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What sort of resources does the Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate command? In terms of:

- Staff
- Travel
- Administration
- Office Space

Answer:

The National Disaster Recovery Taskforce, located within the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, provides the Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate with secretariat, administrative support, including support for travel. No office space is provided for the Inspectorate. Meetings are held in office space arranged by the Taskforce. Included within the Taskforce budget are four FTE to provide support to the Inspectorate. Additionally, \$339,000 has been allocated for travel to attend meetings and to undertake site visits as part of reviews. This budget may include costs of specialist advisors to travel to meet with the Inspectorate or to travel to sites in place of the Inspectorate to provide expert opinions on projects.