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Second Indigenous Expenditure Review Released

The second Indigenous Expenditure Review (IER) - released by the Northern Territory Government today - shows that more than half of all Government funding is spent on Indigenous-related services.

“We stand by our record of addressing the needs of Indigenous Territorians,” Treasurer Delia Lawrie said today.

“Today’s report shows 52.4 per cent of Northern Territory Government expenditure is spent on services for Indigenous Territorians, who represent about 30 per cent of the population.

“The report shows that the Territory receives 44.4 per cent of revenue for Indigenous-related reasons and Indigenous Territorians receive 2.5 times more Government spending per person compared to non-Indigenous Territorians.

“This IER outlines spending in 2006-07 and was before the Northern Territory Government’s $286 million Closing the Gap commitment and significant increased Commonwealth Government funding under the Emergency Response.

“This is our second IER and the Territory is the only jurisdiction that audits its expenditure - with COAG and other states now looking to follow our lead.

“The Territory Government will continue to deliver on its commitment to close the gap of disadvantage for Indigenous Territorians.”

The IER is compiled by the Northern Territory Treasury and has been assessed by the Auditor General.

The methodology used for expenditure and revenue is explained within the IER.