

# Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>Output Group</b>		
Resource Industry Development	67 621	64 827
Resource Industry Management	15 853	14 645
Regional Development	6 577	6 136
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>90 051</b>	<b>85 608</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>		
Output	58 656	59 506
Capital	492	277
Commonwealth	245	11 307

**2009-10 Staffing: 497**

## Agency Profile

The Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources is responsible for developing and implementing Government's priorities for regional development and the management and development of the Territory's resource-based industries.

Strategic priorities of the agency in 2009-10 are:

- increasing job opportunities for Indigenous people in the regions within the framework of an Indigenous Economic Development Strategy;
- working in partnership with Economic Development Committees to deliver increased regional growth;
- delivering programs for the management and sustainable development of fisheries and aquatic resources;
- working with stakeholders in resolving the implications of the High Court's Blue Mud Bay decision;
- assisting industry to maintain existing and develop new markets in the current global economic outlook;
- enhancing the Territory's biosecurity capability;
- improving capacity to provide animal and plant industries contemporary extension services;
- developing and providing advice on the impact of climate change policies to industries;
- managing commencement of new legislation for plant health, livestock and geothermal energy; and
- boosting investment in mineral, petroleum and gas exploration in the Territory.

## Budget Highlights

- Funding of \$0.65 million to undertake specific research to improve the performance of breeder cattle to assist the pastoral industry to become more efficient and better positioned to meet emerging markets.
- Funding of \$0.2 million to implement the Plant Health and Livestock Acts throughout the Northern Territory.
- Ongoing funding of \$0.64 million for the Marine Ranger Program in Indigenous communities.
- Commonwealth funding of \$3.7 million for rebates to undertake major renewable energy projects in three Indigenous communities.
- Commonwealth funding of \$3.3 million for small to medium renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, pastoral and rural properties and roadhouses.
- Funding of \$4.6 million for the Solar Cities renewable energy program.
- Continued implementation of the \$12 million four-year Bringing Forward Discovery program to stimulate mineral and petroleum exploration and attract exploration investment into the Territory.
- Continued implementation of the \$2.4 million three-year Drilling and Geophysics Collaborations initiative to increase intensity of exploration drilling and geophysical surveys in the Territory.
- Continued funding of \$1.8 million over three years for the management and sustainable utilisation of inshore marine resources.
- Funding of \$0.2 million for the finalisation of a two-year program to research the economic and resource impact of recreational fishing.
- Funding of \$2.6 million for the sustainable management of the Northern Territory aquatic resource.
- Funding of \$3.1 million to ensure compliance with legislation in the mining, energy and exploration industries and implementation of environmental best practice.
- Funding of \$0.9 million to implement strategies to increase exploration access to Aboriginal land.
- Funding of \$0.26 million to establish the Tennant Creek Foundation to manage and provide a commercial focus to the Battery Hill Mining Centre and the Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre.
- Funding of \$0.2 million for Regional Business Facilitation Programs in Ti Tree and Maningrida.
- Continued funding of \$0.6 million through Closing the Gap for the Indigenous Business Development Grant Program to support the start up or expansion of small businesses.
- Funding of \$0.3 million to assist regional economic development through the Regional Economic Development Fund and other regional initiatives to stimulate economic growth.

- Grant funding of \$0.2 million to the Aboriginal Resource Development Service to support its work in Indigenous economic development and community service.

	\$M
<b>2009-10 New Capital Works</b>	
Palmerston boat ramp upgrade	4.0
Recreational fishing infrastructure across the Top End	1.0

## Outputs and Performance

Output Group/Output	2008-09	2009-10	Variation
	Estimate	Budget	
	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Resource Industry Development</b>	<b>67 621</b>	<b>64 827</b>	<b>- 2 794</b>
Minerals and Energy	24 424	22 669	- 1 755
Primary Industry	38 693	37 598	- 1 095
Fisheries	4 504	4 560	56
<b>Resource Industry Management</b>	<b>15 853</b>	<b>14 645</b>	<b>- 1 208</b>
Minerals and Energy	9 877	8 926	- 951
Fisheries	5 976	5 719	- 257
<b>Regional Development</b>	<b>6 577</b>	<b>6 136</b>	<b>- 441</b>
Regional Development	6 577	6 136	- 441
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>90 051</b>	<b>85 608</b>	<b>- 4 443</b>

### Key Variations

- Minerals and Energy Development output decrease of \$1.76 million relates to carryover of expenditure from 2007-08 to 2008-09 for the Alice Springs Solar Cities Project.
- Primary Industry output decrease of \$1.1 million is due to funding for externally funded programs yet to be negotiated for 2009-10 and one-off Commonwealth payments in 2008-09 for the Exceptional Circumstances Drought program.
- Minerals and Energy Management output decrease of \$0.95 million predominantly relates to carryover of expenditure of \$0.54 million from 2007-08 to 2008-09 for the Mount Todd Rehabilitation Strategy and one-off external funding of \$0.45 million in 2008-09.
- Fisheries Management output decrease of \$0.26 million is the net effect of increased funding for the sustainable utilisation of the inshore marine resources program, offset by carryover in expenditure from 2007-08 to 2008-09 for the Northern Territory Fishing Industry Research Development Fund and externally funded programs yet to be negotiated for 2009-10.
- Regional Development decrease of \$0.44 million primarily reflects one-off funding in 2008-09 for externally funded programs, carryover in expenditure from 2007-08 for Closing the Gap initiatives, offset by increased funding for the Regional Facilitation Program.

## Output Group: Resource Industry Development

Provision of strategic programs and activities with a focus on developing and enhancing capacity, performance and sustainability of the Territory's economy and resource industry sectors.

The outcome is sustainable development of the Territory's resources and enhanced capacity and performance of industry sectors.

### Minerals and Energy

Provision of strategic services to support the acceleration of exploration and sustainable development of Northern Territory mineral and onshore petroleum resources, and facilitation of efficient and economic use of energy.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<b>Northern Territory Geological Survey</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	New geospatial data sets and publications requested by key client groups <sup>1</sup>	400	320
	Geoscientific data products developed <sup>1</sup>	150	100
	Northern Territory Geological Survey products (under 5mb) and geoscientific databases online	100%	100%
<i>Quality</i>	Target rating for Mineral Potential Index in Fraser Institute Annual Survey (FIAS) <sup>2</sup>	10	15
	Target rating for geological databases in FIAS <sup>2</sup>	10	12
	Client satisfaction	88%	88%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Information and product request responses within agreed timeframes	90%	90%
	Quarterly advice of data product releases to key clients	100%	100%
<b>Renewable Energy</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Rebate applications approved <sup>3</sup>	70	60
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Applications and rebate payments processed within agreed timeframes	95%	95%
<b>Mining Development</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Project leads generated or progressed <sup>4</sup>	25	20
	Promotion and investment attraction activities completed	10	10
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Information and advice provided within agreed timeframes	90%	90%

<sup>1</sup> The number of geoscientific products developed has been revised downwards and priority given to the major publication *Geology and Mineral Resources of the NT*.

<sup>2</sup> The Fraser Institute is a research organisation that seeks to establish the relative investment attractiveness of 71 jurisdictions throughout the world. The NT aims to be in the top 15 jurisdictions ranked worldwide for Mineral Potential and in the top 10 for Geological Database.

<sup>3</sup> Decline in 2009-10 reflects a slowdown in rebate applications as a result of economic conditions and reduced take up of solar powered water pump rebates.

<sup>4</sup> Decrease in 2009-10 is anticipated as a result of the global economic downturn.

## Primary Industry

The delivery of a range of strategic services that facilitate profitable and sustainable primary industries in the Northern Territory and maintain access to markets for animals, plants, and animal and plant products.

Strategic outcomes are achieved through focused research and development programs, specific programs that support Indigenous pastoral and horticultural development, effective extension services and maintaining targeted programs to monitor, detect and respond to emergency and endemic animal and plant pests and diseases.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<b>Biosecurity and Market Access</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Continuing animal disease and residue projects	6	6
	Continuing plant pest monitoring programs	3	3
<i>Quality</i>	Compliance with national animal health system performance standards	90%	90%
	Compliance with contractual arrangements	95%	95%
	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Project milestones met	90%	95%
	Meeting contractual obligations	100%	100%
<b>Sustainable Primary Industry Development</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Research, development and extension projects in progress <sup>1</sup>	35	30
	Technical publications and information packages available to clients	910	925
	New and improved agricultural products produced through research, development and extension projects	4	4
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Research and development project milestones completed on time	90%	90%
	Technical publications and information packages produced or updated within specified timeframes	85%	90%
	New and improved product development timelines met	90%	90%

<sup>1</sup> Reduction in 2009-10 is linked to externally funded projects due to be completed.

## Fisheries

High level of industry support, including case management of large-scale aquaculture proposals, development of an aquaculture policy framework, extension of technical knowledge, specific scientific research projects in support of fishing industry growth and sustainability and the monitoring and control of aquatic pest and disease issues.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<b>Aquaculture</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Current aquaculture development projects <sup>1</sup>	24	18
	Presentations made and scientific and technical articles published <sup>2</sup>	10	5
	Aquaculture licences issued <sup>2</sup>	20	13
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	90%
<b>Indigenous Development</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Indigenous fisheries projects	3	5
	Marine Ranger groups	8	8
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	90%
<b>Aquatic Biosecurity</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Presentations made and scientific and technical articles published <sup>3</sup>	20	12
	Aquatic pest management projects	4	4
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	90%
<b>Industry Support</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Commercial fisheries management projects	1	1
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	90%

1 Activity is linked to licences issued.

2 Anticipated decreased activity in 2009-10 due to reduced industry investment arising from global financial and economic conditions.

3 Several regular presentations have been combined.

## Output Group: Resource Industry Management

Provision of strategic programs and activities focused on resource management, safety and sustainability. The outcome is sustainable and responsible management of Territory resources.

## Minerals and Energy

Comprises a range of services including primary responsibility for delivering strategic services that regulate mining and petroleum tenure and operational activities. This includes assessment and evaluation to minimise environmental liability, inspection and audits to ensure best practice in environmental management and radiation safety on mining and petroleum tenure.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<b>Authorisations</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Planning documents assessed	250	250
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Plans assessed within established timeframes	90%	90%
<b>Compliance</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Site reported incidents	150	140
	Site Category 1 non-conformances identified	3	2
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Site reported incidents finalised within agreed timeframes	90%	90%
	Site Category 1 non-conformances finalised within specified timeframes	100%	100%
<b>Mining Evaluation</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Projects dealing with long-term mining issues	15	15
	Mining site monitoring programs actioned	55	50
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Project milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	90%
	Sites monitored according to the agreed schedule	90%	90%
<b>Mineral Titles</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Mineral exploration licences granted <sup>1</sup>	1 450	1 200
	Applications for mineral exploration licences	800	800
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Mineral exploration licence applications determined within specified timeframes	80%	80%
<b>Petroleum Titles</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Petroleum exploration permits granted <sup>1</sup>	25	23
	Applications for petroleum exploration permits	25	30
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Petroleum exploration permit applications determined within specified timeframes	90%	90%

<sup>1</sup> Global economic conditions are expected to impact on the level of applications proceeding to granted titles. Some granted titles are expected to cease in 2009-10.

## Fisheries

Manage the Northern Territory's aquatic resources through the provision of information and assistance to the community, Territory Government and the fishing industry sectors to support sustainable development. Services include policy development and implementation, research, the granting and maintenance of licences and the development and implementation of fishery management arrangements.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<b>Research Services</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Current research projects	17	17
	Presentations made and scientific and technical articles published <sup>1</sup>	25	35
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	80%
<b>Aquatic Resource Management</b>			
<i>Quantity</i>	Recreational fisheries management projects	8	8
	Commercial fisheries management projects	3	3
	Fisheries accredited	8	8
	Other aquatic resource management projects <sup>2</sup>	4	1
<i>Quality</i>	Client satisfaction	80%	80%
<i>Timeliness</i>	Project milestones completed within agreed timeframes	90%	90%

1 Anticipated increase in capacity becoming available for this function.

2 Reduction in number of licence buybacks is expected in 2009-10.

## Output Group: Regional Development

Working in partnership with business, industry and communities to support activities that stimulate sustainable economic growth and job creation in all regions of the Northern Territory. This will be achieved by:

- working with Economic Development Committees to identify key economic development priorities, advocating these priorities to Government and developing and managing resultant development initiatives;
- coordinating dialogue within and between the community and Government on economic development opportunities and challenges to create sustainable growth in local economies and infrastructure development across the Northern Territory;
- supporting the move towards economic independence of Indigenous Territorians through collaborative, outcomes-focused business development and job creation activities that promote an enterprise culture in Indigenous communities; and
- monitoring and reporting on Government priorities such as the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy and Growth Plans.

Performance Measures		2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Estimate
<i>Quantity</i>	Capacity to support entities that stimulate economic growth and job creation in regions	\$4.39M	\$4.33M
	Regional organisations and Indigenous businesses provided with financial assistance	45	45
	Financial assistance to regional organisations and Indigenous businesses	\$2.18M	\$1.83M
<i>Quality</i>	Stakeholder satisfaction <sup>1</sup>	> 5	> 5
<i>Timeliness</i>	Timeframes met as agreed <sup>2</sup>	> 5	> 5

<sup>1</sup> Stakeholder satisfaction against objectives in the corporate plan – measured on a rolling triennial basis, ranging from a rating of 1 = extremely dissatisfied through to 6 = extremely satisfied.

<sup>2</sup> Measures range from a rating of 1 = extremely dissatisfied through to 6 = extremely satisfied.

## Operating Statement

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>INCOME</b>		
Taxation revenue		
Grants and subsidies revenue		
Current	815	
Capital	10 788	
Appropriation		
Output	58 656	59 506
Commonwealth	245	11 307
Sales of goods and services	6 036	5 660
Interest revenue		
Goods and services received free of charge	3 900	3 900
Gain(+)/loss(-) on disposal of assets	13	
Other revenue	2 515	1 481
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>82 968</b>	<b>81 854</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Employee expenses	41 980	41 917
Administrative expenses		
Purchases of goods and services	18 495	16 653
Repairs and maintenance	3 407	3 577
Depreciation and amortisation	3 754	3 754
Services free of charge	3 900	3 900
Other administrative expenses		
Grants and subsidies expenses		
Current	4 987	3 993
Capital	13 528	11 814
Community service obligations		
Interest expenses		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>90 051</b>	<b>85 608</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)</b>	<b>- 7 083</b>	<b>- 3 754</b>

## Income Administered for the Central Holding Authority

<b>INCOME</b>		
Taxation revenue		
Commonwealth revenue		
GST revenue		
Specific purpose payments		
National partnership agreements		
Current grants		
Capital grants		
Fees from regulatory services	2 550	1 950
Interest revenue		
Royalties and rents	820	820
Other revenue	471	10
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3 841</b>	<b>2 780</b>

## Balance Sheet

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and deposits	17 467	17 473
Receivables	7 633	7 633
Prepayments	95	95
Inventories		
Advances and investments		
Property, plant and equipment	63 908	60 425
Other assets		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>89 103</b>	<b>85 626</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held	4 774	4 774
Creditors and accruals	2 424	2 424
Borrowings and advances		
Provisions	6 213	6 213
Other liabilities	2 737	2 737
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>16 148</b>	<b>16 148</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>72 955</b>	<b>69 478</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital		
Opening balance	76 714	78 742
Equity injections/withdrawals	2 028	277
Reserves	2 274	2 274
Accumulated funds		
Opening balance	- 978	- 8 061
Current year surplus(+)/deficit(-)	- 7 083	- 3 754
Accounting policy changes and corrections		
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>72 955</b>	<b>69 478</b>

## Assets and Liabilities Administered for the Central Holding Authority

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Taxes receivable		
Grants and subsidies receivable		
Royalties and rent receivable		
Other receivables	7 557	7 557
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7 557</b>	<b>7 557</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Central Holding Authority income payable		
Unearned Central Holding Authority income	7 557	7 557
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7 557</b>	<b>7 557</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		

## Cash Flow Statement

	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Operating receipts</b>		
Taxes received		
Grants and subsidies received		
Current	815	
Capital	10 788	
Appropriation		
Output	58 656	59 506
Commonwealth	245	11 307
Other agency receipts from sales of goods and services	8 557	7 141
Interest received		
<b>Total operating receipts</b>	<b>79 061</b>	<b>77 954</b>
<b>Operating payments</b>		
Payments to employees	41 697	41 917
Payments for goods and services	21 754	20 230
Grants and subsidies paid		
Current	4 987	3 993
Capital	13 528	11 814
Community service obligations		
Interest paid		
<b>Total operating payments</b>	<b>81 966</b>	<b>77 954</b>
<b>NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>- 2 905</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Investing receipts</b>		
Proceeds from asset sales	12	6
Repayment of advances		
Sales of investments		
<b>Total investing receipts</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Investing payments</b>		
Purchases of assets	625	277
Advances and investing payments		
<b>Total investing payments</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>- 613</b>	<b>- 271</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Financing receipts</b>		
Proceeds of borrowings		
Deposits received		
Appropriation		
Capital	492	277
Commonwealth		
Equity injections	750	
<b>Total financing receipts</b>	<b>1 242</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Financing payments</b>		
Repayment of borrowings		
Finance lease payments		
Equity withdrawals		
<b>Total financing payments</b>		
<b>NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>1 242</b>	<b>277</b>
Net increase(+)/decrease(-) in cash held	- 2 276	6
Cash at beginning of financial year	19 743	17 467
<b>CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>17 467</b>	<b>17 473</b>