

STATEMENT – Food Supply Central Australia - Attributable to an NTG Spokesperson

“The NT Government has been in daily discussions with the Santa Teresa community about the supply of critical goods, and has closely monitored its food stock levels in recent days. A truck carrying fresh supplies is close to reaching this community this afternoon and it is anticipated shelves will be replenished this evening. This will happen prior to stocks becoming critically low within this community. We thank for the Santa Teresa community for working proactively with the Government.

The NT Government continues to monitor food stock levels in communities across Central Australia and throughout the Territory and is ensuring supplies are being replenished where needed. The Emergency Operations Centre is yet to enlist the services of the ADF as it has not yet been deemed necessary, but it continues to keep an open line of communication with Defence. Air freighting of food into communities is happening where necessary.

An alternative freight route from Queensland has been established into the Territory to ensure supplies are getting onto shelves while access from South Australia remains limited. Many remote Territory communities are used to roads being cut-off during the wet season and were well prepared for this with excess stocks on hand.”