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Chief Minister Terry Mills today held a meeting with Northern Territory Government Department CEOs to detail the Country Liberal Government’s commitment to establish a strong and efficient public sector with a clear line of sight to the frontline.

Mr Mills said improving the efficiency of government departments and increasing resourcing and support to frontline staff is a key priority of government.

“CEOs have a crucial role in managing government departments efficiently and need to be at the forefront of the change process that will roll out over the next 12 months,” Mr Mills said.

“To better deliver a high quality public service it is necessary to refocus government resources and this includes a number of changes to the structure of the public service.

“CEOs need to take responsibility for what their agencies do and need to work with Ministers to deliver on the important issues affecting communities across the Territory.

“A Renewal Board has been established to provide advice to CEOs and government on the state of the Territory’s economy and where we need to focus our efforts to improve service delivery.

“The Territory’s finances must also be managed well to ensure that services to our communities are sustainable and frontline jobs can be maintained into the future.”

Mr Mills also met with representatives from the Community and Public Sector Union today to discuss the changes to the Northern Territory Public Sector and the government’s commitment to frontline services.

“I am convinced that we can get rid of waste and duplication and create a stronger and more efficient public service,” Mr Mills said.

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