

Northern Territory Electoral Commission

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
Output Group		
Electoral Services	4 272	1 906
Total Expenses	4 272	1 906
Appropriation		
Output	3 165	1 703
Capital		
Commonwealth		

2009-10 Staffing: 11

Agency Profile

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

Key responsibilities include:

- maintaining the Northern Territory electoral roll;
- managing parliamentary and non-parliamentary elections (including local government and fee for service elections);
- delivering public electoral awareness programs;
- providing advice and reports relating to electoral matters to the Legislative Assembly;
- conducting electoral research; and
- providing support to the Redistribution Committees in the review of electoral boundaries.

Strategic issues facing the agency in 2009-10 include:

- a review of the roll register and electoral roll maintenance strategies;
- implementation of a revised local government by-election program following the introduction of the new shire councils;
- continued liaison with the Department of Local Government and Housing over council election and representation review matters;
- planning for the implementation of set term Legislative Assembly and local government general elections; and
- continued development of a coordinated electoral awareness program.

Budget Highlights

- Continued development and operation of the Electoral Commission's office in Alice Springs, established jointly with the Australian Electoral Commission, including refurbishing of new premises for the Electoral Services Centre.

Outputs and Performance

Output Group/Output	2008-09	2009-10	Variation
	Estimate	Budget	
	\$000	\$000	\$000
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Key Variations

One-off expenses of \$2.3 million were incurred in 2008-09 associated with conducting Legislative Assembly general elections in August 2008 and inaugural shire and rural council elections in October 2008.

Output Group: Electoral Services

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

The outcomes are effective and lawfully administered elections, a community well informed on electoral matters and an effective electoral roll that supports the planning and conduct of electoral events and redistributions.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<i>Quantity</i>	Electors on Northern Territory electoral roll	118 000	119 000
	Electoral awareness sessions	30	30
<i>Quality</i>	Compliance with legislation	100%	100%
	Voter turnout at Legislative Assembly elections ¹	> 80%	> 80%
	Client satisfaction with electoral services ²	≥ 5	≥ 5
<i>Timeliness</i>	Deadlines met	100%	100%
	Electoral awareness program delivered within required timeframes	100%	100%

¹ Following the introduction of set term Legislative Assembly general elections, no elections are anticipated prior to 2012. However NTEC must conduct any by-election held during the current term of the parliament.

² Clients include municipal and shire councils and other organisations. Measures range from a rating of 1 = extremely dissatisfied through to 6 = extremely satisfied.

Operating Statement

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
INCOME		
Taxation revenue		
Grants and subsidies revenue		
Current		
Capital		
Appropriation		
Output	3 165	1 703
Commonwealth		
Sales of goods and services	904	
Interest revenue		
Goods and services received free of charge	200	200
Gain(+)/loss(-) on disposal of assets		
Other revenue		
TOTAL INCOME	4 269	1 903
EXPENSES		
Employee expenses	1 713	1 010
Administrative expenses		
Purchases of goods and services	2 349	686
Repairs and maintenance	7	7
Depreciation and amortisation	3	3
Services free of charge	200	200
Other administrative expenses		
Grants and subsidies expenses		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest expenses		
TOTAL EXPENSES	4 272	1 906
NET SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)	- 3	- 3

Balance Sheet

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
ASSETS		
Cash and deposits	343	343
Receivables	63	63
Prepayments		
Inventories		
Advances and investments		
Property, plant and equipment	27	24
Other assets		
TOTAL ASSETS	433	430
LIABILITIES		
Deposits held		
Creditors and accruals	31	31
Borrowings and advances		
Provisions	120	120
Other liabilities		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	151	151
NET ASSETS	282	279
EQUITY		
Capital		
Opening balance	- 281	
Equity injections/withdrawals	281	
Reserves		
Accumulated funds		
Opening balance	285	282
Current year surplus(+)/deficit(-)	- 3	- 3
Accounting policy changes and corrections		
TOTAL EQUITY	282	279

Cash Flow Statement

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating receipts		
Taxes received		
Grants and subsidies received		
Current		
Capital		
Appropriation		
Output	3 165	1 703
Commonwealth		
Other agency receipts from sales of goods and services	904	
Interest received		
Total operating receipts	4 069	1 703
Operating payments		
Payments to employees	1 713	1 010
Payments for goods and services	2 356	693
Grants and subsidies paid		
Current		
Capital		
Community service obligations		
Interest paid		
Total operating payments	4 069	1 703
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investing receipts		
Proceeds from asset sales		
Repayment of advances		
Sales of investments		
Total investing receipts		
Investing payments		
Purchases of assets		
Advances and investing payments		
Total investing payments		
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Financing receipts		
Proceeds of borrowings		
Deposits received		
Appropriation		
Capital		
Commonwealth		
Equity injections	281	
Total financing receipts	281	
Financing payments		
Repayment of borrowings		
Finance lease payments		
Equity withdrawals		
Total financing payments		
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	281	
Net increase(+)/decrease(-) in cash held	281	
Cash at beginning of financial year	62	343
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	343	343