

9.2 Information obtained in the course of official duties – Ministers must not disclose information obtained in the course of their official duties on leaving office. Any information that is not in the public domain must not be used to their own or another's advantage. Ministers must also be mindful of obligations created under privacy legislation in relation to personal information.

9.3 Future employment and conflicts – Ministers in the NT Government are likely to hold multiple portfolios covering a very broad range of responsibilities including in areas which would, elsewhere in Australia, be municipal responsibilities. On leaving office, Ministers should be conscious of the potential for allegations of conflict of interest or controversy to arise in the event that they take up other employment in an area over which they have held ministerial responsibility.

In particular, former Ministers should consider the likelihood of there being an appearance of their gaining personal financial or other benefits from knowledge gained while they were a Minister, or opportunities for criticism of their misusing contacts made in that role for their personal gain. The extent to which the proposed employer has a contractual or other financial relationship with the NT Government will be a relevant consideration in former Ministers reaching a decision on an appropriate course of action. In deciding to accept a particular offer of post-ministerial employment, former Ministers should be mindful of their standing in the community, and continuing responsibility to uphold public confidence in the Northern Territory's system of government.