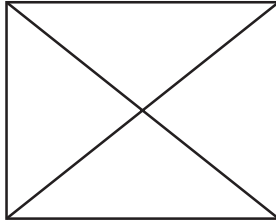


Northern Territory

1997 Northern Territory Progress Report



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Northern Territory 1996 Annual Report

on the

Implementation of National Competition Policy

NORTHERN TERRITORY 1996 ANNUAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

Introduction

In April 1995, all State and Territory governments along with the Commonwealth signed a series of inter-governmental agreements that embody the National Competition Policy:

- the Competition Principles Agreement;
- the Conduct Code Agreement; and
- the Agreement to Implement the National Competition Policy and Related Reforms.

Under clause 3(10) and 5(10) of the Competition Principles Agreement (CPA) all Parties are required to produce annual reports addressing progress towards fulfilling the competitive neutrality and legislative review requirements of the Agreement.

In addition, the Northern Territory has agreed that for the 1996 annual report, we will provide detail on progress in implementing the related reforms which are relevant to the assessment of first tranche competition payments.

Accordingly, this report outlines the Northern Territory's progress in implementing its commitments to satisfy the requirements for first tranche payments under the National Competition Policy Agreements.

1. COMMITMENTS UNDER THE CONDUCT CODE AGREEMENT

Commitment

Enact Legislation applying the Competition Code (the Schedule version of Part IV of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*) within the Northern Territory, with effect by 20 July 1996.

Implementation

The *Competition Policy Reform (Northern Territory) Act 1996* received Royal Assent on 28 June 1996. The passage of this legislation fulfilled the Territory's commitments under the Conduct Code Agreement.

2. COMMITMENTS UNDER THE COMPETITION POLICY AGREEMENT

2.a Competitive Neutrality

Commitment

Provision of a policy statement detailing the implementation of competitive neutrality policy and principles to the Northern Territory, including an implementation timetable, a complaints mechanism and progress against undertakings in the policy statement.

Implementation

In accordance with its commitments, the Northern Territory published its Statement on Competitive Neutrality in the 1996-97 Budget Papers (refer Appendix 1, Chapter 8, Budget Paper No. 5).

The implementation of the policy has principally been delivered through the corporatisation and commercialisation of the Northern Territory's Government Business Divisions (or GBDs). The GBD reform process commenced in 1995 when the new *Financial Management Act* allowed for the creation of GBDs in instances where a significant portion of an activity's costs are recovered through user charges.

These reforms have been applied equally to GBDs with internal (to government) and external clients in recognition that many of the benefits will flow through the economy regardless of the purchaser. Under the *Financial Management Act* the following business activities are designated as GBDs:

- TAB;
- Northern Territory Housing Commission: Housing;

- Northern Territory Housing Commission: Lending;
- Darwin Bus Service;
- Darwin Port Authority;
- Power and Water Authority: Commercial Services;
- International Project Management Unit;
- Territory Wildlife Park;
- NCOM;
- NT Fleet;
- Northern Territory Construction Agency; and the
- Government Printing Office.

The Power and Water Authority, the Darwin Port Authority and the Territory Insurance Office are all separate legal entities created under their own Acts of Parliament. Due to their size these three entities have been fully corporatised and from 1 July 1996 adhere fully to the commercialisation principles outlined in the Northern Territory's Policy Statement on Competitive Neutrality.

The application of commercialisation principles to all remaining GBDs also proceeded as planned from 1 July 1996. In summary, all GBDs are now required to:

- base pricing policies on the cost of resources used. These prices are subject to independent review by Treasury and must be approved by Cabinet;
- pay the cost of the resources used in service provision, including all employee, rental, insurance, legal and auditing costs;
- pay debt costs, including debt guarantee fees to the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation. In return the GBDs will receive commercial rates of interest on their cash balances;
- identify and cost all Community Service Obligations (CSOs). All approved CSOs (as defined by the Steering Committee on National Performance Monitoring) are funded through the budget process, or through a reduced rate of return requirement;
- adopt commercial accounting practices including accrual accounting and deprival valuation of non-current physical assets;

- report annually to Cabinet on their performance. A core set of financial performance indicators based on those developed by the Steering Committee on National Performance Monitoring of Government Trading Enterprises will be utilised for this purpose; and
- pay tax equivalents in accordance with the *Northern Territory Tax Equivalents Regimes Manual*. The Territory Insurance Office (TIO) is the only entity not yet subject to the Manual, however section 28 of the *Territory Insurance Office Act* is in the process of being amended to retrospectively apply the Manual to TIO from 1 July 1996.

In accordance with the policy statement on competitive neutrality, all GBDs have established internal audit committees, are in the course of developing and publishing Charters of Operations, and where appropriate, have established management advisory boards.

In addition to the above elements, the Northern Territory's competitive neutrality policy requires GBDs to earn a rate of return on equity. The complexity of the issues involved in this regard have meant that some GBDs are currently required to earn rates of return which are lower than their true cost of capital. This issue will be resolved during the course of 1997-98.

The scope of the GBD reforms ensures that all significant business activities owned by the Northern Territory Government will be subject to the competitive neutrality policies. With the exception of the Territory Insurance Office, any business activities outside the scope of the reforms are currently minor and insignificant. The TIO has been excluded from the GBD reforms because it is already fully corporatised.

All business activity outside the scope of the GBD reform process will be subject to ongoing review to ensure that, where the benefits exceed the costs, the activity concerned will be subject to the appropriate level of reform.

The Northern Territory Treasury currently handles all complaints regarding breaches of the Territory's competitive neutrality policies. As of 31 December 1996 no complaints had been received by Treasury. In the event that complaints are forthcoming, Treasury will use the

following guidelines to investigate, and if necessary, remedy any substantiated complaints:

- Allegations of non-compliance must provide sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case for investigating a GBDs pricing strategy, cost structure and behaviour. The evidential burden will rest on the complainant;
- If, based on the evidence provided, an investigation is deemed necessary it will be conducted within a clear time frame by Treasury;
- Any investigation will take into account the CPA, the Northern Territory's Policy Statement on Competitive Neutrality and the Northern Territory's annual reports on Competitive Neutrality Policy and Principles;
- The assessment of any complaint will investigate as far as possible whether the government business enjoys any net competitive advantage by virtue of its government ownership;
- The investigation's findings will be made available to the complainant;
- If a complaint is substantiated recommendations on future action should be included in the report;
- The Government will decide on a case by case basis what action should be taken to overcome any net competitive advantage identified by the report if an allegation of non-compliance is proven; and
- In accordance with the CPA all allegations of non-compliance and the findings of the investigation will be published by the Government as part of its annual report requirements.

These guidelines will ensure that any complaints will be handled in a fair and efficient manner.

2.b Structural Reform of Public Monopolies

Commitment

Before a party introduces competition into a sector traditionally supplied by a public monopoly, it will remove from the monopoly responsibilities for industry regulation to prevent the former

monopolist from enjoying a regulatory advantage over its rivals. Before a party introduces competition into a market traditionally supplied by a public monopoly and before a party privatises a public monopoly, it will undertake a review of the structure and commercial objectives of the monopoly.

Implementation

The Northern Territory has not, since the implementation of the Agreement, introduced competition into a market supplied by a public monopoly, nor has it privatised any public monopolies. Accordingly, it has not been necessary to undertake the reviews or structural reforms contemplated under this commitment.

Despite this, the Northern Territory sees benefit in removing the regulatory functions from monopoly providers so as to improve their commercial focus. To this end, the Northern Territory has transferred the regulatory responsibility for water resources from the Power and Water Authority to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

2.c Legislation Review

Commitment

To develop a timetable by June 1996 for the review, and where appropriate, reform of all existing legislation that restricts competition by the year 2000. (Competition Principles Agreement Cl.5(3))

Implementation

In accordance with the Competition Principles Agreement, the Northern Territory published a legislative review program which scheduled for review all existing Northern Territory Legislation which might contain anti-competitive provisions.

The review timetable extends over a period of three years from June 1996 to June 1999 with the majority of reviews scheduled for completion by June 1998. Early scheduling of reviews has been designed to allow sufficient time for consideration and implementation of reforms and to enable some flexibility within the overall program where more complex

reviews are undertaken (eg where it is considered appropriate to extend the scope of reviews beyond Competition Policy issues) or where more extensive consultation processes are considered necessary. The scheduling reflects the Northern Territory's commitment to the review and reform processes.

The Department of the Chief Minister has the central role of monitoring the progress of reviews by the responsible agencies and ensuring satisfactory compliance with the review timetable. A Northern Territory Government Legislation Review data base has been developed against which agencies responsible for the conduct of reviews will be required to record review progress and the implementation of approved reforms. The data base is expected to be fully commissioned by June 1997.

Information recorded in the data base will be subject to periodic audit and review by the Department of the Chief Minister and will provide the basis for monitoring progress against the review timetable.

Amendments to or revision of the review timetable are coordinated by the Department of the Chief Minister. Amendments will be published annually in July of each year.

Progress in respect of reviews scheduled for completion or partial completion by 31 December 1996 is summarised at Appendix 1.

Substantial progress has been made against the review schedule. Thirty nine of the forty three reviews scheduled up to June 1997 are either in progress or have been completed.

A number of reviews have been or will be conducted under expanded terms of reference involving comprehensive review of the entire legislative instrument. In such cases, the review process may take longer than was initially anticipated and may extend beyond the respective scheduled completion dates. However such extensions are not expected to be significant and should not substantially alter the review timetable.

Two proposed reviews are to be rescheduled. Review of the *Pharmacy Act* (initially scheduled for completion by December 1996) has been deferred pending consideration and finalisation of a Commonwealth proposal for a national review to be carried out encompassing the

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and coinciding with the expiry of the Community Pharmacy Agreement in 1999.

Review of the *Water Act* (initially scheduled for completion by 30 June 1997) will necessarily be rescheduled following a transfer of administrative responsibility for that Act from the Power and Water Authority to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment. The transfer is the result of a restructure of a Government Business Division to exclude a regulatory function. The review will be rescheduled to fit the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment review work program and will be linked to the COAG Water Reform Agenda.

Commitment

Proposals for new legislation that restrict competition are to be accompanied by evidence that the legislation is consistent with the principle that:

- (a) the benefits of the restriction to the community as a whole outweigh the costs; and
- (b) the objectives of the legislation can only be achieved by restricting competition.

(Competition Principles Agreement Cl.5(1) & 5(5))

Implementation

The Northern Territory Government has a formal requirement that all Cabinet Submissions proposing new or amending legislation must address National Competition Policy issues. Where such legislation is identified as having anti-competitive provisions, the proposal must be accompanied by an impact assessment of the proposed legislation in terms of the principle contained in the Competition Principles Agreement at Clause 5(1) and generally address the issues outlined at Clause 5(9).

Appendix 2 summarises the results of an audit of all legislation passed by the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly since April 1995. Three Acts passed in that period have been added to the Legislation Review Program for new legislation impact assessment. These comprise the *Retirement Villages Act*, *Private Security Act*, and *Meat Industries Act*.

2.d Application to Local Government

Commitment

Provision of a policy statement detailing the implementation of competition principles to local government in the Northern Territory, and progress against undertakings in the policy statement.

Implementation

In practice, the Competition Principles Agreement will have limited application to local government in the Territory given that there are no local government business activities in the Territory. As such, there are no entities to which the competitive neutrality, public monopoly, and prices oversight reforms contained in that Agreement could apply.

However, to the extent that such entities may exist in the future, the Territory Government in conjunction with the Northern Territory Local Government Association has published a comprehensive policy statement on the application of the Competition Principles Agreement to local government.

The only area where reform will be required is the review of local government by-laws and regulations in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement.

In this regard, the Northern Territory Department of Housing and Local Government operates and maintains schemes of local government regulation on behalf of all local governments in the Territory. In order to fulfil the commitments of the legislation review, the Department will conduct a review of these schemes of local government regulation by the year 2000, in accordance with the requirements of the Competition Principles Agreement.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF RELATED REFORMS

The Agreement to implement National Competition Policy and Related Reforms brings under the umbrella of National Competition Policy a package of microeconomic reforms of key sectors of the economy. These reforms have already been the subject of agreement at Council of Australian Government meetings.

For the first tranche of competition payments in 1997 the Northern Territory must comply with reforms in road transport and for the introduction of free and fair trade in gas. The Territory's progress in implementing these reforms is described below.

3.a Gas Reform

Commitment

Agree to implement complementary legislation so that a uniform national framework applies to third party access to all gas transmission and distribution pipelines both between and within jurisdictions according to agreed time frames and based on agreed principles.

Implementation

To progress the development of a uniform national access framework for gas pipelines, the Council of Australian Governments established a Gas Reform Task Force in mid 1995, comprising representatives of the Commonwealth, States and Territories, as well as industry representation.

When the Task Force was disbanded in December 1996, it had significantly progressed the development of:

- a National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (the Code);
- an Inter-governmental Agreement to bind the participating jurisdictions to the introduction and application of the Code; and
- the development of enabling legislation to bring the Code into effect.

The original deadline for the introduction of the uniform access arrangements was 1 July 1996. However, because access arrangements will have a significant impact on the structure of the gas industry (and on investment in that industry), jurisdictions (through the Gas Reform Task Force) have placed a great deal of emphasis on ensuring that the final access arrangements adopted represent efficient regulation of the sector. In the Northern Territory's view, this cautious approach has improved the substance of the proposed reforms but has unfortunately meant that the original timetable has not been met.

Accordingly, in December 1996 the Prime Minister wrote to all jurisdictions acknowledging the difficulties involved and suggesting that the July 1996 implementation date be extended by 12 months. The Northern Territory, along with most other jurisdictions, has subsequently agreed to the Prime Minister's revised timetable.

To progress the implementation of the reform package, participating jurisdictions have established a "Gas Reform Implementation Group" to finalise the National Access Code, the Inter-governmental Agreement and uniform template legislation. The Northern Territory is participating in that process.

The Territory's implementation of its commitments to introduce the uniform access arrangements are, as with all participating jurisdictions, tied to the implementation timetable of the Gas Reform Implementation Group.

Commitment

Agreed to remove all remaining legislative and regulatory barriers to the free and fair trade of gas both within and across their boundaries by 1 July 1996.

Implementation

The Territory Government has reviewed all legislation pertaining to gas exploitation, development and transportation. There are no legislative or regulatory impediments to the interstate sale of gas, whether by pipeline or any other means of transportation.

Commitment

Agreed to adopt AS 2885 to achieve uniform national pipeline construction standards by the end of 1994 or earlier.

Implementation

The Territory has adopted Australian Standard 2885 in accordance with the agreed timetable.

Commitment

Agreed that approaches to price control and maintenance in the gas industry be considered in the context of agreed National Competition Policy.

Implementation

The Territory places no controls on pricing in the gas industry, and as such no action is required under this item.

Commitment

Agreed that where publicly owned transmission and distribution activities are at present vertically integrated, they be separated, and legislation introduced to ring-fence transmission and distribution activities in the private sector by 1 July 1996.

Implementation

There are no publicly owned distribution activities in the Northern Territory. With respect to transmission systems, the only publicly owned infrastructure is the Daly Waters to McArthur River gas pipeline. This pipeline is an asset of the Northern Territory Power and Water Authority but is operated by NT Gas Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of AGL) under an agreement for the next twenty years. NT Gas Pty Ltd is not involved in the distribution of gas.

With respect to private sector transmission and distribution, these systems are both owned and operated by separate legal entities. It is also proposed that ring-fencing will form part of the National Access Code when formally adopted by participating jurisdictions.

Road Transport

Commitment

Adopt the first reform module (heavy vehicle charges) with effect from 1 July 1995. Commit to the Ministerial Council on Road Transport timetable for future road transport reforms.

Implementation

On 1 July 1996 the Northern Territory implemented the national heavy vehicle charges, through the introduction of the *Road Transport Charges (Northern Territory) Act 1995*.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to future road transport reforms according to the timetable produced by the

NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGISLATION REVIEW REVIEW PROGRESS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 31 December 1996

Agency	Legislation	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Primary Industries and Fisheries	Grain Marketing Act	31 December 1996	Act repealed	Completed.
Territory Health Services	Nursing Act	31 December 1996	Act to be repealed	NCP Review was included in full review of the Act. Repeal recommended and a new Nursing Act is currently being drafted taking account of NCP issues and Mutual Recognition and Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition implications. The proposed new Act will be subject to the normal review and assessment provisions applicable to new legislation to ensure compliance with CPA Cl.5(1) & (5).
	Mental Health Act	31 December 1996	Act to be repealed	NCP Review was included in full review of the Act. To be replaced by a new Act currently in draft. Proposed new Act will apply equally to private and government sectors, and take account of the and accreditation requirements but will not restrict innovation or entry of goods and services provided standards are met. New Act will be subject to the normal review and assessment provisions applicable to new legislation to ensure compliance with CPA Cl.5(1) & (5).

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 31 December 1996

Agency	Legislation	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Territory Health Services	Pharmacy Act	31 December 1996	Review deferred	Consideration of Commonwealth proposal for national review in conjunction with review of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
Work Health Authority	Dangerous Goods Act & Regulations	31 December 1996	In progress	<i>Amendment Bill</i> is currently being drafted to incorporate essential requirements of the <i>Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Act</i> , the <i>National Standard for Major Hazard Facilities</i> , and the <i>National Standard for the Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods</i> , to meet the Transport of Dangerous Goods module of National Road Transport Reform. Regulations for operators licensing provisions are currently still under review.

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 30 June 1997

Agency	Legislation	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Attorney - Generals	Building Society Act and Regulations	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	Repeal recommended	Building Societies are currently registered under the <i>Financial Institutions (NT) Code</i> as part of a national scheme of legislation. There are no terminating building societies in the NT.
	Pawnbrokers Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Commercial & Private Agents Licensing Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Agents Licensing Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Auctioneers Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Consumer Affairs & Fair Trading Act and Regulations	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Prices Regulation Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 30 June 1997

Agency	Legislation	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Attorney-Generals	Prostitution Regulation Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Act	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
	Motor Vehicle Dealers Regulations	Stage 1 by 30 June 1997 Stage 2 by 30 June 1998 Stage 3 by 30 June 1999	In progress.	
Darwin Port Authority	Darwin Port Authority Act	30 June 1997	In progress	
Housing Local Government	Cemetries Act & Regulations	30 June 1997	In progress	
	Local Government Regulations Act Regulations and By-Laws	30 June 1997	In progress	Initial review of <i>Local Government Act</i> & completed - No anti competitive provisions identified. Review of councils By-Laws currently underway.
Lands, Planning & Envir'ment	Electrical and Contractors Act	30 June 1997	In progress	Public submissions invited / closed - NCP review to be subsumed into a comprehensive general review of the Act to be conducted in 1997.

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 30 June 1997

Legislation	Agency	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Mining Act	Mines and Energy	30 June 1997	Completion may be delayed	Proposal is currently being developed for the conduct of full and joint reviews of the <i>Mining Act</i> , the <i>Mine Management Act</i> , and the <i>Uranium Mining (Environment Control) Act</i> which will, inter alia, specifically address NCP issues. Given the comprehensive nature of the reviews proposed, the extensive range of issues and consultative processes required, completion of the review may extend beyond June 1997.
Mine Management Act	Mines and Energy	30 June 1997	Completion may be delayed	As per Mining Act above.
Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act	Parks and Wildlife	30 June 1997	In progress	
Water Act & Regulations	Power and Water Authority	30 June 1997	To be rescheduled	As part of the reform of Government Business Divisions, administrative responsibility for the <i>Water Act</i> has been transferred from the Power and Water Authority to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment. Review to be rescheduled to fit LP & E review work program and linked to COAG Water Reform Agenda.

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 30 June 1997

Legislation	Agency	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Power and Water Authority Act	Power and Water Authority	30 June 1997	In progress	Preliminary review completed. Detailed review of identified anti-competitive provisions is currently underway.
Electricity Act	Power and	30 June 1997	In progress	Preliminary review completed. Detailed review of identified anti-competitive provisions is currently underway.
Water Supply and Sewerage Act	Power and Water Authority	30 June 1997	In progress	Preliminary review completed. Detailed review of identified anti-competitive provisions is currently underway.
Fisheries Act & Regulations	Primary Industries and Fisheries	30 June 1997	In progress	
Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act & Regulations	Primary Industries and Fisheries	30 June 1997	Repealed	Replaced by <i>Meat Industries Act</i> - not yet commenced
Pet Meat Act	Primary Industries and Fisheries	30 June 1997	Repealed	Replaced by <i>Meat Industries Act</i> - not yet commenced
Stock (Artificial Breeding) Act & Regulations	Primary Industries and Fisheries	30 June 1997	To be repealed	Minor provision to be made in new Livestock Legislation (to be drafted) which will provide for standards certification only.
Gaming Machine Act 1995	Racing and Gaming Commission	Not Specified		Originally, limited new legislation impact assessment only proposed. Will now be subject to full review to be completed by Dec 1998.

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 30 June 1997

Legislation	Agency	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Gaming Control Act & Regulations	Racing and Gaming Commission	30 June 1997	In progress	
Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act	Territory Health Services	30 June 1997	In progress	
Territory Insurance Office Act	Territory Insurance Office	30 June 1997	In progress	Preliminary review completed. Identified anti-competitive elements referred to NT Treasury for review of NT Government policy.
Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act	Territory Insurance Office	30 June 1997	Completed	Review revealed no anti-competitive provisions.
Trade Development Zone Act	Trade Development Zone Authority	30 June 1997	In progress	Review report currently being drafted
Marine Act Regulations (Pilotage) (Hire and Drive) (Examinations and Certificates)	Transport and Works	30 June 1997	In progress	
Motor Vehicles Act	Transport and Works	30 June 1997	In progress	

Legislation Scheduled for Review by 30 June 1997

Legislation	Agency	Scheduled Review	Current Status	Comment
Financial Management Act	Treasury	30 June 1997	In progress	Partially complete. Legislation introduced in Feb 1997 Legislative Assembly sittings amending S27 to enable NT Government Accounts/ Investments to be held at non bank financial institutions (in addition to banks). Review of S29 still to be completed.
Energy Resource Consumption Levy Act	Treasury	30 June 1997	Completed	Review revealed no anti-competitive provisions.

**NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGISLATION REVIEW
BILLS PASSED BY THE NT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SINCE APRIL 1995**

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
16 - 25 May 1995	Agents Licensing Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1999
	Business Franchise Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review- July 1999
	Energy Resource Consumption Levy Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act reviewed - no anti-competitive elements
	Juvenile Justice Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Lands Acquisition Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Subsidy) Act Repeal 1995	Repeal Act	Nil	
	Mining Assistance Act Repeal 1995	Repeal Act	Nil	
	Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Racing and Betting Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1998
	Retirement Villages Bill 1994	New	Yes	Introduction of Bill precedes NCP/CPA. To be subject to NCP review (Att-Gen) - July 1999
Amendment Nil	Rights of the Terminally Ill 1995	New	Nil	
	Stamp Duty Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Work Health Amendment 1995
	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1998			

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
20-22 June 1995	Appropriation Bill 1995-96	New	Nil	
	Control of Roads Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Statute Law Revision 1995	Amending	Nil	
	Trustee Amendment Bill 1995	Amendment	Nil	
17-24 August 1995	Associations Incorporation Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Consumer Credit (Northern Territory) 1995	New	Nil	Adopts national uniform consumer Credit Code
	Gaming Control Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Local Government Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Local Government Amendment (No2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Northern Territory Electoral 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1999
	Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Sentencing Bill 1995 (Serial 85) 1995	New	Nil	
	Trade Measurement Administration Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
10-19 October 1995	Conservation Commission Amendment Bill 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Gaming Control Amendment Bill (No 2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Gaming Machine Bill 1995	New	Yes	Scheduled for review July 1998
	Northern Territory Products Symbol Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Parks and Wildlife Commission (Consequential Amendments) 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Racing and Betting Amendment Bill (No 2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1998
	Stamp Duty Amendment Bill (No 2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Statute Law Revision Bill (No 2) 1995	Amending	Nil	
21-30 November 1995	Taxation (Administration) Amendment Bill 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Abattoirs and Slaughtering Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act originally scheduled for review - July 1997 - Now Repealed
	Brands Amendment Bill 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Classification of Publications & Films Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Community Welfare Amendment Bill 1995	Amendment	Nil	

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
	Criminal Code Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Criminal Code Amendment (No2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Criminal Code Amendment (No4) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Lands Acquisition Amendment (No2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Local Government Amendment (No3) 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review- July 1997
	Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Amendment (No2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Private Security 1995	New	Yes	Introduces accredited training requirement and licensing regime for crowd controllers (bouncers). Scheduled for new legislation impact assessment - by 30 June 1999.
	Summary Offences Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Summary Offences Amendment (No2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Summary Offences Amendment (No4) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
20-29 February 1996	Trustee Amendment (No2) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Associations Incorporation Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Cobourge Peninsula Aboriginal Land and Sanctuary Amendment 1994	Amendment	Nil	
	Cobourge Peninsula Aboriginal Land and Sanctuary Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
	Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1999
	Criminal Code Amendment (No 5)1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Criminal Code Amendment (No 6)1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Criminal Code Amendment (No 3)1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Fire and Emergency (Consequential Amendments) 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Fire and Emergency 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Mining Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Misuse of Drugs Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Sentencing (Consequential Amendments) 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Status of Children Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Stock Routes and Travelling Stock Amendment 1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Trustee (Consequential Amendments)1995	Amendment	Nil	
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration(Consequential Amendments) Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 1996	AmendmentNil		
14-23 May 1996				

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
	Competition Policy Reform (Northern Territory) Bill 1996	New	Nil	
	Education Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Gaming Control Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Juries Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Liquor Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1998
	Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 97
	Police Administration Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Sentencing (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Summary Offences Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Supply Bill 1996-97	New	Nil	
	Traffic Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Bail Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	
13 -22 August 1996	Criminal Code Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Grain Marketing Act Repeal 1996	Repeal	Yes	Implements review/ reform
	Justices Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	

Sittings	Bill	Type	NCP Implication	Action/Comment
	Mine Management Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997
	Northern Territory Employment and Training Authority Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Police Amendment (No 2) 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Prisons (Correctional Services) Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Supreme Court Amendment 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Appropriation Bill 1996-97	New	Nil	
17-19 September 1996	Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
8-17 October 1996	Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill (No 2) 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Brands Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Repeals <i>Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act</i> , and <i>Pet Meat Act</i> (implements national standards-reforms). To be subject to new legislation impact assessment to coincide with national food industry standards review - 1997/98
	Meat Industries Bill 1996	New	Yes	
	Sentencing Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Stock (Artificial Breeding) Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 1997

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19-28 November 1996	Stock (Control Of Hormonal Growth Promotants) Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Stock Diseases Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Stock Routes And Travelling Stock Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Summary Offences Amendment Bill (No 2) 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Territory Parks and Wildlife	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 97
	Conservation Amendment Bill 1996			
	Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Austral-Asia Railway Corporation Bill 1996	New	Nil	
	Bank of South Australia (Merger with Advance Bank) Bill 1996	New	Nil	
	Domestic Violence Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Environment Offences and Penalties Bill 1996	New	Nil	
	Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill(No2)1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill(No3)1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Local Government (Validation) Bill 1996	New	Nil	
	Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	

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	Prisons (Correctional Services) 1996 Amendment Bill (No 2)	Amendment	Nil	
	Seeds Ordinance Repeal Bill 1996	Repeal	Nil	
	Sentencing Amendment Bill (No 2) 1996	Amendment	Nil	
	Water Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 97
	Work Health Amendment Bill 1996	Amendment	Nil	Consolidated Act scheduled for review - July 98