HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTION

TIMETABLES AND FUNCTIONS TO BE TRANSFERRED

SPEECH

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Mr ADERMANN (—) (NaN.NaN pm) - It can be seen from the statement that the transfer covers a wide range of important functions such as primary industry, child, family and community welfare, payroll tax and stamp duties. In addition to the foregoing activities it will now be necessary for a government of the Northern Territory to have its own central control instrumentalities such as a treasury and audit office and public service commission and to make provision for the servicing of its administrative structure.

In order to avoid unnecessary duplication and to reduce the overall cost of government in the Northern Territory certain administrative service activities— for example, staff, housing, purchasing and transport services—will be undertaken through the use of agency and/or contract arrangements between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory governments. Details of such arrangements, including which government will have primary carriage, will be a matter for resolution between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory executive. However, where the Commonwealth provides a service on behalf of the Northern Territory government it will be the responsibility of that government to determine policy and to commit funds in respect of its use of that service.