

RECRUITMENT FREEZE

As part of the Government's commitment to return the Territory Budget to surplus and to prioritise frontline service delivery, the Chief Minister has directed that a freeze on public sector recruitment be implemented from 30 August 2012.

Frontline services to the public are generally exempt from the freeze, as are positions essential to the functioning of those services. The categories which are exempt have been agreed with agency Chief Executives who will manage implementation at agency level and will communicate arrangements to agency staff.

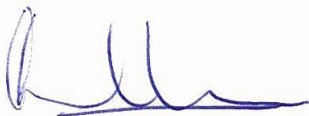
Positions which are fully funded from external sources are also exempt.

Agency Chief Executives will establish internal procedures to restrict higher duties allowance approvals to what is essential for the delivery of frontline services and other essential functions.

I will be separately communicating with agency Chief Executives regarding the arrangements which will apply to temporary contracts of employment and I will provide further advice to all staff at that stage.

Restrictions have also been introduced regarding interstate and overseas travel and hospitality expenditure, and the Chief Executive of the Department of the Chief Minister has communicated with agency Chief Executives regarding the procedures which will apply.

If you require any further information please contact your manager or agency HR section in the first instance.



GRAHAM SYMONS
Commissioner for Public Employment

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