413
Total financial liabilities	-	-	149 534	-	149 534
2023					
Cash and deposits	-	154 022	-	-	154 022
Receivables	-	-	11 046	-	11 046
Total financial assets	-	154 022	11 046	-	165 068
Deposits held	-	-	6 754	-	6 754
Payables	-	-	27 448	-	27 448
Loans	-	-	55 016	-	55 016
Lease liabilities	-	-	79 429	-	79 429
Total financial liabilities	-	-	168 647	-	168 647

Categories of financial instruments

The agency's financial instruments are classified in accordance with AASB 9.

Financial assets are classified under the following categories:

- amortised cost
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL).

Financial liabilities are classified under the following categories:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL).

These classification are based on the agency's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Where assets are measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss, or other comprehensive income.

Financial instruments are reclassified when and only when the agency's business model for managing those assets changes.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are classified at amortised cost when they are held by the agency to collect the contractual cash flows and the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

These assets are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment. The agency's financial assets categorised at amortised cost include receivables, advances paid, leases receivables, term deposits and certain debt securities.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets are classified at fair value through other comprehensive income when they are held by the agency to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

These assets are initially and subsequently recognised at fair value. Changes in the fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses and interest income which are recognised in the operating result in the comprehensive operating statement. When financial assets are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to the comprehensive operating statement.

For equity instruments elected to be categorised at FVOCI, changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income are not reclassified to profit or loss on derecognition of the asset. Dividends from such instruments continue to be recognised in the comprehensive operating statement as other income when the agency's right to receive payments is established.

The agency does not have any financial assets under this category.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at FVTPL where they do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI. These assets are initially and subsequently recognised at fair value with gains or losses recognised in the net result for the year.

The agency's financial assets categorised at FVTPL include investments in managed unit trusts and certain debt instruments. Unrealised gains in relation to these investments are recognised in other economic flows in the comprehensive operating statement, however realised gains are recognised in the net result.

The agency does not have any financial assets under this category.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost are initially measured at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs. These are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The agency's financial liabilities categorised at amortised cost include all accounts payable, deposits held, advances received, lease liabilities and borrowings.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are classified at FVTPL when the liabilities are either held for trading or designated as FVTPL. Financial liabilities classified at FVTPL are initially and subsequently measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in the net result for the year.

For financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, changes in the fair value of the liability attributable to changes in the agency's credit risk are recognised in other comprehensive income, while remaining changes in the fair value are recognised in the net result.

The agency does not have any financial liabilities under this category.

Derivatives

The agency may enter into a variety of derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to interest rate risk. The agency did not speculate on trading of derivatives in 2023-2024.

Netting of swap transactions

The agency, from time to time, may facilitate certain structured finance arrangements, where a legally recognised right to set-off financial assets and liabilities exists, and the Territory intends to settle on a net basis. Where these arrangements occur, the revenues and expenses are offset and the net amount is recognised in the comprehensive operating statement.

b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The agency has limited credit risk exposure (risk of default). In respect of any dealings with organisations external to government, the agency has adopted a policy of only dealing with credit-worthy organisations and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the agency's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

Credit risk relating to receivables is disclosed in Note 16 and advances paid in Note 18.

c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the agency will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The agency's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure it will always have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities when they fall due. This is achieved by ensuring minimum levels of cash are held in the agency bank account to meet various current employee and supplier liabilities. The agency's exposure to liquidity risk is minimal. Cash injections are available from the Central Holding Authority in the event of one-off extraordinary expenditure items arise that deplete cash to levels that compromise the agency's ability to meet its financial obligations.

The following tables detail the agency's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities, calculated based on undiscounted cash flows at reporting date. The undiscounted cash flows in these tables differ from the amounts included in the balance sheet, which are based on discounted cash flows.

Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

2024

	Carrying amount	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Liabilities					
Deposits held	6 659	6 659	-	-	6 659
Payables	37 462	37 462	-	-	37 462
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	105 413	21 754	52 494	39 846	114 094
Total financial liabilities	149 534	65 875	52 494	39 846	158 215

2023

	Carrying amount	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Liabilities					
Deposits held	6 754	6 754	-	-	6 754
Payables	27 448	27 448	-	-	27 448
Advances received	-	-	-	-	-
Loans	55 016	11 736	58 679	14 483	84 898
Lease liabilities	79 429	18 027	33 926	40 762	92 715
Total financial liabilities	168 647	63 965	92 605	55 245	211 815

Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as AOTA, accrued expenses, unearned revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

d) Market risk

Market risk is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. It comprises interest rate risk, price risk and currency risk.

i. Interest rate risk

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities exposure to interest rate risk by asset and liability classes is disclosed below.

Interest rate risk for financial assets and liabilities

2024

	Interest bearing			Total	Weighted average
	Variable	Fixed	Non-interest bearing		
	\$000	\$000	\$000		%
Assets					
Cash and deposits	141 344	-	-	141 344	4.35
Receivables	-	-	16 620	16 620	-
Total financial assets	141 344	-	16 619	157 964	
Liabilities					
Deposits held	-	-	6 659	6 659	
Payables	-	-	37 462	37 462	
Lease liabilities	-	105 413	-	105 413	2.60
Total financial liabilities	-	105 413	44 121	149 534	

2023

	Interest bearing			Total	Weighted average
	Variable	Fixed	Non-interest bearing		
	\$000	\$000	\$000		%
Assets					
Cash and deposits	154 022	-	-	154 022	4.10
Receivables	-	-	11 046	11 046	-
Total financial assets	154 022	-	11 046	165 068	
Liabilities					
Deposits held	-	-	6 754	6 754	-
Payables	-	-	27 448	27 448	-
Loans	-	55 016	-	55 016	12.35
Lease liabilities	-	79 429	-	79 429	2.93
Total financial liabilities	-	134 445	34 202	168 647	

Sensitivity analysis

Changes in the variable rates of 100 basis points (1 per cent) at reporting date would have the following effect on the agency's profit or loss and equity.

	100 basis points increase \$000	100 basis points decrease \$000
30 June 2024		
Financial assets – cash at bank	1 413	(1 413)
Net sensitivity	1 413	(1 413)
30 June 2023		
Financial assets – cash at bank	1 540	(1 540)
Net sensitivity	1 540	(1 540)

ii. Price risk

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is not exposed to price risk as the Department does not hold units in unit trusts.

iii. Currency risk

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is not exposed to currency risk as the Department does not hold borrowings denominated in foreign currencies or transactional currency exposures arising from purchases in a foreign currency.

34. Related parties

i. Related parties

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is a government administrative entity and is wholly owned and controlled by the Territory Government. Related parties of the department include:

- the portfolio minister and key management personnel (KMP) because they have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the department directly
- close family members of the portfolio minister or KMP including spouses, children and dependents
- all public sector entities that are controlled and consolidated into the whole of government financial statements
- any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP's or the portfolio minister, or controlled or jointly controlled by their close family members.

ii. Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel of the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Department Territory Families, Housing and Communities. These include the ministers, the Chief Executive Officer and the 18 members of the executive team of Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities as listed in the Annual Report.

iii. Remuneration of key management personnel

The details below exclude the salaries and other benefits of minister for service] as the minister's remunerations and allowances are payable by the Department of the Legislative Assembly and consequently disclosed within the Treasurer's annual financial statements.

The aggregate compensation of key management personnel of the Department is set out below:

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Short-term benefits	6 636	6 639
Total remuneration of key management personnel	6 636	6 639

iv. Related party transactions:

Transactions with Northern Territory Government-controlled entities

The department's primary ongoing source of funding is received from the Central Holding Authority in the form of output and capital appropriation and on-passed Commonwealth national partnership and specific-purpose payments.

The following table provides quantitative information about related party transactions entered into during the year with all other Northern Territory Government-controlled entities.

2024

Related party	Revenue from related parties	Payments to related parties	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<i>All NTG Government departments</i>	29 354	155 465	4 884	3 692

Related party	Revenue from related parties	Payments to related parties	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<i>All NTG Government departments</i>	97 233	163 961	146 338	70 951

The department's transactions with other government entities are set out below.

- Payments to Power and Water Corporation of \$22.05 million and Jacana Energy of \$14.32 million for Community Service Obligations for the Northern Territory Concession and Seniors Recognition Schemes, and utility costs for assets owned by the Department.
- Payments to Department of Corporate Digital Development (DCDD) are predominantly related to central billing of information communication costs of \$3.27 million.
- Payments to Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) are predominantly related to repairs and maintenance cost for Government Employee Housing of \$10.19 million.

Other related party transactions are as follows:

Given the breadth and depth of Territory Government activities, related parties will transact with the Territory public sector in a manner consistent with other members of the public including paying stamp duty and other government fees and charges and therefore these transactions have not been disclosed.

All other related party transactions in excess of \$10,000 have been provided in the tables below.

Transaction type	Transaction value for year ended 30 June 2024	Net receivable/ (payable) as at 30 June 2024	Commitments at 30 June 2024
	\$000	\$000	\$000
<i>Grants</i>	241	20	253
<i>Services received</i>	2 327	-	1 550

35. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

a) Contingent liabilities

There are a number of current court proceedings against the department that may result in the department having to pay compensation. The likelihood of payment and settlement cost of these court matters cannot be determined at this point.

As a lessee, the department holds finance leases on 237 affordable and social housing dwellings across the NT where it is required to make good as the leases expire. A reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation cannot be made at this stage.

The department also holds contingent liabilities in operating and finance lease agreements on Government Employee Housing dwellings and Remote Government Employee Housing land leases. The risk associated with these agreements is assessed and considered low and unquantifiable.

b) Contingent assets

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities had no contingent assets as at 30 June 2024.

36. Events subsequent to balance date

On 01 July 2024, the department transferred 250 public housing dwellings to a Community Housing Provider (CHP), with carrying amount of \$34.36 million as at 30 June 2024. The transfer is a long-term lease with a minimum ten-year management term with an option to renew/extend for a further 10 years. Ownership of the transferred dwellings remain with the Agency and the CHPs will be responsible for all asset and tenancy management. The non-adjusting subsequent event will be reflected in the 2024-25 financial statements.

On 10 September 2024, significant administrative arrangement orders were announced that will impact the Northern Territory Government Public Sector. These orders outline the planned dissolution of this agency, with its functions and responsibilities being transferred to several newly established agencies. This non-adjusting subsequent event is indicative of a significant shift with the Agency's operational framework.

No other events have arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report that require adjustments to or disclosure in the financial statements.

37. Schedule of administered Territory items

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
TERRITORY INCOME AND EXPENSES		
Income		
Fees from regulatory services	-	1 260
Other income	17	134
Total income	17	1 394
Expenses		
Other administrative expenses	17	1 394
Total expenses	17	1 394
Territory income less expenses	-	-
TERRITORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Assets		
Unearned Central Holding Authority Receivables	500	500
Total assets	500	500
Liabilities		
Unearned Central Holding Authority income	500	500
Total liabilities	500	500
Net assets	-	-

38. Budgetary information

Comprehensive operating statement

	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Original Budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
INCOME				
Grants and subsidies revenue				
Current	1 316	85	1 231	1
Appropriation				
Output	715 004	722 528	(7 524)	2
Commonwealth	93 085	142 590	(49 505)	3
Sales of goods and services	134 573	104 422	30 151	4
Goods and services received free of charge	153 295	110 033	43 262	5
Gain on disposal of assets	14	-	14	6
Other income	5 102	1 630	3 472	7
TOTAL INCOME	1 102 389	1 081 288	21 101	
EXPENSES				
Employee expenses	170 620	161 846	8 774	8
Administrative expenses				
Purchases of goods and services	261 305	243 650	17 655	9
Depreciation and amortisation	279 567	175 648	103 919	10
Goods and services received free of charge	153 295	110 033	43 262	5
Other administrative expenses	11 438	-	11 438	11
Grants and subsidies expenses				
Current	387 152	401 863	(14 711)	12
Capital	77 896	112 868	(34 972)	13
Community service obligations	20 055	26 061	(6 006)	14
Interest expenses	2 949	8 845	(5 896)	15
Loss of disposal of assets	92 964	-	92 964	16
TOTAL EXPENSES	1 457 241	1 240 814	216 427	
NET (DEFICIT)	(354 852)	(159 526)	(195 326)	
Other comprehensive income				
Items that will not be reclassified to net deficit				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	(142 733)	-	(142 733)	17
Transfer from reserves	11 724	-	11 724	18
Total other comprehensive income	(131 009)	-	(131 009)	
Comprehensive result	(485 861)	(159 526)	(326 335)	

Notes:

1. Additional Commonwealth grants for:

- \$0.44 million for Keeping Women Safe in their Homes program
- \$0.41 million for the Children and Families Tripartite Forum
- \$0.28 million for the Transition to Community Housing Providers
- \$0.07 million for the Underwater Cultural Heritage Program.

2. Decreased appropriation for:

- \$6.80 million transferred to Northern Territory Treasury Corporation for interest on Commonwealth loans
- \$6.50 million transferred to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) for upgrades to Dawn House
- \$4.18 million transferred to 2024-25 for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) shelter upgrades
- \$2.14 million transferred to 2024-25 for DFSV Action Plan
- \$2.00 million transferred to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC) for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery of Australia project
- \$1.44 million transferred to 2024-25 for the NT Library Education and Community Precinct
- \$0.78 million transferred to 2024-25 for Gunbalanya Oval Lights
- \$0.70 million transferred to DCMC for functions under the Reform Management Office
- \$0.42 million transferred to the Department of Attorney General and Justice for youth legal claims
- \$0.15 million transferred to DCMC for the summer pool program.

These decreases are partially offset by decreases for:

- \$5.20 million Treasurer's Advance for emergency management, legal claims and Local Decision Making financial support grant
- \$3.07 million for the Emu Point housing upgrade project
- \$3.50 million for the National Iconic Arts Trail
- \$2.50 million in indexation for the non-government sector delivering priority frontline services in DFSV and homelessness
- \$1.79 million for workers compensation premiums
- \$0.60 million transferred in from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade for Desert Knowledge Australia
- \$0.58 million indexation for Indigenous Essential Services
- \$0.40 million for the Rugby Infrastructure Upgrades at Jim McConville Oval.

3. Under budget result is due to:

- \$37.64 million for the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program to be received in 2024-25
- \$12.64 million from the National Partnership on Remote Housing (NP-RH) to be received in 2024-25
- \$5.90 million transferred to DIPL from the NP-RH
- \$1.80 million transferred to 2024-25 for the NP-RH
- \$1.00 million correction to the NP-RH.

These decreases are partially offset by additional funding for:

- \$5.59 million for the DFSV Response 2021-27
- \$2.20 million for the National Energy Bill Relief Program

- \$0.63 million for the National Water Grid Fund
 - \$0.62 million indexation for the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement
 - \$0.41 million for the Changing Places Facilities.
4. Public housing rent revenue budget determined by rent collected rather than rent invoiced, in 2024-25 the budget has been aligned to reflect rent invoiced.
 5. Additional goods and services received free of charge:
 - \$41.09 million in repairs and maintenance performed by DIPL
 - \$4.76 million for in kind support to support the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS); offset by
 - \$2.59 million reduction in notional charges from DCDD.
 6. Net gain on the disposal of public houses.
 7. Above budget miscellaneous revenue due to:
 - \$1.21 million to recognise service concession arrangements
 - \$0.98 million for the return of prior year grants
 - \$0.93 million for artwork purchased by the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT
 - \$0.30 million for other miscellaneous income.
 8. Above budget employee expenditure due to additional budget of \$3.90 million for remote tenancy officers and \$4.90 million carried over from 2022-23 to 2023-24 for underspends in Commonwealth funding and the use of 2022-23 underspends for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence, for Public Housing Safety Officers, Youth Detention Transition Team, Remote Rental Framework, Commonwealth Funding Remote Housing NT, CARE reporting, Multicultural Grants Officers and Marrara Master Plan for initiatives in 2023-24.
 9. Over budget result due to:
 - Out of Home Care placement costs (\$14.80 million)
 - property management expenses for Urban and Remote Housing (\$6.10 million)
 - repairs and maintenance expenses for Government Employee Housing (\$4.80 million)
 - legal expenses (\$3.30 million)
 - emergency responses (\$1.40 million).

These increases are partially offset by the following underspends:

- \$5.90 million transferred to the DIPL from the NP-RH
- \$1.80 million transferred to 2024-25 for the NP-RH
- \$1.00 million correction to the NP-RH
- \$1.2 million in the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program
- \$1 million in the National Energy Bill Relief
- \$1.7 million for the NT Library Education and Community Precinct.

10. Depreciation is higher than budget due to a reduction in useful lives for remote housing assets and the capitalisation of new assets built offset by disposals and write down of assets.
11. Other administrative expenses above budget due to bad and doubtful debts expense (\$10.90 million) and write offs and losses (\$0.50 million).

12. Current Grants and Subsidies below budget primarily due to:

- \$26.80 million for reduced payments for the NDIS due to an increase in the in kind offset
- \$6.90 million for foster and kinship care.

This is partially offset by:

- \$2.20 million for the emergency response expenditure not in the original budget
- overspends in the National Energy Bill Relief Program (\$1.00 million)
- \$2.50 million in indexation for the delivery of priority frontline services in DFSV and homelessness
- \$2.88 million for the DFSV Response 2021-27
- \$5.00 million for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- \$1.40 million for the Ozanam House relocation
- \$0.82 million for the Elliot upgrades program
- \$0.58 million indexation for Indigenous Essential Services
- \$0.50 million for Local Decision Making financial support grant
- \$0.44 million for the Keeping Women Safe in their Homes program
- \$0.40 million for the Rugby Infrastructure Upgrades at Jim McConville Oval.

13. Capital Grants below budget primarily due to:

- \$41 million transferred to 2024-25 for the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program
- \$10.38 million transferred to 2024-25 for the delivery of DFSV shelter upgrades
- \$1.75 million transferred to current grants for the State Square Art Gallery
- delays in the implementation of children and family centres (\$0.90 million)
- \$0.78 million transferred to 2024-25 for Gunbalanya Oval Lights.

These decreases are partially offset by additional funding for the;

- Non-cash capital grants (\$6.07 million)
- Emu Point housing upgrade project (\$3.07 million)
- Arts Trail grants (\$2.50 million)
- COVID 19 Affordable Housing and Key Worker Subsidy (\$1.4 million) carried over from 2022-23
- Elliot upgrades (\$1.04 million)
- Ozanam House Relocation (\$1.00 million)
- Homelands capital program (\$0.95 million)
- Territory Water Plan (\$0.74 million)

- NT Hockey Stadium (\$0.70 million)
 - Barkly Regional Deal (\$0.48 million)
 - Changing Places Facilities (\$0.41 million).
14. Community Service Obligation under budget primarily due to under utilisation of the NT Concession Scheme and National Energy Bill Relief Program.
 15. Lower than budgeted interest expense due to the transfer of government loans to NT Treasury Corporation.
 16. Non-cash adjustment for disposal of assets and non-capital asset expenditure.
 17. Revaluation of land and building, change in remote dwelling useful lives.
 18. Adjustments to reserves to reflect disposal of assets in Ilpeye Ilpeye and Boroloola that occurred in 2022-23 and 2021-22.

Budgetary information (continued)

Balance Sheet

	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Original budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and deposits	141 344	37 361	103 983	1
Receivables	39 051	13 370	25 681	2
Inventories	41	34	7	
Prepayments	2 662	2 703	(41)	
Total current assets	183 098	53 468	129 630	
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	3 880 981	3 707 008	173 973	3
Heritage and cultural assets	170 314	-	170 314	3
Total non-current assets	4 051 295	3 707 008	344 287	
TOTAL ASSETS	4 234 393	3 760 476	473 917	
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Deposits held	6 659	7 706	(1 047)	
Creditors and accruals	37 462	20 196	17 266	4
Borrowings and advances	15 483	-	15 484	5
Provisions	21 005	20 921	83	
Other liabilities	53 836	1 502	52 334	6
Total current liabilities	134 445	50 325	84 120	
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings and advances	89 930	111 941	(22 011)	5
Total non-current liabilities	89 930	111 941	(22 011)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	224 375	162 266	62 109	
NET ASSETS	4 010 018	3 598 210	411 808	
EQUITY				
Capital	3 879 755	3 351 354	528 401	7
Reserves	1 956 521	1 875 947	80 574	8
Accumulated funds	(1 826 258)	(1 629 091)	(197 167)	
TOTAL EQUITY	4 010 018	3 598 210	411 808	

Notes:

1. Reflects additional funding from NTG and Commonwealth appropriation and underspends in grants and subsidies expenditure.

2. Largely attributable to full year impact of the increase due to urban and remote tenancy receivables (\$18 million), and increase in accrued revenue for government employee housing and private head lease (\$4.4 million).
3. Transfer in of building infrastructure from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and other acquisitions; offset by asset revaluation decrement (\$142.73 million) and loss on asset disposal of assets (\$92.95 million). The budget for heritage and cultural assets is reflected in the total for property, plant and equipment.
4. Increase expenditure using purchase orders during the financial year as compared to last year.
5. Decrease in transfer of government loans and Northern Territory Treasury Corporation partially offset by lease extensions for affordable and government employee housing not reflected in the original budget.
6. Other liabilities include revenue received in advance of the delivery of services, which include \$20.37 million for the National Water Grid Fund and \$15.10 million Housing and Homelands and Infrastructure Program partially offset by funding of \$37.50 million for the Social Housing Accelerator Payment to DIPL.
7. Increase in capital mainly due to completed work in progress (\$419 million) and debt to equity swap with the Northern Territory Treasury (\$50 million).
8. Revaluation of land & building (\$142.70 million) and adjustments to reserves to reflect disposal of assets in Ilpeye Ilpeye and Borroloola in prior financial years.

Budgetary information (continued)

Cash flow statement

	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Original budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating receipts				
Grants and subsidies received				
Current	1 316	85	1 231	1
Appropriation				
Output	715 004	722 528	(7 524)	2
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)	97 468	142 590	(45 122)	3
Receipts from sales of goods and services	143 077	106 052	37 025	4
Total operating receipts	956 864	971 255	(14 389)	
Operating payments				
Payments to employees	(169 641)	(161 846)	(7 795)	5
Payments for goods and services	(288 821)	(243 650)	(45 171)	6
Grants and subsidies paid				
Current	(386 811)	(401 863)	15 052	7
Capital	(71 822)	(112 868)	41 046	8
Community service obligations	(20 670)	(26 061)	5 391	9
Interest paid	(2 968)	(8 847)	5 879	10
Total operating payments	(940 733)	(955 135)	14 402	
Net cash from operating activities	16 131	16 120	11	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investing receipts				
Proceeds from sales of non-financial assets	368	-	368	11
Total investing receipts	368	-	368	
Investing payments				
Purchases of non-financial assets	(3 402)	(16 659)	13 257	12
Total investing payments	(3 402)	(16 659)	13 257	
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	(3 034)	(16 659)	13 625	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Financing receipts				
Equity injections				
Capital	3 909	9 659	(5 750)	
Other equity injections	104	-	104	
Total financing receipts	4 013	9 659	(5 646)	
Financing payments				
Deposits received	(95)	-	(95)	
Repayment of borrowings	-	(4 942)	4 942	13
Lease liabilities payments	(20 953)	(16 523)	(4 430)	14
Equity withdrawals	(8 740)	-	(8 740)	15
Total financing payments	(29 788)	(21 465)	(8 323)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(25 775)	(11 806)	(13 969)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(12 676)	(12 345)	(331)	
Cash at beginning of financial year	154 022	49 706	104 316	
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	141 344	37 361	103 983	

Notes:

1. Additional Commonwealth grants for:

- \$0.44 million for Keeping Women Safe in their Homes program
- \$0.41 million for the Children and Families Tripartite Forum
- \$0.28 for the Transition to Community Housing Providers
- \$0.07 million for the Underwater Cultural Heritage Program.

2. Additional appropriation for:

- \$5.2 million Treasurer's Advance for emergency management, legal claims and grant payment
- \$3.07 million for the Emu Point housing upgrade project
- \$2.50 million for indexation for the non-government sector delivering priority frontline services in DFSV and Homelessness
- \$3.50 million for the National Iconic Arts Trail
- \$1.79 million for Workers Compensation Risk Premiums
- \$0.6 million transferred in from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade additional funding for Desert Knowledge Australia Grant Funding
- \$0.58 million indexation for Indigenous Essential Services
- \$0.40 million for the Rugby Infrastructure Upgrades at Jim McConville Oval.

These increases are partially offset by decreases for:

- \$6.80 million decrease in interest expense as a result of the transfer of Commonwealth Loans
- \$6.50 million transferred to DIPL for Dawn House Upgrades
- \$4.18 million transferred to 2024-25 for DFSV shelter upgrades
- \$2.14 million carried over from 2023-24 to 2024-25 for Action Plan 2 initiatives
- \$2.00 million transfer of funding to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery of Australia project
- \$1.45 million transferred to 2024-25 for the NT Library Education and Community Precinct
- \$0.78 million transferred to 2024-25 for Gunbalanya Oval Lights
- \$0.70 million transferred to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for the Reform Management Office
- \$0.42 million transferred to the Department of Attorney General and Justice for youth legal claims
- \$0.15 million transferred to DCMC for the summer pool program.

3. Under budget result is due to additional funding of:

- \$37.64 million net decrease in Commonwealth funding from the Housing and Homeland Infrastructure Program to be received in 2024-25
- \$12.64 million from the National Partnership on Remote Housing to be received in 2024-25

- \$9.87 million for the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment to be received in 2024-25
- \$5.9 million transferred to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics from the National Partnership on Remote Housing
- \$1.8 million transferred to 2024-25 for the National Partnership on Remote Housing
- \$1.0 million correction to the National Partnership on Remote Housing.

These decreases are partially offset by additional funding for:

- \$21.00 million for the National Water Grid Fund
 - \$5.59 million additional funding for Commonwealth Funding - Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Response 2021-27
 - \$2.20 million additional funding received from the Commonwealth to support the National Energy Bill Relief Program
 - \$0.62 million for the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement for indexation
 - \$0.61 million for the Changing Places Facilities.
4. Sales of goods and services above budget due to the budget for rental receipts being set on historical cash collections whereas the actual set on billing (\$29.7 million) partially offset by under budget revenue for the Araluen Arts Centre (\$0.3 million).
 5. Above budget employee expenditure due to additional budget of \$3.9 million for tenancy officers from the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and \$4.9 million carried over from 2022-23 underspends for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence, for Public Housing Safety Officers, Youth Detention Transition Team, Remote Rental Framework, Commonwealth Funding Remote Housing NT, CARE reporting, Multicultural Grants Officers and Marrara Master Plan;
 6. Over budget result due to Out of Home Care placement costs (\$14.8 million), property management expenses for Urban and Remote Housing (\$6.1 million), repairs and maintenance expenses for Government Employee Housing (\$4.8 million), emergency responses (\$1.4 million), legal expenses (\$3.3 million);
 7. Current Grants and Subsidies below budget primarily due to:
 - reduced payments for the NDIS due to an increase in the in kind offset (\$26.8 million)
 - underspends in foster and kinship care (\$6.9 million)
 - delays in the Community Housing Growth Strategy (\$2.6 million)
 - delays in new shelters in Darwin and Katherine carried forward to 2024-25 (\$4.18 million) and transferred to DIPL (\$6.5 million)
 - delays in the execution of grants for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (\$1.3 million).

This is partially offset by:

- the emergency response of \$2.2 million expenditure not in the original budget
 - overspends in the National Energy Bill Relief Program (\$1.0 million).
8. Capital Grants below budget primarily due to delays Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (\$31 million), delays in the implementation of the Barkly Regional Deal (\$1.52 million), delays in the implementation of children and family centres (\$1.3 million), and \$0.780 million transferred to 2024-25 for Gunbalanya Oval Lights. These decreases are partially offset by additional funding for the and Emu

Point housing upgrade project (\$3.07 million), Arts Trail grants (\$2.5 million), COVID 19 Affordable Housing and Key Worker Subsidy (\$1.4 million).

9. Community Service Obligation under budget primarily due to under utilisation of the NT Concession Scheme and National Energy Bill Relief Program.
10. Lower than budgeted Interest paid due to Debt to Equity swap of Borrowings and Advances with Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.
11. Lower than anticipated sales of public housing stock.
12. Lower than anticipated purchases of public housing stock due to delays in the Community Housing Growth Strategy.
13. Lower than budgeted repayment of borrowings due to Debt to Equity swap of Borrowings and Advances with the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.
14. Higher than anticipated lease repayments.
15. Capital adjustments related to transfers to the Department of Corporate and Digital Development for system upgrades \$3 million, recovery of loan repayment \$4.9 million, transfers to DCMC of \$0.48 million and transfers to DIPL \$0.30 million.

39. Budgetary information: Administered Territory items

The following table presents the variation between the 2023-24 original budget for administered items as reported in 2023-24 Budget Paper No. 3 Agency Budget Statements and the 2023-24 actual amounts disclosed in Note 37 of these financial statements together with explanations for significant variations.

Administered Territory items	2024 Actual	2024 Original budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
TERRITORY INCOME AND EXPENSES				
Income				
Commonwealth revenue				
Capital	-	6 000	(6 000)	1
Other Income	17	-	17	2
Total income	17	6 000	(5 983)	
Expenses				
Other administrative expenses	17	6 000	(5 983)	1, 2
Total expenses	17	6 000	(5 983)	
Territory income less expenses	-	-	-	
TERRITORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
Assets				
Unearned Central Holding Receivables	500	3 500	(3 000)	1
Total assets	500	3 500	(3 000)	
Liabilities				
Central Holding Authority income payable				
Unearned Central Holding Authority income	500	3 500	(3 000)	1
Total liabilities	500	3 500	(3 000)	
Net assets	-	-	-	

Notes:

1. Funding for Darwin Visitor Accommodation Precinct.
2. Refunds or excess payments not yet claimed for public housing rental.

NT Home Ownership

Financial Statements

Financial statement overview

For the year ended 30 June 2024

NT Home Ownership operates as a Government Business Division as determined by the Treasurer under the Financial Management Act 1995. Government Business Divisions are required to operate in a competitively neutral manner and adopt commercial practices. These include paying tax equivalents and dividends under the Northern Territory tax equivalent regime and dividend policy. The recipient of these payments is the Northern Territory Government, as owner.

NT Home Ownership oversees the provision of Northern Territory Government home loan products and services to assist eligible Territorians to achieve affordable home ownership. NT Home Ownership was established in 2009 to increase the supply of affordable housing in the market and provide home ownership opportunities for Territorians otherwise unable to enter the housing market, and to reduce pressure on the rental market.

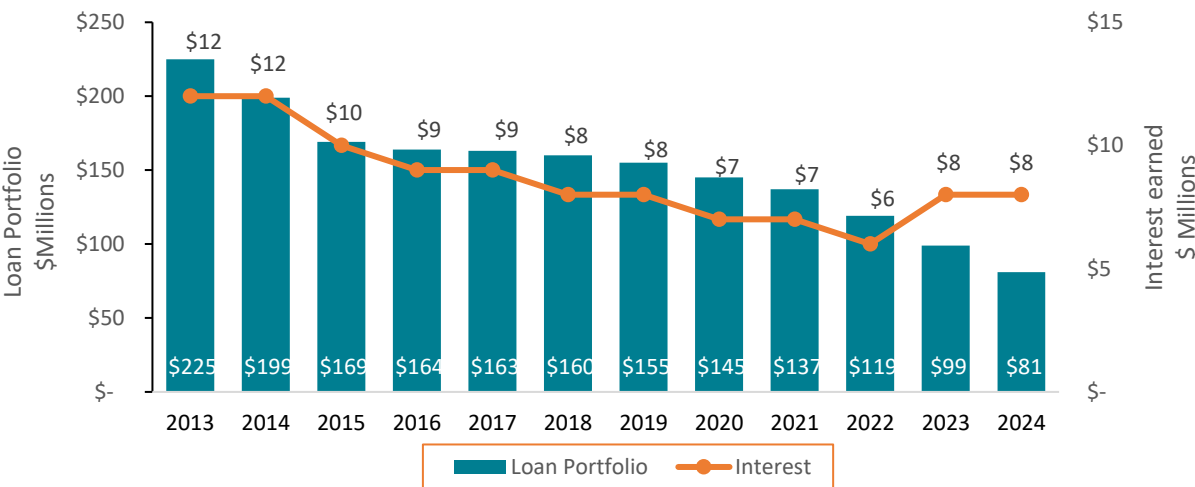
Over the years of operation, various home loan products have been offered with the current product being Home Build Access. NT Home Ownership's loans are administered by People's Choice under a mortgage management contract.

NT Home Ownership has recorded a net operating surplus of \$1.310 million in 2024, compared with a surplus of \$4.181 million in the prior year. The operating surplus is largely a result of an increase in interest received and decrease in the interest payable to Northern Territory Treasury Corporation as loans held by NT Home Ownership are paid down.

Income

Total income for 2024 was \$11.900 million, compared to \$14.441 million in the prior year. This year was lower by \$2.541 million mainly due to a gain on the revaluation of the shared equity portfolio recognised at \$2.624 million in 2022/23 against a revaluation decrement by \$0.105 million in 2023/24.

Loan Portfolio & Interest Revenue Earned



Where NT Home Ownership is required to carry out activities, which it would not elect to do on a commercial basis, such as subsidised or below market rate loans, it can apply for Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding. In 2024, the funding received was \$3.414 million which is consistent with the prior year.

Expense

NT Home Ownership incurred total expenses of \$10.590 million in 2024, compared with \$10.260 million in the prior year. The increase in expenditure by 3% is primarily due to additional provision for bad debts amounting to \$1.44 million and decrease in interest expense by \$0.918 million.

Home loan portfolio

At 30 June 2024, NT Home Ownership's loan portfolio comprised of 902 loans issued to Territorians totaling \$80.806 million, net of allowance for bad debts amounting to \$5.498 million, compared with \$99.303 million in the prior year: a decrease by \$18.497 million.

During 2023-24, repayment of loans received amounted to \$17.056 million, including the discharge of 196 loans by clients across current and past loan products. During the year, there were no new deposit loans provided.

At 30 June 2024, NT Home Ownership held an interest in 350 shared equity investment properties valued at \$34.078 million, a decrease from the 2022-23 amount of 399 shared equity investments, valued at \$38.812 million. The net change is a result of revaluation loss of shared equity properties, offset by the repayment of the shared equity investment by clients or discharge of 49 properties.

Borrowings

Financing of loans to clients for the purchase of a home are funded through borrowings from Northern Territory Treasury Corporation. These borrowings are the major component of liabilities in the Balance Sheet and as at 30 June 2024 totaled \$100.456 million, a decrease of \$32.113 million from the previous year, due to repayment of principal.

Cash at bank

Cash has decreased to \$4.652 million as at 30 June 2024 compared to \$12.120 million in the prior year. This is a combined impact of interest rate increases, offset by the repayment of loan principal to Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.



Auditor-General

Independent Auditor's Report to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development NT Home Ownership

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Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of NT Home Ownership, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024, and the comprehensive operating statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the certification of the financial statements by the Chief Executive.

In my opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of NT Home Ownership as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of NT Home Ownership in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Information

The Chief Executive of the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in NT Home Ownership's financial statement overview for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the Chief Executive determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the ability of NT Home Ownership to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate NT Home Ownership or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of NT Home Ownership.



Auditor-General

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control of NT Home Ownership.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of NT Home Ownership to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report however, future events or conditions may cause NT Home Ownership to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Jara K Dean
Auditor-General for the Northern Territory

Darwin, Northern Territory

4 October 2024

Certification of the financial statements

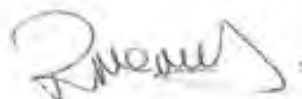
We certify that the attached financial statements for the NT Home Ownership have been prepared based on proper accounts and records in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and with the requirements as prescribed in the *Financial Management Act 1995* and Treasurer’s Directions.

We further state that the information set out in the comprehensive operating statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the financial position on that date.

At the time of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Emma White
Chief Executive Officer
04 October 2024



Rachelle McMillan
A/Deputy Chief Executive Officer
04 October 2024

Comprehensive operating statement

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$000	\$000
INCOME			
Community service obligations	3a	3 414	3 414
Sales of goods and services	3b	3	4
Interest revenue	3c	8 483	8 399
Gain on revaluation of shared equity investments	5	-	2 624
TOTAL INCOME		11 900	14 441
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses		290	251
Purchases of goods and services	6	2 730	2 502
Other administrative expenses	14	1 440	598
Grants and subsidies expenses	7	14	48
Interest expenses	8	5 856	6 774
Loss on revaluation of shared equity investment	5	105	-
Loss of disposal of shared equity investment	4	155	87
TOTAL EXPENSES		10 590	10 260
NET SURPLUS BEFORE INCOME TAX		1 310	4 181
Income tax expense	10	-	-
NET SURPLUS AFTER INCOME TAX		1 310	4 181
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT		1 310	4 181

The comprehensive operating statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$000	\$000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and deposits	11	4 652	12 120
Receivables	13	48	73
Advances and investments	14	9 545	10 483
Total current assets		14 245	22 676
Non-current assets			
Advances and investments	14	71 260	88 820
Shared equity investments	15	34 078	38 812
Total non-current assets		105 338	127 632
TOTAL ASSETS		119 583	150 308
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	16	492	423
Borrowings and advances	17	32 459	42 114
Provisions	18	27	17
Total current liabilities		32 978	42 554
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings and advances	17	67 997	90 455
Total non-current liabilities		67 997	90 455
TOTAL LIABILITIES		100 975	133 009
NET ASSETS		18 608	17 299
EQUITY			
Capital		22 745	22 745
Accumulated funds		(4 137)	(5 446)
TOTAL EQUITY		18 608	17 299

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Equity at 1 July	Comprehensive result	Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	Equity at 30 June
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
2024				
Accumulated funds	(5 446)	1 309	-	(4 137)
Capital – Transfers from owners	22 745	-	-	22 745
Total equity at end of financial year	17 299	1 309	-	18 608
2023				
Accumulated funds	(9 627)	4 181	-	(5 446)
Capital – Transfers from owners	22 745	-	-	22 745
Total equity at end of financial year	13 118	4 181	-	17 299

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$000	\$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating receipts			
Receipts from sales of goods and services		198	178
Community services obligation		3 414	3 699
Interest received		8 508	8 364
Total operating receipts		12 120	12 241
Operating payments			
Payments to employees		(322)	(215)
Payments for goods and services		(2 757)	(2 677)
Grants and subsidies paid		(15)	(48)
Interest paid		(5 912)	(6 782)
Total operating payments		(9 006)	(9 722)
Net cash from operating activities	12a	3 114	2 519
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investing receipts			
Repayment of advances received		17 057	19 713
Proceeds from sales of investments		4 564	3 149
Total investing receipts		21 621	22 862
Investing payments			
Advances and investing payments		(90)	(1 014)
Total investing payments		(90)	(1 014)
Net cash from investing activities		21 531	21 848
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Financing payments			
Repayment of borrowings		(32 114)	(23 273)
Total financing payments		(32 114)	(23 273)
Net cash used in financing activities	12b	(32 114)	(23 273)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(7 468)	1 094
Cash at beginning of financial year		12 120	11 026
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	11	4 652	12 120

The cash flow statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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Note

1. Objectives and funding

2. Statement of material accounting policies

Income

3a. Community service obligations

3b. Sales of goods and services

3c. Interest income

4. Loss on disposal of shared equity investments

5. (Loss)/Gain on revaluation of shared equity investments

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1. Objectives and funding

NT Home Ownership operates as a Government Business Division (GBD), as determined by the Treasurer under the *Financial Management Act 1995*. Under the Government Business Division Framework, government businesses divisions are required to operate in a competitive neutral manner and adopt commercial practices. These include paying tax equivalents under Northern Territory tax equivalent regime and dividend policy to the Northern Territory Government, as owner.

NT Home Ownership provides home loan products and services to increase supply at the affordable end of the housing market, provides home ownership opportunities for Territorians otherwise unable to enter the market, and reduces pressure on the rental market. Where NT Home Ownership carries out activities which it would not elect to do on a commercial basis, Community Service Obligation funding is provided through Territory Families, Housing and Communities appropriation for the identifiable community or social benefits.

The home loans are administered under a mortgage management arrangement by People's Choice.

Additional information in relation to the NT Home Ownership and its principal activities may be found in the performance section of the annual report.

The GBD is predominantly funded through interest earned on home loans and loans through NT Treasury Corporation. The financial statements encompass all funds through which the GBD controls resources to carry on its functions.

2. Statement of material accounting policies

a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1995* and related Treasurer's Directions. The *Financial Management Act 1995* requires NT Home Ownership to prepare financial statements for the year ended 30 June based on the form determined by the Treasurer. The form of agency financial statements includes:

- 1) a certification of the financial statements
- 2) a comprehensive operating statement
- 3) a balance sheet
- 4) a statement of changes in equity
- 5) a cash flow statement and
- 6) applicable explanatory notes to the financial statements.

b) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognises the effect of financial transactions and events when they occur, rather than when cash is paid out or received.

Except where stated, the financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The form of the agency financial statements is also consistent with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. The effects of all relevant new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are effective for the current annual reporting period have been evaluated.

Standards and interpretations effective from 2023-24 financial year

AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates has been applied for the first time from 2023-24.

The amendments in AASB 2021-2 require the disclosure of 'material', rather than 'significant', accounting policies. Although the amendments have not resulted in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they have impacted accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. Accordingly, accounting policies that are not considered 'material' have now been removed from the financial statements.

Several other amendments and interpretations have been issued that apply to the current reporting period but are considered to have no or minimal impact on public sector reporting.

Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

No Australian Accounting Standards have been adopted early for 2023-24 financial year.

Several amendments interpretations have been issued that apply to future reporting periods but are considered to have no or minimal impact on public sector reporting.

c) Reporting entity

The financial statements are reported as an individual reporting entity.

NT Home Ownership ("the GBD") is established under the *Interpretation Act 1978 and Administrative Arrangements Order*.

The principal place of business is:

Level 7, Power House, 41 Smith Street

Darwin, Northern Territory

d) GBD and Territory items

The financial statements of NT Home Ownership include income, expenses, assets, liabilities, and equity over which the GBD has control (GBD items) and is able to utilise to further its own objectives. Certain items, while managed by the GBD, are administered and recorded by the Territory rather than the GBD (Territory items). Territory items are recognised and recorded in the Central Holding Authority as discussed below.

NTHO has no Territory items.

Central Holding Authority

The Central Holding Authority is the 'parent body' that represents the government's ownership interest in government-controlled entities.

The Central Holding Authority also records all Territory items, such as income, expenses, assets and liabilities controlled by the government and managed by agencies on behalf of the government. The main Territory item is Territory income, which includes taxation and royalty revenue, Commonwealth general purpose funding (such as GST revenue), fines, and statutory fees and charges.

The Central Holding Authority also holds certain Territory assets not assigned to agencies as well as certain Territory liabilities that are not practical or effective to assign to individual agencies such as unfunded superannuation and long service leave.

The Central Holding Authority recognises and records all Territory items, and as such, these items are not included in NT Home Ownership's financial statements.

e) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information for the 2022-23 financial year has been reclassified to provide consistency with current year disclosures.

f) Presentation and rounding off of amounts

Amounts in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, with amounts of \$500 or less being rounded down to zero. Figures in the financial statements and notes may not equate due to rounding.

g) Changes in accounting principles

There have been no changes to accounting policies adopted in 2023-24 financial year.

h) Accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of the financial report requires the making of judgments and estimates that affect the recognised amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgments and estimates that have significant effects on the financial statements are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

i) Goods and services tax

Income, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable or payable unless otherwise specified. Gross GST recoverable on commitments is disclosed separately in the commitments note.

j) Contributions by and distributions to government

The GBD may receive contributions from government where the government is acting as owner of the GBD. Conversely, the GBD may make distributions to government. In accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1995* and Treasurer's Directions, certain types of contributions and distributions, including those relating to administrative restructures, have been designated as contributions by, and distributions to, government. These designated contributions and distributions are treated by NT Home Ownership as adjustments to equity.

The statement of changes in equity provides additional information in relation to contributions by, and distributions to, government.

3. Income

Income encompasses both revenue and gains.

Income is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, exclusive of the amount of GST. Exchanges of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration being exchanged are not recognised as income.

a) Community service obligations

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Community service obligations	-	3 414	3 414	-	3 414	3 414
Total community service obligations	-	3 414	3 414	-	3 414	3 414

Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding is received through the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities where NT Home Ownership is required to carry out activities on a non-commercial basis. NT Home Ownership received a CSO for the interest rate and stamp duty differential. NT Home Ownership offers low interest rate loans for low to moderate income Territorians. The aim of providing subsidised interest loans is to increase the level of home ownership in the Territory and reduce the demand on public housing. Similarly, the stamp duty differential is a subsidy paid to public housing tenants purchasing their public housing properties through private finance. These CSOs are provided at an estimated projection for the budget year, thus performance obligations attached are assessed not to be sufficiently specific and revenue in respect of this funding is recognised in the period in which NT Home Ownership gains control of the funds.

b) Sales of goods and services

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Sales of goods and services	3	-	3	4	-	4
Total	3	-	3	4	-	4

NT Home Ownership's sales of goods and service revenue consists of valuation fees. Valuation fees are the contribution made by the home loan clients for the valuation completed on any shared equity properties. The payments are received when the valuation is requested by the clients.

Rendering of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the GBD satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services. The GBD typically satisfies its performance obligations when it transfers the promised services. Revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Type of good and service:		
Service delivery	3	4
Total revenue from contracts with customers	3	4
Type of customer:		
Non-government entities	3	4
Timing of transfer of goods and services:		
Point in time	3	4
Total revenue from contracts with customers by timing of transfer	3	4

c) Interest income

	2024			2023		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
Interest on cash at bank	-	397	397	-	296	296
Interest on advance	-	8 086	8 086	-	8 103	8 103
Total interest income	-	8 483	8 483	-	8 399	8 399

NT Home Ownership interest income includes interest earned on cash balances and interest on advances issued to clients under various home loan products. Interest income is recognised when the shared equity portion has been recorded as an asset, which is the earlier of the receipt of cash or recognition of a receivable for interest earned. NT Home Ownership recognises interest revenue as it accrues considering the effective yield on the financial asset.

4. Loss on disposal of shared equity investments

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Net proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets	4 564	3 149
Less: Carrying value of non-current assets disposed	(4 719)	(3 236)
Loss on disposal of shared equity investments	(155)	(87)

5. (Loss)/Gain on revaluation of shared equity investments

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Revaluation on shared equity investments	34 078	38 812
Less: book value prior to revaluation	(34 183)	(36 188)
(Loss)/Gain on revaluation of shared equity investments	(105)	2 624

Expenses

6. Purchases of goods and services

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
The net surplus/(deficit) has been arrived at after charging the following expenses:		
Goods and services expenses:		
Loan administration fees ¹	2 319	2 230
Valuation fees	41	41
Legal expenses	-	1
Audit fees	34	46
NTG Service level agreement ²	182	166
Information technology charges and communications	7	8
Training and study	2	1
Consultant fees ³	132	-
Other	13	9
Total goods and services expenses	2 730	2 502

¹ Includes fee paid to People's Choice for the management of the client loan portfolio.

² Includes service level agreement for DCDD and TFHC.

³ Includes Ernst and Young's fee regarding review of home loan product (\$128k), and remediation of shared equity database (\$4k).

7. Grant expense – current grants and subsidies

Current grant and subsidy expense

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Subsidy	14	48
Total current grant and subsidy expense	14	48

Subsidies are payments aimed at reducing all or part of the costs of an activity. They include payments made to subsidise clients' stamp duty. Current grant and subsidy expenses are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST.

8. Interest expenses

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Interest on loans and advances	5 856	6 774
Total interest expenses	5 856	6 774

Interest expenses consist of interest and other costs incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds. It includes interest on loans from Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.

9. Write-offs, postponements, waiver, gifts, and ex gratia payments

The following table presents all write-offs, waivers, postponements, gifts, and ex gratia payments approved under the *Financial Management Act 1995* or other legislation that the agency administers.

	2024	No. of trans.	2023	No. of trans.
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Amounts written off, postponed and waived by the Treasurer				
Irrecoverable amounts payable to the GBD written off	-	-	269	3
Total	-	-	269	3

10. Income tax expense and tax equivalent regime

Income tax payable

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Surplus before income tax	1 311	4 181
Revaluation on investments	105	(2 624)
Taxable surplus	1 416	1 557
Income Tax Expense @ 30%	425	467
Carry forward tax losses utilised	(425)	(467)
Income Tax Expense	-	-

Income tax is only payable where NT Home Ownership makes an accounting surplus for the financial year.

Assets

11. Cash and deposits

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Cash on hand	54	55
Cash at bank	4 598	12 065
Total	4 652	12 120

For the purposes of the balance sheet and the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and cash equivalents.

12. Cash flow reconciliation

a) Reconciliation of cash

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Net Surplus	1 310	4 181
<i>Non-cash items:</i>		
Advances written off	-	269
Loss on disposal of investments	155	87
Loss (gain) on revaluation of investments	105	(2 624)
Doubtful debts expense	1 440	302
Loss on extinguishment of loans	-	28
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>		
Decrease in receivables	25	249
Increase in payables	69	33
Increase (decrease) in provision for employee benefits	10	(6)
Net cash used in operating activities	3 114	2 519

b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

2023-24

	Cash flows			Other		30 June
	1 July	Loans and advances	Total cash flows	Other	Total other	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Borrowings and advances	132 569	(32 114)	(32 114)	-	-	100 455
Total	132 569	(32 114)	(32 114)	-	-	100 455

2022-2023

	Cash flows			Other		30 June
	1 July	Loans and advances	Total cash flows	Other	Total other	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Borrowings and advances	155 815	(23 273)	(23 273)	27	-	132 569
Total	155 815	(23 273)	(23 273)	27	-	132 569

13. Receivables

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Interest receivables	19	43
GST receivables	29	30
Total	48	73

Receivables include interest receivable from Northern Territory Treasury Corporation and GST receivable from Australian Taxation Office and are recognised at fair value less any loss allowance.

Accounts receivable, contract receivables and other receivables are generally settled within 30 days.

NT Home Ownership has assessed that no loss allowance is necessary in respect of general receivables.

Credit risk exposure of receivables

Receivables are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure exposure to bad debts is not significant. The entity applies the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses. This approach recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime expected credit losses for all accounts receivables, contracts receivables and accrued contract revenue. To measure expected credit losses, receivables have been grouped based on shared risk characteristics and days past due.

14. Advances and investments

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current		
Advances paid – loans to home purchasers	9 545	10 483
	9 545	10 483
Non-current		
Advances paid – loans to home purchasers	76 759	92 879
Less: loss allowance	(5 499)	(4 059)
	71 260	88 820
Total advances and investments	80 805	99 303

a) Advances paid

Advances paid are recognised initially at fair value plus or minus relevant transaction costs and are recognised in the balance sheet when NT Home Ownership becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instruments. Subsequently, advances paid are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate calculation includes the contractual terms of the loans together with fees and transaction costs. Loss allowances on advances paid reflect either 12-month or lifetime expected credit losses depending on changes in credit risk and represents the amount of advances paid that NT Home Ownership estimates are likely to be uncollectible and are considered doubtful.

Credit risk exposure of advances paid

Advances paid are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure exposure to bad debts is not significant. The GBD applies the AASB 9 simplified approach in assessing individual accounts supported by evidence and reasonable information such as but not limited to debtor breaching payment terms, debtor in significant financial difficulty, and probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy. In providing for allowance, other than the individual assessment, the probability of defaults is determined using historical default rates as a base, adjusted for any reasonable and supportable information for each individual debtor. The expected credit loss rate was determined using the past trends of doubtful accounts and was applied to those accounts with no advances, and with 5% and below advances using the materiality concept.

14. Advances and investments (continued)

External advances paid	2024				2023			
	Gross advances paid	Loss rate	Expected credit losses	Net advances paid	Gross advances paid	Loss rate	Expected credit losses	Net advances paid
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	\$000
Not overdue	71 260	1.14	732	70 528	88 280	0.05	44	88 235
Overdue for less than 30 days	6 668	8.29	547	6 121	7 214	8.20	592	6 622
Overdue for 30 to 60 days	1 022	8.69	84	938	1 700	8.20	139	1 561
Overdue for more than 60 days	7 354	56.23	4 136	3 218	6 168	52.23	3 284	2 885
Total external advances paid	86 304		5 499	80 805	103 362		4 059	99 303

14. Advances and investments (continued)

Reconciliation of loss allowance for advances paid

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
External advances paid		
Opening balance	4 059	3 757
Written off during the year	-	(269)
Increase in allowance recognised in profit or loss	1 440	571
Total external advances paid	5 499	4 059

15. Shared equity investments

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Minority interest holding at independent valuation	34 078	38 812
Total Investments in shared equity	34 078	38 812
Shared equity investments		
Opening balance as at July 1	38 812	39 424
Additions	90	-
Disposals	(4 719)	(3 236)
Revaluations	(105)	2 624
Total Investments in shared equity as 30 June	34 078	38 812

Shared equity investments

Shared equity investments represent NT Home Ownership's minority financial interest in housing properties held under a loan/shared equity scheme previously provided by the Northern Territory Government and properties purchase and/or constructed from/by external parties under these schemes. These investments are classified as investment properties. Shared equity investments are recognised at cost, including transaction costs at the time of acquisition and subsequently measured at fair value.

Revaluation and impairment

Shared equity investments

Shared equity investments are revalued annually to ensure that the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value, retirement or disposal are included in the comprehensive operating statements in the period in which they arise. Shared equity investments are not subject to depreciation. Shared equity investments are measured on the market approach of fair value basis, being the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. An independent valuation of shared equity investment was completed as at 30 June 2024 by Herron Todd White, the results of which are reflected in these financial statements. The valuation method used was based on market evidence of sales prices of comparable land and building in similar locations.

Impairment of assets

An asset is said to be impaired when the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Non-current physical NT Home Ownership assets are assessed for indicators of impairment on an annual basis or whenever there is an indication of impairment. If an indicator of impairment exists, the NT Home Ownership determines the asset's recoverable amount. The asset's recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the asset's current replacement cost and fair value less costs to sell. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss. Impairment losses are recognised in the comprehensive operating statement. They are disclosed as an expense unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. Where the asset is measured at a revalued amount, the impairment loss is offset against the asset revaluation surplus for that class of asset to the extent an available balance exists in the asset revaluation surplus. In certain situations, an impairment loss may subsequently be reversed. Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the comprehensive operating statement as income, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment reversal results in an increase in the asset revaluation surplus.

Liabilities

16. Payables

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Accounts payable	210	188
Accrued expenses	189	86
Interest payable	93	149
Total payables	492	423

Liabilities for accounts payable and other amounts payable are carried at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether billed to the GBD. Accounts payable are normally settled within 20 days from receipt of valid invoices under \$1 million or 30 days for invoices over \$1 million. Interest payables includes interest on borrowings. Interest expenses are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

17. Borrowings and advances

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current		
Loans and advances	32 459	42 114
Non-current		
Loans and advances	67 997	90 455
Total borrowings and advances	100 456	132 569

Borrowings and advances are recorded initially at fair value, net of transaction costs. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in net result when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

Loan instruments are classified as current and non-current as NT Home Ownership will assess its ability to repay these instruments when the loans mature.

18. Provisions

	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000
Current		
Employee benefits		
Recreation leave	15	10
Leave loading	5	5
Employee superannuation	7	2
Total provisions	27	17

NT Home Ownership employed two employees as at 30 June 2024.

Employee benefits

A provision is made for employee benefits accumulated in relation to employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries and recreation leave. Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, recreation leave and other employee benefit liabilities that fall due within twelve months of reporting date are classified as current liabilities and are measured at amounts expected to be paid. No provision is made for sick leave, which is non-vesting, as the anticipated pattern of future sick leave to be taken is less than the entitlement accruing in each reporting period. Employee benefit expenses are recognised on a net basis in respect of the following categories:

- Wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, recreation leave and other leave entitlements
- Other types of employee benefits. As part of the financial management framework, the Central Holding Authority assumes the long service leave liabilities of government agencies, including NT Home Ownership and therefore no long service leave liability is recognised in NT Home Ownership financial statements.

Superannuation

Employees' superannuation entitlements are provided through the:

- Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities Superannuation Scheme (NTGPASS)
- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS)
- Or non-government employee nominated schemes for those employees commencing on or after 10 August 1999.

NT Home Ownership makes superannuation contributions on behalf of its employees to the Central Holding Authority or non-government employee-nominated schemes. Superannuation liabilities related to government superannuation schemes are held by the Central Holding Authority and therefore not recognised in GBD's financial statements.

19. Commitments

Commitments represent future obligations or cash outflows that arise out of contractual arrangement and typically bind the agency to performance conditions. Commitments are not recognised as liabilities on the balance sheet and can be reliably measured.

Internal commitments reflect commitments with entities controlled by the Northern Territory Government such as other agencies, government business divisions and government owned corporations. External commitments reflect those to third parties which are external to the Northern Territory Government.

NT Home Ownership has other non-cancellable expenditure commitments with People's Choice Credit Union for the mortgage management which will be expected to expire on 31 December 2025.

Disclosures in relation to capital and other commitments are detailed below.

	2024		2023	
	Internal	External	Internal	External
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
(i) Other expenditure commitments				
Other non-cancellable expenditure commitments not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows:				
Within one year	-	2 418	-	1 129
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	1 228	-	-
Total commitments (exclusive of GST)	-	3 646	-	1 129
Plus: GST recoverable	-	267	-	83
Total commitments (inclusive of GST)	-	3 913	-	1 212

Other disclosures

20. Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use. The highest and best use takes into account the use of the asset that is physically possible, legally permissible and financially feasible.

When measuring fair value, the valuation techniques used maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used to the extent that sufficient relevant and reliable observable inputs are not available for similar assets/liabilities.

Observable inputs are publicly available data relevant to the characteristics of the assets/liabilities being valued. Observable inputs used by the GBD include, but are not limited to, published sales data for land and general office buildings.

Unobservable inputs are data, assumptions and judgments not available publicly but relevant to the characteristics of the assets/liabilities being valued. Such inputs include internal GBD adjustments to observable

data to take account of particular and potentially unique characteristics/functionality of assets/liabilities and assessments of physical condition and remaining useful life.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the following fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used:

Level 1 – inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – inputs are unobservable.

The fair value of financial instruments is determined on the following basis:

- The fair value of cash, deposits, advances, receivables, and payables approximates their carrying amount, which is also their amortised cost.
- The fair value of derivative financial instruments is derived using current market yields and exchange rates appropriate to the instrument.
- The fair value of other monetary financial assets and liabilities is based on discounting to present value the expected future cash flows by applying current market interest rates for assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles.

a) Fair value hierarchy

NT Home Ownership does not recognise any financial assets or liabilities at fair value as these are recognised at amortised cost. The carrying amounts of these financial assets and liabilities approximates their fair value. The table below presents non-financial assets recognised at fair value in the balance sheet categorised by levels of inputs used to compute fair value.

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total Fair Value	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Assets								
Shared equity investments	-	-	34 078	38 812	-	-	34 078	38 812
Total assets	-	-	34 078	38 812	-	-	34 078	38 812

b) Valuation techniques and inputs

Valuation techniques used to measure fair value in 2023-24 are:

	Level 2 techniques	Level 3 techniques
Asset classes		
Shared equity	Market approach	N/A

There were no changes in valuation techniques from 2022-23 to 2023-24.

Herron Todd White provided valuation for the Shared equity investments as at 30 June 2024.

Level 2 fair values of Shared Equity Investments were based on market evidence of sales prices of comparable land and buildings in similar locations.

Additional information for level 3 fair value measurement

NT Home Ownership does not have any level 3 measurement assets.

21. Financial instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet when the GBD becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. NT Home Ownership's financial instruments include cash and deposits; receivables; advances paid; equity investment; payables; advances received; and borrowings.

Due to the nature of operating activities, certain financial assets and financial liabilities arise under statutory obligations rather than a contract. Such financial assets and liabilities do not meet the definition of financial instruments as per AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation. These include statutory receivables arising from taxes including GST and penalties.

NT Home Ownership has limited exposure to financial risks as discussed below.

a) Categories of financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the GBD's financial assets and liabilities by category are disclosed in the table below:

Fair value through profit or loss

2024	Fair value through other				Total
	Mandatory at fair value	Designated at fair value	Amortised Cost	Comprehensive Income	
Cash and deposits	-	4 652	-	-	4 652
Receivables ¹	-	-	19	-	19
Advances paid	-	-	80 805	-	80 805
Total financial assets	-	4 652	80 824	-	85 476
Payables ¹	-	-	492	-	492
Loans	-	-	100 456	-	100 456
Total financial liabilities	-	-	100 948	-	100 948
2023					
Cash and deposits	-	12 120	-	-	12 120
Receivables ¹	-	-	43	-	43
Advances paid	-	-	99 303	-	99 303
Total financial assets	-	12 120	99 346	-	111 466
Payables ¹	-	-	423	-	423
Loans	-	-	132 569	-	132 569
Total financial liabilities	-	-	132 992	-	132 992

¹Total amounts disclosed here exclude statutory amounts, prepaid expenses and accrued contract revenue.

Categories of financial instruments

The GBD's financial instruments are classified in accordance with AASB 9.

Financial assets are classified under the following categories:

- amortised cost
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL).

Financial liabilities are classified under the following categories:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL).

These classifications are based on the GBD's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Where assets are measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss, or other comprehensive income. Financial instruments are reclassified when and only when the NT Home Ownership's business model for managing those assets changes.

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are classified at amortised cost when they are held by the NT Home Ownership to collect the contractual cash flows and the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

These assets are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment. NT Home Ownership's financial assets categorised at amortised cost include receivables, advances paid, leases receivables, term deposits and certain debt securities.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets are classified at fair value through other comprehensive income when they are held by the GBD to both collect contractual cash flows and sell the financial assets, and the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

These assets are initially and subsequently recognised at fair value. Changes in the fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses and interest income which are recognised in the operating result in the comprehensive operating statement. When financial assets are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to the comprehensive operating statement.

For equity instruments elected to be categorised at FVOCI, changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income are not reclassified to profit or loss on derecognition of the asset. Dividends from such instruments continue to be recognised in the comprehensive operating statement as other income when the GBD's right to receive payments is established.

NT Home Ownership does not have any financial assets under this category.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at FVTPL where they do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI. These assets are initially and subsequently recognised at fair value with gains or losses recognised in the net result for the year.

NT Home Ownership's financial assets categorised at FVTPL include investments in managed unit trusts and certain debt instruments. Unrealised gains in relation to these investments are recognised in other economic flows in the comprehensive operating statement, however realised gains are recognised in the net result.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost are initially measured at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs. These are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. NT Home Ownership's financial liabilities categorised at amortised cost include all accounts payable, advances received and borrowings.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are classified at FVTPL when the liabilities are either held for trading or designated as FVTPL. Financial liabilities classified at FVTPL are initially and subsequently measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in the net result for the year.

For financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, changes in the fair value of the liability attributable to changes in the NT Home Ownership's credit risk are recognised in other comprehensive income, while remaining changes in the fair value are recognised in the net result.

NT Home Ownership does not have any financial liabilities under this category.

a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. NT Home Ownership's exposure to credit risk arises from funds advanced to loan counterparties and the possibility that they will not adhere to the terms of the contract with NT Home Ownership when settlement becomes due.

NT Home Ownership has limited credit risk exposure (risk of default). In respect of any dealings with People's Choice, NT Home Ownership mitigates risk for home loan portfolio by mortgage management contract processes that includes quarterly contract reviews, Lending Management directives and monthly reporting on the loan portfolio.

The exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each non-government debtor. In monitoring debtor credit risk, debtors are grouped according to their aging of loans profile and existence of previous financial difficulties. Loans are provided to home purchasers subject to the retention of titles clauses, so that in the event of a non-payment, NT Home Ownership may have a secured claim.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the GBD's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

Credit risk relating to receivables is disclosed in Note 13 and advances paid in Note 14.

b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk NT Home Ownership will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The NT Home Ownership's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure it will always have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities when they fall due. This is achieved by ensuring minimum levels of cash are held in the GBD bank account to meet various current employee and supplier liabilities. NT Home Ownership's exposure to liquidity risk is minimal.

The following tables detail the NT Home Ownership's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities, calculated based on undiscounted cash flows at reporting date. The undiscounted cash flows in these tables differ from the amounts included in the balance sheet, which are based on discounted cash flows.

2024 Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

2024

	Carrying amount	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Liabilities					
Payables ¹	492	492	-	-	492
Loans	100 455	21 007	62 093	10 345	93 445
Total financial liabilities	100 947	21 499	62 093	10 345	93 937

¹Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as AOTA, accrued expenses, unearned revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

2023

	Carrying amount	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Liabilities					
Payables ¹	423	423	-	-	423
Loans	132 569	47 773	72 047	20 336	140 155
Total financial liabilities	132 992	48 196	72 047	20 336	140 578

¹Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as AOTA, accrued expenses, unearned revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. It comprises interest rate risk, price risk and currency risk.

i. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of financial loss and or increased costs due to adverse movements in the values of financial assets and liabilities as a result in interest rates. NT Home Ownership's exposure to interest rate risk and the average interest rate for classes of financial assets and financial liabilities is set out below.

NT Home Ownership's operating account earns monthly interest at a variable interest rate of Northern Territory Treasury Corporation's weighted average cash return less 50 basis points.

The NT Home Ownership exposure to interest rate risk by asset and liability classes is disclosed below.

2024 Interest rate risk for financial assets and liabilities

2024

	Interest bearing			Total	Weighted average
	Variable	Fixed	Non-interest bearing		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	%
Assets					
Cash and deposits	4 652	-	-	4 652	4.35
Receivables ¹	-	-	19	19	-
Advances paid	80 805	-	-	80 805	8.68
Total financial assets	85 457	-	19	85 476	
Liabilities					
Payables ¹	-	-	492	492	-
Advances received	-	100 456	-	100 456	4.44
Total financial liabilities	-	100 456	492	100 948	

¹Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as accrued revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

2023

	Interest bearing			Total	Weighted average
	Variable	Fixed	Non-interest bearing		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	%
Assets					
Cash and deposits	12 120	-	-	12 120	4.10
Receivables ¹	-	-	43	43	-
Advances paid	99 303	-	-	99 303	8.47
Total financial assets	111 423	-	43	111 466	
Liabilities					
Payables ¹	-	-	423	423	-
Advances received	-	132 569	-	132 569	4.83
Total financial liabilities	-	132 569	423	132 992	

¹Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as accrued revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

Sensitivity analysis

Changes in the variable rates of 100 basis points (1 per cent) at reporting date would have the following effect on the GBD's profit or loss and equity.

	100 basis points increase \$000	100 basis points decrease \$000
30 June 2024		
Financial assets – cash at bank	47	(47)
Financial assets – receivable loans	-	-
Financial liabilities – advances	808	(808)
Net sensitivity	855	(855)

	100 basis points increase \$000	100 basis points decrease \$000
30 June 2023		
Financial assets – cash at bank	121	(121)
Financial assets – receivable loans	-	-
Financial liabilities – advances	993	(993)
Net sensitivity	1 114	(1 114)

ii. Price risk

NT Home Ownership is not exposed to price risk as NT Home Ownership does not hold units in unit trusts.

iii. Currency risk

NT Home Ownership is not exposed to currency risk as NT Home Ownership does not hold borrowings denominated in foreign currencies or transactional currency exposures arising from purchases in a foreign currency.

22. Related parties

i. Related parties

NT Home Ownership is a Government Business Division which is wholly owned and controlled by the Territory Government. Related parties of the GBD include:

- the portfolio minister and key management personnel (KMP) because they have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the department directly
- close family members of the portfolio minister or KMP including spouses, children, and dependants
- all public sector entities that are controlled and consolidated into the whole of government financial statements
- any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP's or the portfolio minister or controlled or jointly controlled by their close family members.

ii. Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel of NT Home Ownership are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Home Ownership. These include the relevant minister, the Chief Executive Officer, and members of the executive team of the Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

iii. Remuneration of key management personnel

Salaries and other benefits of the Minister for Urban Housing are payable by the Department of the Legislative Assembly and consequently disclosed within the Treasurer's Annual Financial Statements.

The KMP employee benefits provided are disclosed in Territory Families, Housing and Communities financial statements and not included in NT Home Ownership.

iv. Related party transactions:

Transactions with Northern Territory Government-controlled entities

Significant transactions with government related entities includes funding from the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities for Community Service Obligations and loans from the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.

The following table provides quantitative information about related party transactions entered into during the year with all other Northern Territory Government-controlled entities.

2024

Related party	Revenue from related parties	Payments to related parties	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
All NT Government departments	3 792	5 815	1	100 455

2023

Related party	Revenue from related parties	Payments to related parties	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
All NT Government departments	3 710	7 032	43	132 746

23. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

a) Contingent liabilities

NT Home Ownership had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

b) Contingent assets

NT Home Ownership had no contingent assets as at 30 June 2024.

24. Events subsequent to balance date

No events have arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report that require adjustment to, or disclosure in the financial statements.

25. Budgetary information

The following tables present the variation between the 2023-24 original budgeted financial statements, as reported in 2023-24 *Budget Paper No. 3 Agency Budget Statements*, and the 2023-24 actual amounts reported in the financial statements, together with explanations for significant variations.

Comprehensive Operating Statement

	2024 Actual	2024 Original Budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
INCOME				
Grants and subsidies revenue				
Community service obligations	3 414	3 657	(243)	
Sales of goods and services	3	-	3	
Interest revenue	8 483	7 060	1 423	1
TOTAL INCOME	11 900	10 717	1 183	
EXPENSES				
Employee expenses	290	267	23	
Administrative expenses				
Purchases of goods and services	2 730	2 343	387	2
Other administrative expenses	1 440	-	1 440	3
Grants and subsidies expenses				
Current	14	243	(229)	4
Interest expenses	5 856	6 724	(868)	5
Loss on revaluation of shared equity investments	105	-	105	6
Loss of disposal of shared equity investment	155	-	155	7
TOTAL EXPENSES	10 590	9 577	1 013	
NET SURPLUS	1 310	1 140	170	
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT	1 310	1 140	170	

Notes:

1. Interest revenue is higher than original budget due to increases in the interest rate.
2. Increase in expenditure for service arrangement with People's Choice Credit Union and consultant engaged to evaluate NT Home Ownership scheme.
3. Unbudgeted increase in loss allowance expenses incurred.
4. Low uptake of stamp duty subsidy for first homeowners.
5. Reduction in interest expense reflects the repayment of borrowings during the year.
6. Shared equity investments are revalued annually, loss on revaluation represents decrease in market value of 29 properties.
7. Loss on disposal of shared equity investment reflects decrease in the Northern Territory housing market.

Balance Sheet

	2024 Actual	2024 Original Budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and deposits	4 652	17 530	(12 878)	1
Receivables	48	322	(274)	
Advances and investments	9 545	-	9 545	2
Total current assets	14 245	17 852	(3 607)	
Non-current assets				
Advances and investments	71 260	124 497	(53 237)	2
Shared equity investments	34 078	-	34 078	2
Total non-current assets	105 338	124 497	(19 159)	
TOTAL ASSETS	119 583	142 349	(22 766)	
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables	492	399	93	
Borrowings and advances	32 459	-	32 459	2
Provisions	27	22	5	
Total current liabilities	32 978	421	32 557	
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings and advances	67 997	126 433	(58 436)	3
Total non-current liabilities	67 997	126 433	(58 436)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	100 975	126 854	(25 879)	
NET ASSETS	18 608	15 495	3 113	
EQUITY				
Capital	22 745	22 745	-	
Accumulated funds	(4 137)	(7 250)	3 113	
TOTAL EQUITY	18 608	15 495	3 113	

Notes:

1. Repayment of NT Treasury Corporation loans offset by repayment of Northern Territory Government shared equity repaid.
2. The budget for all investments is in non-current 'Advances and Investments'.
3. Paydown of NT Treasury Corporation loans.

Cash flow statement

	2024 Actual	2024 Original budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating receipts				
Receipts from sales of goods and services	198	3 657	(45)	
Community service obligation	3 414			
Interest received	8 509	7 060	1 449	1
Total operating receipts	12 121	10 717	1 404	
Operating payments				
Payments to employees	(322)	(267)	(55)	
Payments for goods and services	(2 757)	(2 343)	(414)	2
Grants and subsidies paid	(15)	(243)	229	
Interest paid	(5 912)	(6 706)	794	3
Total operating payments	(9 005)	(9 559)	554	
Net cash from operating activities	3 115	1 158	1 957	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investing receipts				
Repayment of advances received	17 056	15 000	2 056	4
Proceeds from sale of investments	4 564	4 000	564	5
Total investing receipts	21 620	19 000	2 620	
Investing payments				
Advances and investing payments	(90)	(6 000)	5 910	6
Total investing payments	(90)	(6 000)	5 910	
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	21 530	13 000	8 530	
Financing payments				
Repayment of borrowings	(32 114)	(7 218)	(24 896)	7
Total financing payments	(32 114)	(7 218)	(24 896)	
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	(32 114)	(7 218)	(24 896)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(7 468)	6 940	(14 408)	
Cash at beginning of financial year	12 120	10 590	1 530	
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	4 652	17 530	(12 878)	

Notes:

1. Interest revenue is higher than original budget due to increases in the interest rate.
2. Increase in payments related to service arrangement with People's Choice Credit Union and consultant engaged to evaluate NT Home Ownership scheme.
3. Reduction in interest paid reflects the paydown of loans with NT Treasury Corporation.
4. Actual repayment of advances is above budget due to better than anticipated repayment of advances received.
5. Higher than anticipated buy back of shared equity investments.
6. The amount of \$0.09 million represents additional shares for the purchase of property. No new loans in 2024.
7. Repayment of loans to the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation.

APPENDIX

Grants recipients 2023-24

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
2421 FUAMATU BOXING CLUB	100
801 SQUADRON AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS	5,800
802 SQUADRON AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS	4,000
803 SQUADRON AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS	2,000
8CCC RADIO	2,000
A & N FITNESS	8,700
ABAZI ART	2,000
ABORIGINAL ENTERPRISES AUSTRALIA NT	10,176,589
ABORIGINAL HOSTELS LTD	1,531,962
ABORIGINAL HOUSING NT (AHNT) ABORIGINAL CORP	1,851,693
ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE OF THE NT INC	740,000
ABORIGINAL RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ABORIGINAL CORP	200,000
ACACIA HILLS MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION INC	300
ADELAIDE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL INC	10,625
ADJUMARLLARL ABORIGINAL CORP	99,870
ADVENTURE GYMNASTICS	500
AFL NT LTD	996,864
AIKIDO NT INC	1,400
AIR DARWIN	9,935
AKEYULERRE INC	803,457
ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL	500
ALCOHOL AND DRUG FOUNDATION	108,184

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
ALICE SPRINGS ATHLETICS INC	200
ALICE SPRINGS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC	13,200
ALICE SPRINGS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	35,300
ALICE SPRINGS CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB	4,425
ALICE SPRINGS CINEMA	19,775
ALICE SPRINGS GOLF CLUB INC	200,000
ALICE SPRINGS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC	100
ALICE SPRINGS MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION INC	6,500
ALICE SPRINGS MOTORCYCLE CLUB	900
ALICE SPRINGS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC	4,964
ALICE SPRINGS OFF ROAD RACE CLUB INC - ASORRC	4,700
ALICE SPRINGS SCHOOL OF THE AIR	15,038
ALICE SPRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS	670
ALICE SPRINGS SWIMMING CLUB INC	6,600
ALICE SPRINGS TOUCH ASSOCIATION	100
ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL	1,490,982
ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH ACCOMMODATION & SUPPORT SERVICES INC	1,564,239
ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE INC	132,818
ALL INDIVIDUALS	718,358
ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE DARWIN INC	3,100
ALYANGULA AREA SCHOOL COUNCIL	63,689
ALYARRMANDUMANJA UMBAKUMBA SCHOOL	12,300
AMADEUS MUSIC	800
AMANBIDJI SCHOOL	9,999

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
AMIABLE COMMUNICATIONS	10,822
AMOONGUNA SCHOOL	9,100
ANGLICARE NT	8,795,665
ANINDILYAKWA HOUSING ABORIGINAL CORP	1,774,431
ANYINGINYI HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORP	314,000
ARAFURA CALISTHENICS CLUB	3,300
ARAFURA DANCE ASSOCIATION INC	18,200
ARAFURA DRAGONS PADDLERS CLUB	400
ARAFURA MOO DUK KWAN	2,400
ARAFURA MUSIC COLLECTIVE	30,250
ARAFURA WIND ENSEMBLE INC	40,000
ARDS ABORIGINAL CORP	142,902
AREYONGA SCHOOL	7,451
ARLC NT LTD	230,901
ARLPARRA SCHOOL COUNCIL	43,808
ARNHEM NORTHERN & KIMBERLEY ARTIST ABORIGINAL CORP	235,084
ARRAMWELKE ABORIGINAL CORP	151,968
ARRERENTE COMMUNITY BOXING ACADEMY	2,200
ART ANTICS	3,300
ARTBACK NT INC	302,320
ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA	24,669
ARUNGA PARK SPEEDWAY	400
AUSCYCLING LTD	211,664
AUSPICIOUS ARTS PROJECTS INC	12,800

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
AUSSIE POTZ	500
AUSTIN MARTIAL ARTS	8,800
AUSTRALIA ASIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL INC	6,000
AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY NT BRANCH	103,300
AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL NT INC	2,000
AUSTRALIA SPORTS MEDICINE FEDERATION LTD	101,112
AUSTRALIAN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION LTD	34,760
AUSTRALIAN DANCE ACADEMY	14,800
AUSTRALIAN HOUSING AND URBAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE	18,556
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES - AIATSI	250,000
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS	1,263,105
AUSTRALIAN VIETNAMESE FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC	2,600
AUSTRIATHLON LTD	6,700
AUTISM NT	100,000
BABY BALLET DARWIN	6,000
BAGALA ABORIGINAL CORP	1,000
BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF NT INC	900
BANIYALA GARRANGALI SCHOOL	10,000
BANKS BULLDOGS NETBALL CLUB	6,400
BARKLY PLUMBING SERVICES	1,590,126
BARKLY REGIONAL ARTS INC	160,935
BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL	1,601,372
BASEBALL NT	120,532

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
BASKETBALL NT INC	581,801
BATCHELOR AREA SCHOOL	11,109
BAWINANGA ABORIGINAL CORP	4,662,604
BCC CINEMA CASUARINA	15,680
BE BEYOND	4,788
BEAUTY OF TATUM	42,210
BEES CREEK SOO BAHK DO	800
BELGRAVIA LEISURE - SHELL PALMERSTON	16,000
BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL	76,675
BERRY SPRINGS RECREATION RESERVE INC	4,000
BETTER BODIES INC	24,400
BJJDARWIN PTY LTD	7,800
BLUE EAGLE MUAY TAI TRAINING AND FITNESS	3,500
BM BANKS HOCKEY CLUB INC	5,635
BOARD OF THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY OF THE NT	18,244,536
BORROLOOLA SCHOOL COUNCIL	32,231
BOWLS NT	108,382
BOXFITNT	32,700
BOYLES STRIKING ACADEMY	5,100
BROTHERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INC	21,300
BROWN'S MART ARTS LTD	468,075
BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING	152,924
BUILT DIFFERENT BOXING & FITNESS PTY LTD	400
BUKU LARRNGGAY MULKA INC	35,321

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
BULABULA ARTS	8,845
BULLA CAMP SCHOOL	10,000
BULLANT BUILDING	3,750,000
BULMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL	10,000
BUSH FIT MOB PTY LTD	178,840
BUSH GRID PTY LTD	231,979
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMENS ASSOCIATION DARWIN	6,000
CANTEEN CREEK OWAIRTILLA CORP	226,330
CAPTAIN COOK COMMUNITY CENTRE	5,000
CARERS NT	129,780
CARPENTARIA DISABILITY SERVICES LTD	1,202,389
CASUARINA COUGARS NETBALL CLUB INC	11,300
CASUARINA RUGBY UNION CLUB INC	15,200
CASUARINA SOCCER CLUB INC	22,900
CASUARINA SWIM SCHOOL	26,525
CASUARINA SWIMMING CLUB	2,000
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF DARWIN	46,853
CATHOLICCARE NT	6,293,073
CDC DARWIN PTY LTD	30,000
CENTAHUB PTY LTD	10,000
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA SIKH CULTURAL CENTRE INC	9,000
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS	764,218
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN AVIATION MUSEUM INC	1,500
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC	200,000

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ROUGH RIDERS INC	5,000
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC	1,300
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN WOMENS LEGAL SERVICE INC	503,659
CENTRAL CRAFT	82,533
CENTRAL DESERT SHIRE COUNCIL	361,144
CHALC MOB	400
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NT	518,600
CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY	99,697
CHARLES KENDALL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	7,554
CHILDRENS GROUND LTD	876,995
CHUFFED SKATES PTY LTD	6,000
CHUISLE BOXING AND FITNESS	700
CITY OF DARWIN	1,790,071
CITY OF PALMERSTON	693,150
CLUBHOUSE TERRITORY INC	21,905
COLEMANS INK PTY LTD T/A COLEMANS PRINTING	5,753
COMBAT THERAPY CENTRE PTY LTD	3,400
COMMERCE PINTS HOCKEY CLUB	4,200
COMMUNITY HOUSING CENTRAL AUSTRALIA	1,921,297
COMMUNITY HOUSING LTD	715,000
COMPLETE CONSTRUCTIONS CRICKET CLUB	400
CONGOLESE COMMUNITY IN NT INC	1,500
CONSCIO FIT	1,500
COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL	97,891

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
CORRUGATED IRON YOUTH ARTS	259,373
COTA NT	700,625
COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM SERVICES INC	2,184,318
CRAFTY CONWAY	1,000
CREATE FOUNDATION	645,743
CREATIVE AUSTRALIA	15,000
CRISIS ACCOMODATION GOVE INC	1,063,776
CROSSFIT ABODE	3,200
CYPRUS COMMUNITY OF THE NT INC	30,000
DAMIEN MICK IBC COMMUNITY SERVICES	192,280
DANCE CONSTRUCT	8,100
DANILA DILBA HEALTH SERVICE	478,855
DARWIN ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER WOMENS SHELTER	3,031,412
DARWIN ABORIGINAL ART FAIR FOUNDATION	181,864
DARWIN ATHLETICS CLUB	7,100
DARWIN BADMINTON CLUB INC	200
DARWIN BALI COMMUNITY	800
DARWIN BAPTIST CHURCH INC	2,000
DARWIN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	238,300
DARWIN CLAY TARGET CLUB INC	1,400
DARWIN COMMUNITY ARTS INC	400,642
DARWIN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE INC	487,533
DARWIN CRICKET CLUB	5,500
DARWIN DRAGONS RUGBY UNION CLUB	9,700

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
DARWIN DRESSAGE CLUB	3,537
DARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB	11,700
DARWIN FRINGE INC	19,737
DARWIN GAME FISHING CLUB INC	2,050
DARWIN GOLF CLUB INC	1,400
DARWIN GYMNASTICS CLUB INC	49,200
DARWIN HEARTS FOOTBALL CLUB INC	5,505
DARWIN HIGH SCHOOL	2,000
DARWIN HORSE & PONY CLUB INC	700
DARWIN ICE SKATING CENTRE	60,600
DARWIN INDIGENOUS MEN'S SERVICE	7,920
DARWIN INDOOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL	600
DARWIN JUDO CLUB	5,600
DARWIN KARTING ASSOCIATION INC	500
DARWIN MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION INC	7,500
DARWIN MALAYALEE FORUM INC	2,300
DARWIN MEMORIAL UNITING CHURCH	2,400
DARWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL	800
DARWIN OLYMPIC SPORTING CLUB INC	31,700
DARWIN PERFORMANCE ACADEMY	11,800
DARWIN PERFORMING ARTS T/A DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	661,796
DARWIN PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB	1,000
DARWIN RUNNERS & WALKERS INC	200
DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET	7,800

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
DARWIN SHOTOKAN KARATE	1,400
DARWIN SHOW JUMPING CLUB INC	4,754
DARWIN SPEEDWAY RIDERS AND DRIVERS ASSOCIATION INC	900
DARWIN SQUASH CENTRE	112,382
DARWIN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC	400
DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	207,000
DARWIN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC	5,400
DARWIN TOP END BOWHUNTERS INC	2,200
DARWIN TOY LIBRARY INC	163,919
DARWIN TRIATHLON CLUB	4,998
DARWIN VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION INC	118,133
DARWIN WATERFRONT CORP	239,983
DARWIN YOUTH SERVICES	5,000
DAVID HANCOCK PHOTOGRAPHY	2,377
DAWN HOUSE INC	2,031,926
DDC PERFORMING ARTS INC	41,650
DEAD CENTRE BOWHUNTERS CLUB INC	200
DEADLY HAIR DUDE	3,000
DEAF CONNECT	178,410
DELTAREEF PTY LTD	244,642
DEMED ABORIGINAL CORP	3,450,474
DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE	4,002,000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	45,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND WATER SECURITY	175,656

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND TRADE	560,000
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET	236,111
DESART INC	470,691
DESERT KNOWLEDGE AUSTRALIA	200,000
DHARUNGOL ABORIGINAL CORP	32,000
DICE (AUST) PTY LTD	1,353,231
DINAH BEACH CRUISING YACHT ASSOCIATION INC	1,140
DINYBULU REGIONAL SERVICES RAMINGINING MECHANICAL REPAIRS	3,284,906
DISABILITY ADVOCACY SERVICE	380,846
DISABILITY SPORTS AUSTRALIA LTD	98,354
DMCC INC	5,000
DOLCE VIOLIN SCHOOL	3,200
DOUGLAS DALY SCHOOL COUNCIL	8,395
DREAM CALISTHENICS DANCE CLUB INC	6,200
DREAM IMPACT INSPIRE	9,338
DREAM IMPACT INSPIRE PTY LTD	32,945
DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES AUSTRALIA LTD	3,000
DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS (NT DIVISION) INC	13,500
DUKES CAFE AND EATERY	8,828
DUNDEE BEACH SCHOOL	10,000
DURACK PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL INC	700
EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL	895,551
EAST DARWIN HOCKEY CLUB	2,700
EDGE HEALTH CLUB CASUARINA	500

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
EKISTICA PTY LTD	435,000
ELEMENTAL GYMNASTICS INC	4,500
ELLIAT RICH DESIGN STUDIO	35,000
EMERSE	1,080
ENDORSED ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	60,435
ENGAWALA ART CENTRE ABORIGINAL CORP	7,268
ENRG GYMNASTICS PTY LTD	31,300
EPENARRA SCHOOL	8,560
EQUESTRIAN NORTHERN NY INC	108,382
ESTONIAN-AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF NT	700
FABALICE FESTIVAL INC	5,000
FEDERAL CRICKET CLUB INC	1,400
FEDERAL NETBALL CLUB	5,300
FELICITY WARDLE T/A CREATE HAPPINESS	9,816
FIJI ASSOCIATION OF THE NT	4,000
FILIPINIANA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NT INC	12,000
FILIPINO AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE NT	41,000
FINKE SCHOOL	5,002
FITNESS PLAYGROUND NT PTY LTD	3,400
FITNESS WORKS FOR YOU	1,500
FOODBANK SA	497,322
FOOTBALL FEDERATION NT	429,046
FOOTBALL WITHOUT BORDERS INC	1,000
FORREST PARADE SCHOOL	700

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
FORREST PR	35,000
FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS NT	1,446,612
FREDS PASS FIELD ARCHERS	500
FRIENDS OF THE TAMINMIN LIBRARY	2,000
G TRAINING HEALTH & FITNESS	36,650
GALIWIN'KU WOMEN'S SPACE	1,082,072
GAPUWIYAK CULTURE AND ARTS	10,000
GAPUWIYAK SCHOOL	48,400
GARUDA FOOTBALL CLUB	5,300
GEMU DESIGNS	1,500
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE NT INC	44,404
GET PHYSICAL	3,100
GIRL GUIDES NSW, ACT & NT	76,272
GK PAINTING CONTRACTORS	62,704
GOLF NT INC	191,064
GONG WANHURR PRODUCTIONS	49,338
GONG-DAL ABORIGINAL CORP	596,070
GOVE COUNTRY GOLF CLUB INC	1,700
GOVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC	14,200
GOVE NETBALL	1,449
GOVE TOY LIBRARY INC	19,497
GRASSROOTS ACTION PALMERSTON	1,800
GRAY SCHOOL COUNCIL INC	20,500
GREATER PALMERSTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB INC	29,535

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA INC	58,000
GREEN RIVER ABORIGINAL CORP	133,749
GUJARATI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF DARWIN INC	5,200
GUNBALANYA COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE	295,250
GURINDJI ABORIGINAL CORP	694,570
GUTS DANCE CENTRAL AUSTRALIA INC	46,100
GYMNASTICS NT	181,564
HAASTS BLUFF SCHOOL	6,891
HAMILTON DOWNS YOUTH CAMP ASSOCIATION INC	50,632
HAPPY YESS COMMUNITY ARTS INC	98,428
HEALTHY LIVING (NT)	115,618
HEARTKIDS LTD	1,900
HENBURY SCHOOL COUNCIL	1,000
HENNESSY TRADING & CONTRACTING	1,418
HER STORY CONSULTING PTY LTD	5,000
HERMANNSBURG POTTERS ABORIGINAL CORP	18,013
HINDU SOCIETY OF THE NT INC	23,000
HOBBY HUB GAMES SHED	4,071
HOCKEY NT INC	1,005,129
HOOPS 4 HEALTH PTY LTD	124,700
HOT GAME MAGNET	16,290
HOWARD SPRINGS SWIM SCHOOL	22,100
HUMPTY DOO AQUATIC ADVENTURES	3,500
HYPERION INDUSTRIES	1,640

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
IBC SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PTY LTD	444,148
IGNITE POTENTIAL	83,000
IKUNTJI ARTISTS ABORIGINAL CORP	6,388
ILPURLA ABORIGINAL CORP	35,846
IN THE MIX	5,000
INCITE ARTS INC	146,561
INCLUSION AUSTRALIA (NCID) LTD	5,000
INDIAN AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF NT INC	3,000
INDIGENIST PTY LTD	10,000
INDIGENOUS ESSENTIAL SERVICES PTY LTD	84,003,349
INGKERRIKE SERVICES ABORIGINAL CORP	7,481,038
INNER BALANCE HEALTH PTY LTD	1,000
INTEGRATED DISABILITY ACTION INC	818,152
ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF DARWIN	114,945
JABIRU AREA SCHOOL	22,885
JARDIMBA BAYAMUKU	518,186
JAWOYN ASSOCIATION ABORIGINAL CORP	2,319,209
JILAMARA ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOCIATION	29,400
JILKMINGGAN SCHOOL	14,782
JINGILI BMX CLUB INC	11,200
JUDO FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA NT INC	34,760
JULALIKARI COUNCIL ABORIGINAL CORP	2,064,073
JUNIOR POLICE RANGERS LAND ASSOCIATION (JPRLA)	5,600
KALANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ABORIGINAL CORP	248,363

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
KALANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC	3,978,849
KALKARINGI SCHOOL	39,000
KATHERINE & DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY INC	1,875
KATHERINE ATHLETICS CENTRE	3,100
KATHERINE CINEMA 3	24,830
KATHERINE COMMUNITY PROJECTS ASSOCIATION INC	15,500
KATHERINE FOOTBALL CLUB	12,800
KATHERINE GYMNASTICS CLUB INC	7,500
KATHERINE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE	26,200
KATHERINE NETBALL ASSOCIATION	13,800
KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE PTY LTD	6,740
KATHERINE REGIONAL ARTS INC	226,451
KATHERINE REGIONAL CULTURAL PRECINT LTD	1,549,614
KATHERINE SCHOOL OF DANCE	1,400
KATHERINE SCHOOL OF THE AIR COUNCIL	35,699
KATHERINE SWIMMING CLUB INC	4,000
KATHERINE TENNIS CLUB INC	1,100
KATHERINE TOUCH ASSOCIATION	3,200
KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL	406,553
KATHERINE VOLLEYBALL CLUB INC	9,502
KATHERINE WEST HEALTH BOARD ABORIGINAL CORP	952,295
KATHERINE WOMENS CRISIS CENTRE INC	1,920,419
KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COUNCIL (NT) INC	2,000
KELTIKKA PERFORMANCE DANCE COMPANY	3,500

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
KENTISH COMMUNITY SERVICES LTD	2,545
KERINGKE ARTS ABORIGINAL CORP	10,000
KINTORE STREET SCHOOL	11,000
KMA MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY DARWIN	22,160
KOKODA INDUSTRIES AUSDESIGNS, HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE	1,000
KOKORO BUSSHU KARATE	3,200
KPMG AUSTRALIA	71,974
KRAU MAGA DARWIN	14,900
LAJAMANU SCHOOL COUNCIL INC	36,288
LARRAKIA DEVELOPMENT CORP	13,958
LARRAKIA NATION ABORIGINAL CORP	1,254,714
LAYNHAPUY HOMELANDS ABORIGINAL CORP	3,606,508
LAYNHAPUY HOMELANDS SCHOOL	31,194
LEISA'S SCHOOL OF DANCING	14,300
LHERE ARTEPE ABORIGINAL CORP	320,000
LIFESTYLE SOLUTIONS	29,498
LIONS CLUB OF DARWIN-CASUARINA INC	2,000
LITCHFIELD BEARS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INC	58,900
LITCHFIELD COUNCIL	300,187
LITCHFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB	15,800
LITCHFIELD HORSE & PONY CLUB	3,100
LITCHFIELD POLOCROSSE CLUB	3,727
LUDAS HOUSE MMA	2,100
LUKPHINONG MUAYTHAI GYM	4,500

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
MABUHAY ENTERPRISES	1,700
MABUNJI ABORIGINAL RESOURCE INDIGENOUS CORP	2,705,566
MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL	2,149,906
MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES LTD	1,196,213
MACKILLOP SAINTS SPORTING ASSOCIATION INC	400
MADE CONCEPTS PTY LTD	100,229
MALAK SCHOOL COUNCIL	600
MALA'LA HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORP	684,810
MAMULBAK	13,800
MAN HO ACADEMY OF MATERIAL ARTS	2,200
MANINGRIDA CEC COUNCIL	78,884
MANTIYUPWI PTY LTD	596,070
MANUNDA TERRACE PRIMARY	600
MARIANNES SWIMMING SCHOOL	20,200
MARRARA JUDO CLUB INC	10,600
MARTHAKAL HOMELAND & RESOURCE CENTRE ABORIGINAL CORP	1,619,390
MASH NETBALL CLUB INC	17,339
MATARANKA PRIMARY SCHOOL	10,000
MEL ROBSON CERAMICS	39,032
MELALEUCA AUSTRALIA	811,371
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA INC	276,085
MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH	564,380
MERREPEN ARTS	2,000
MILIKAPITI SCHOOL	6,208

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
MILINGIMBI & OUTSTATIONS PROGRESS RESOURCE ASSOCIATION INC	1,050,784
MILINGIMBI ART AND CULTURE ABORIGINAL CORP	7,760
MILINGIMBI SCHOOL-YURRWI COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE COUNCIL	52,557
MILKWOOD STEINER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC	7,000
MILLNER PRIMARY SCHOOL	1,000
MINDIL ACES SOCCER CLUB INC	28,500
MINYERRI SCHOOL	28,340
MIRIAM BRIDGET NICHOLLS	20,480
MISSION AUSTRALIA	9,260,040
MISSION BROWN STUDIOS	2,000
MIWATJ HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORP	303,750
MOTOR VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB	19,000
MOTORSPORT NT	187,676
MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA INC	184,663
MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE NT	373,158
MULTICULTURAL MULTIGENERATIONAL MAINSTREAM DANCE ASSOCIATION	30,000
MURIN TRAVEL & FREIGHT SERVICES	4,543,376
MUSIC NT INC	512,546
MUSICKING MAESTROS	600
MUTITJULU COMMUNITY ABORIGINAL CORP	318,380
MUTITJULU PRIMARY SCHOOL	4,248
N V BARRETT EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	15,391
NADSCARE PTY LTD	5,000

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
NAKARA PRIMARY SCHOOL	400
NANGALA PROJECT LTD T/A JOHN MORIARTY FOOTBALL PROJECT	5,211
NAPCAN FOUNDATION	481,894
NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY	85,986,963
NATIONAL DISABILITY SERVICES LTD (ACT)	194,640
NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NT)	276,166
NATURES BALANCE BY KEL	1,000
NAWARDDEKEN ACADEMY LTD	15,800
NEATA GLASS GIANTS NETBALL CLUB	8,100
NEPALESE ASSOCIATION OF NT INC	13,100
NEPALESE COMMUNITY ALICE SPRINGS INC	6,000
NEUTRAL JUNCTION SCHOOL	3,300
NGALIWURRU-WULI ABORIGINAL CORP	1,477,273
NGANAMBALA SCHOOL	10,000
NGARUWANAJIRRI INC	8,067
NGUKURR SCHOOL	48,639
NGURRATJUTA PMARA NTJARRA ABORIGINAL CORP	1,320,318
NHULUNBUY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB	4,680
NHULUNBUY BICYCLE MOTOCROSS CLUB INC	4,600
NHULUNBUY CORP LTD	43,516
NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB INC	4,100
NIGHTCLIFF FOOTBALL CLUB	16,500
NIGHTCLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL	4,000
NIGHTCLIFF NETBALL CLUB INC	10,400

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
NIGHTCLIFF RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB	17,900
NIGHTCLIFF SWIMMING CLUB INC	3,631
NIGHTCLIFF UNIVERSITY TIGERS HOCKY CLUB INC	6,400
NOONAMAH HORSE & PONY CLUB	2,600
NOONAMAH POLOCROSSE CLUB INC	3,435
NORTH AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL JUSTICE AGENCY LTD	357,317
NORTHERN BUILDING AND PROPERTY SERVICES PTY LTD	877,500
NORTHERN CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART	162,824
NORTHERN COWBOYS ASSOCIATION INC	600
NORTHERN DISTRICTS EAGLES NETBALL TEAM INC	7,200
NORTHERN SHARKS RLFC	24,200
NPY WOMEN'S COUNCIL	398,777
NT AIDS AND HEPATITIS COUNCIL INC	5,000
NT ATHLETICS INC	208,382
NT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION	41,960
NT BOXING ASSOCIATION	34,760
NT CALISTHENICS ASSOCIATION INC	34,760
NT CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION	34,760
NT COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE	818,353
NT CRICKET	230,901
NT DANCE COMPANY	110,791
NT FIREARMS COUNCIL INC	101,112
NT HISTORY AND MEMORY	5,593
NT HONG KONG CLUB	2,500

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
NT IRISH ASSOCIATION INC	2,000
NT MOMINEEN INC	1,000
NT MUSIC SCHOOL	13,000
NT NETBALL ASSOCIATION	280,901
NT POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION	44,460
NT RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC	34,760
NT RUGBY UNION	235,901
NT SHELTER	1,261,590
NT SHOW COUNCIL INC	374,965
NT STOLEN GENERATIONS ABORIGINAL CORP	123,188
NT SWIM SCHOOL	285,100
NT WORKING WOMEN'S CENTRE INC	217,729
NT WRITERS CENTRE INC	200,472
NT YACHTING ASSOCIATION	116,312
NTARIA SCHOOL COUNCIL INC	27,462
NUMBULWAR COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE	29,400
NUMBULWAR HOMELANDS COUNCIL ASSOCIATION INC	310,316
OFF THE LEASH INC	74,006
OGBAKO NDI IGBO NT AUSTRALIA	1,500
OJ FIT 4 LIFE	300
ONE PERCENT PROGRAM	18,000
ONE TREE COMMUNITY SERVICES	1,527,242
OONCHIUMPA CONSULTANCY & SERVICES PTY LTD	50,000
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART THAMURRURR CATHOLIC COLLEGE	55,431

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
OUTBACK TAEKWONDO	4,200
PALMERSTON & REGIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	263,752
PALMERSTON AND LITCHFIELD SENIORS ASSOCIATION INC	2,000
PALMERSTON BOXING CLUB	5,217
PALMERSTON COLLEGE	9,850
PALMERSTON CRICKET CLUB INC	8,900
PALMERSTON CROCS NETBALL CLUB	5,200
PALMERSTON FOOTBALL CLUB INC	35,700
PALMERSTON GAME FISHING CLUB INC	3,600
PALMERSTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INC	2,200
PALMERSTON MAGPIES INC	20,500
PALMERSTON RAIDERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB	38,900
PALMERSTON RAIDERS RUGBY UNION CLUB INC	700
PALMERSTON RUGBY UNION CLUB	12,500
PALMERSTON TENNIS CLUB INC	7,000
PAPUNYA SCHOOL	22,088
PARALYMPICS AUSTRALIA LTD	150,000
PATHFINDERS NT PTY LTD	13,974
PENSIONERS WORKSHOP ASSOCIATION INC	4,209
PEPPIMENARTI SCHOOL COUNCIL	11,000
PERENTIE JIU JITSU	5,400
PERFORMING ARTS CONNECTIONS AUSTRALIA	6,424
PINE CREEK SCHOOL COUNCIL	9,847
PINT CRICKET CLUB INC	7,800

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
PINTS NETBALL CLUB INC	13,400
PISTOL NT	34,760
PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF NT	34,760
PORT DARWIN SOCCER CLUB	16,800
PROBUS CLUB OF STUART ALICE SPRINGS INC	830
PROGRESSIVE COMBAT CENTRE	700
PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF NT (PACANT) INC	1,500
PULARUMPI SCHOOL	6,188
PUSSY CAT FLATS SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION INC	1,245
QUALITY PLUMBING & BUILDING CONTRACTORS PTY LTD	838,420
RAMINGINING SCHOOL	54,279
RAPID CREEK TRACK CLUB	5,000
RDA ALICE SPRINGS INC	41,455
READY SET SWIM PTY LTD	6,100
RED CENTRE BMX CLUB	10,700
RED CENTRE HEALING	9,990
RED DIRT PTY LTD ATF GAGMAN PRABAMAN	3,340
RED HOT ARTS	192,347
REGIONAL COMBINED THERAPIES	1,000
REIKO MARTIAL ARTS	6,800
RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA NT INC	253,750
RICK CREATIVE	2,527
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED IN THE TOP END	83,556
RINCE NA H'EIREANN DARWIN IRISH DANCE ASSOCIATION INC	3,900

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
RIRRATJINGU ABORIGINAL CORP	10,213
RIX KIX ARTS	5,500
ROAR ART DESIGNS NT	23,200
ROBINSON RIVER SCHOOL	13,600
ROD & RIFLE PTY LTD	13,000
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL	1,243,554
ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB INC	3,600
ROVERS NETBALL CLUB	8,400
ROYAL EXISTENCE	29,100
ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AUSTRALIA NT	725,012
RUNNING WATER COMMUNITY PRESS INC	49,990
RURAL ATHLETICS CENTRE	8,825
SAM'S DANCE STUDIO	69,200
SANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	800
SATELLITE CITY BMX CLUB INC	14,000
SCHOOL SPORT NT	2,124
SCOUTS NT	103,812
SENIORS OF EXCELLENCE NT INC	2,000
SHIMJANG TAEKWONDO	100
SIKH ASSOCIATION OF NT INC	53,000
SKIPPING NT	34,760
SLIDE YOUTH DANCE THEATRE	17,100
SNAICC-NATIONAL VOICE FOR OUR CHILDREN (ABORIGINAL AND TORR	800,000
SNAP FITNESS CASUARINA	2,400

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
SNAP FITNESS COOLALINGA	600
SNAP FITNESS PARAP	1,600
SOFTBALL NT	108,382
SOUTH ALICE SPRINGS SPORTING CLUB INC	400
SOUTH DARWIN RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB	3,700
SOUTH DARWIN RUGBY UNION CLUB INC	3,900
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET CLUB	8,800
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS CROCS NETBALL CLUB	18,600
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL CLUB	38,200
SRI LANKA AUSTRALIA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION	1,600
SRI LANKAN ASSOCIATION OF ALICE SPRINGS INC	3,000
SRI LANKAN DANCE ACADEMY OF DARWIN	600
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL	16,078
ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA INC	2,000
ST MARY'S FOOTBALL SPORTING & SOCIAL CLUB	15,300
ST MARY'S HOCKEY CLUB INC	7,980
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (NT) INC	2,519,429
STARWIN MANAGEMENT	6,500
STEPHEN ATHERTON T/A DARWIN MUSIC SCHOOL	4,700
STEPS GROUP AUSTRALIA LTD	7,000
STICK MOB STUDIO	4,330
STORMBIRDS SOCCER CLUB	9,300
STUDIO 27 DANCE CO	4,800
STUDIO B SCHOOL OF DANCE	25,600

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
SUNDOWNERS NETBALL CLUB	4,500
SURF LIFE SAVING NT INC	155,703
SWIM DYNAMICS DARWIN	41,200
SWIMMING NT INC	108,382
T&J (NT)	410,884
TABLE TENNIS NT	34,760
TACTILE ARTS	177,838
TAIWANESE COMMUNITY OF THE NT	1,000
TANG SOO TAO	2,900
TANGENTYERE COUNCIL ABORIGINAL CORP	12,725,213
TANGSOO PTY LTD	19,100
TAPATJATJAKA ART AND CRAFT ABORIGINAL CORP	10,000
TARA ACADEMY	9,600
TARNTIPI HOMELANDS ABORIGINAL CORP	4,000
TEGS-DARWIN LANGUAGES CENTRE	33,345
TELUGU ASSOCIATION OF NT INC	3,600
TEMPLES TAEKWONDO ACADEMY	400
TENNANT CREEK MOB ABORIGINAL CORP	593,165
TENNANT CREEK WOMEN'S REFUGE INC	1,536,944
TENNIS ALICE SPRINGS	9,800
TENNIS NT	238,801
TERRITORY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY INC	38,600
TERRITORY QUAD ASSOCIATION	2,800
TERRITORY XTREME COWBOY RACING	300

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
TFSKA DARWIN T/A TRADITIONAL SHOTOKAN KARATE-DO FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA	600
THAMARRURR DEVELOPMENT CORP LTD	818,007
THAMARRURR YOUTH INDIGENOUS CORP	140,676
THANGKENHARENGE ABORIGINAL CORP	230,716
THE ALICE SPRINGS THEATRE GROUP INC	200
THE ARNHEM LAND PROGRESS ABORIGINAL CORP	476,964
THE ARRAY	16,500
THE ARTFUL ROOM	11,800
THE DARWIN SAILING CLUB INC	2,700
THE ELEANOR DARK FOUNDATION	16,380
THE EQUALITY INSTITUTE	179,432
THE GAP YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ABORIGINAL CORP	1,392,958
THE HELLENIC ATHLETIC CLUB INC	18,300
THE ITALIAN SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB INC	35,920
THE JIU JITSU STUDIO DARWIN	12,700
THE KATHERINE MUSEUM	5,000
THE KOREAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA NT INC	7,700
THE NON-RESIDENT NEPALI ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA LTD	1,500
THE NT TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC	34,760
THE TAMIL SOCIETY OF THE NT INC	10,445
THE TRUSTEE FOR AIRRAID PROPERTY TRUST	10,138
THE TRUSTEE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY (NT) PROPERTY TRUST	5,553,493
THE YMCA OF THE NT YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES LTD	1,847,571

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
THE YOUNG MEN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE NT	105,872
TIMBER CREEK SCHOOL COUNCIL	9,979
TIMOTHY WALKER T/A BIKE YOU	300
TIPPERARY STATION SCHOOL COUNCIL	10,000
TI-TREE SCHOOL	15,165
TIWI COLLEGE	14,600
TIWI DESIGNS	10,000
TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL	1,471,504
TIWI ISLANDS TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT BOARD	12,500
TJUWANPA OUTSTATION RESOURCE CENTRE ABORIGINAL CORP	1,204,597
TOGETHER INC (DARWIN TOGETHER)	600
TOP END CALISTHENICS CLUB INC	8,400
TOP END DIRT KARTS	4,200
TOP END DRUM RUNNERS	200
TOP END FOLK CLUB	9,610
TOP END GUN CLUB INC	1,500
TOP END JUDO ACADEMY INC	3,400
TOP END MOTOR CROSS CLUB INC	1,100
TOP END MUSTANGS INC	420
TOP END PRIDE (NT) INC	6,000
TOP END SOFT PLAY	700
TOP END SWIM SCHOOL	1,900
TOP END TENNIS NT PTY LTD	23,800
TOTAL RECREATION NT INC	108,734

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA INC	185,064
TRACKS DANCE COMPANY	269,534
TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB INC	15,237
TRACY VILLAGE FALCONS NETBALL CLUB	5,700
TRACY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB	1,500
TRACY VILLAGE JETS BASKETBALLCLUB INC	100
TRANSPOSE MUSIC STUDIO PTY LTD	10,600
TRAVELLING TADPOLE PTY LTD	59,200
TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION OF THE NT	111,022
TRILEMMA GRAPPLING	900
TRIPLE S SWIM SCHOOL PTY LTD	37,600
TRIPLE S: SAM'S SWIM SCHOOL	20,400
U3A ALICE SPRINGS INC	300
UMNT INC	206,432
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NT	7,000
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA	75,000
UNIVERSITY PIRATES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB	5,900
URAPUNTJA ABORIGINAL CORP	2,299,292
VARIETY NT STARFISH SWIM GROUP	10,300
VENTURE HOUSING COMPANY	1,980,000
VERDI FOOTBALL CLUB	15,540
VETERANS AUSTRALIA NT INC	1,500
VIBRANT DIVERSE CULTURES INC	6,000
VICTIMS OF CRIME NT INC	266,203

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
VICTORIA DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL	159,552
VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA - NT CHAPTER INC	5,800
VIKINGS FOOTBALL CLUB INC	7,500
VOLLEYBALL NT INC	38,760
WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL	29,097
WANDERERS FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INC	16,550
WARATAH CRICKET CLUB INC	9,996
WARATAH FOOTBALL CLUB INC	9,300
WARATAH HOCKEY CLUB INC	8,000
WARATAH JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB	8,500
WARDDEKEN LAND MANAGEMENT LTD	17,923
WARNBI ABORIGINAL CORP- KAKADU	1,127,946
WATCH THIS SPACE INC	82,935
WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL	1,570,958
WEST CRICKET CLUB	1,000
WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL	1,005,123
WESTS NETBALL CLUB	11,500
WESWIM	3,100
WHY WARRIORS ORG LTD	2,000
WILD NORTH ARTS INC	7,000
WILLOWRA SCHOOL	14,054
WOMEN'S MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA INC	27,500
WOMENS SAFETY SERVICES OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA	5,206,440
WOOLANING SCHOOL	10,000

GRANT RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT \$
WOOLIANNA PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL	10,000
WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA	181,881
WUGULARR SCHOOL COUNCIL INC	19,787
XAVIER COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE	18,513
YALU ABORIGINAL CORP	866,130
YANDAMAH INDIGENOUS CORP	5,000
YAPA-KURLANGU NGURRARA ABORIGINAL CORP	622,610
YARRALIN SCHOOL	12,899
YARRAMAN TERRITORY PTY LTD	82,940
YILLI RREUNG HOUSING ABORIGINAL CORP	7,088,072
YIPIRINYA SCHOOL COUNCIL	36,165
YIRRKALA SCHOOL	23,200
YOURTOWN	107,467
YOUTHWORX NT	2,000
YUENDUMU SCHOOL	42,902
YUGUL MANGI DEVELOPMENT ABORIGINAL CORP	490,932
YULARA PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL	9,059
YUNS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY ALICE SPRINGS	7,200
YWCA AUSTRALIA	4,193,871
ZESTY PRODUCTIONS	14,902
ZION COMMUNITY CARE	2,000
ZONE 3 DARWIN	3,500
GRAND TOTAL	429,254,677