



**Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly**

Notice Paper
Meeting Number 12
Thursday 13 February 2025
The Assembly meets at 10.00 am

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Meeting Dates

Meeting Days

2025

February	13
March	18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
May	13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22
June	19
July	29, 30, 31
September	2, 3, 4
October	14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23
November	25, 26, 27

Assembly Committee Meetings

Legislative Scrutiny Committee	12.00 pm Thursday 13 February	Litchfield Room
House Committee	12.00 pm Thursday 13 February	Ormiston Room

Standing and Sessional Orders

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly and Sessional Orders are available at:
[Standing and Sessional Orders – Northern Territory Government – Legislative Assembly](#)

Routine of Business

The order of business as approved by the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2024.

Tuesday and Thursday:

10.00 am

1. Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
 2. Business of the Assembly (if any)
 3. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
- 2.00 pm
4. Notices
 5. Petitions
 6. Questions
 7. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
 8. Papers
 9. Responses to Petitions
 10. Consideration of Committee Reports, Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports
 11. Debate on petitions
 12. Matter of Public Importance

Wednesday

10.00 am

1. Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Business of the Assembly (if any)
3. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day

2.00 pm

4. Notices
5. Petitions
6. Questions
7. General Business – Notices and Orders of the Day

7.00 pm

8. Government Business
9. Papers

Pursuant to Standing Orders, items that can occur at any time when there is no question before the Assembly (ie between items of business) include messages from the Administrator, personal explanations, ministerial statements, motions for leave of absence or the suspension of Standing Orders, and the tabling of committee reports.

Government Business

Notices

1. Police Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 16)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act 1978*, the *Police Administration Regulations 1994* and for related purposes
Notice given by: Mrs Finocchiaro
Date: 12 February 2025
Status: To be introduced.

2. Defamation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 13)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Defamation Act 2006*, the *Limitation Act 1981* and the *Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928*
Notice given by: Ms Boothby
Date: 12 February 2025
Status: To be introduced.

3. Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 14)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Education Act 2015* and the *Education Regulations 2015*
Notice given by: Mrs Hersey
Date: 12 February 2025
Status: To be introduced.

Ministerial Reports

Topic

A ministerial report topic on an Update on NT Corrections has been notified by the Minister for Corrections.

A ministerial report topic on Asian Relations has been notified by the Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations.

Government Business

Orders of the Day

1. Correctional Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 12)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Correctional Services Act 2014* and the *Correctional Services Regulations 2014*

Notice given by: Mr Maley

Date introduced: 12 February 2025

Status: Second reading made an order of the day.

Spoken: Mr Maley

2. Ministerial Report on the 2025 Year of Action

Moved by: Mrs Finocchiaro

Date moved: 11 February 2025

Status: Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the report (46 minutes remaining on debate).

Spoken: Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Uibo, Mr Edgington, J Davis, Mr Maley, Mr Howe (3 minutes remaining)

3. Territory Coordinator Bill 2025 (Serial 17)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of a Territory Coordinator, to facilitate the undertaking of significant projects and works, to provide for the designation of infrastructure coordination areas and Territory development areas, to expedite certain statutory processes and decisions and for related purposes

Notice given by: Mrs Finocchiaro

Date introduced: 12 February 2025

Status: Referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 12 March 2025.

Spoken: Mrs Finocchiaro

4. Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 15)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act 2001*

Notice given by: Mr Yan

Date introduced: 12 February 2025

Status: Second reading made an order of the day after 28 days have lapsed.

Spoken: Mr Yan

5. Petroleum, Planning and Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 11)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Act 1984*, the *Planning Act 1999*, the *Water Act 1992*, the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016 and the Planning Regulations 2000

Notice given by: Mr Burgoyne

Date introduced: 12 February 2025

Status: Second reading made an order of the day after 28 days have lapsed.

Spoken: Mr Burgoyne

General Business

Notices

1. Objectives of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement

Notice given by: Mr Guyula

Date: 22 October 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly recommit and affirm the objectives of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, that by 2027 the NT Government will:

1. Reduce offending and imprisonment of Aboriginal Territorians.
2. Engage and support Aboriginal leadership.
3. Improve justice responses and services for Aboriginal Territorians.

2. Voluntary Assisted Dying

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 22 October 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

- Acknowledge the important and extensive work of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Independent Expert Advisory Panel in producing the Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory.
- Recognise the right for Territorians to end their lives with dignity and the immense suffering that is caused for them and their families when this right is taken away from them.
- Recognise that the Northern Territory, the first jurisdiction in the world to legalise voluntary assisted dying, is now the last in Australia to pass this law.
- Urge the Government to implement the 22 recommendations of the Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory, acknowledging that many Territorians, from all political persuasions want the right to die with dignity in the Territory.

3. Economic Development and Infrastructure Program

Notice given by: Ms Uibo

Date: 16 October 2024

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly:

- Acknowledges the outstanding work done by the private sector in developing a portfolio of projects valued at over \$57 billion spanning critical sectors such as minerals and resources digital innovation, renewable energy and agribusiness.
- Commends the 2024-25 Northern Territory's infrastructure program for its significant contributions to building a better Territory, fostering economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Territorians.

4. Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 26 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Recognises that all members of this Assembly have firmly committed to addressing family and domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) as a priority.
2. Acknowledges that domestic, family and sexual violence is our true crime and safety crisis, and that this crisis disproportionately impacts Aboriginal women in the Northern Territory.
3. Recognises the findings of the “Coronial Inquests into the deaths of Kumarn Rabuntja, Kumanjayi Haywood, Miss Yunupingu and Ngeygo Ragurrk’, which highlight urgent reforms needed to protect Aboriginal women and children from domestic, family and sexual violence, and ensure victims are seen and heard;
4. Commits to fully resourcing and implementing all recommendations of the Coroner arising from these Inquests as a matter of urgency;
5. Further commits to working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and frontline services to ensure effective implementation of these reforms.

This Assembly stands united in addressing the domestic, family and sexual violence crime and safety crisis, and ensuring all women and children are safe, protected, and supported.

5. Gamba Grass

Notice given by: Mx McNamara

Date: 27 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That NT Legislative Assembly:

- Recognise that the invasive species Gamba Grass, through increased fire severity, threatens wildlife, infrastructure and lives in Litchfield National Park.
- Recognise the urgency of the problem and that without an adequately funded and planned response, Gamba will continue to spread in Litchfield National Park threatening the viability of the park as a tourist destination.
- Urges the government to implement the fully costed recommendations from the CDU research paper “The cost of not acting: Delaying invasive grass management increases costs and threatens assets in a national park, northern Australia” (Rossiter-Rachor et al., 2023), which include:
 - Expanding the eradication zone in the park to encompass the protection of 86% of visitor sites
 - Implement a five-year eradication program according to the investment recommendations in the report, followed by yearly ongoing maintenance
 - Install a full-time Gamba Coordinator to plan and carry out the eradication program.

6. Water Security in the Northern Territory

Notice given by: Mr Paech

Date: 27 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party Government:

- Work in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to undertake an independent and comprehensive review of the Northern Territory Water Act 1992 and, where required implement legislative reforms based on scientific evidence;
- Commit to the continued implementation of priority actions identified in the Territory Water Plan, recognising that it is the Northern Territory's first whole-of-government strategic plan for water security and the result of comprehensive community and industry consultation;
- Honour the previous government's commitment and introduce the new Safe Drinking Water Act which was being developed by NT Health to be introduced to the Legislative Assembly by the end of 2024; and
- Introduce a moratorium on all new water licences and allocations in the Northern Territory until an independent review is carried out.

7. Select Committee on Pathways for Children and Young People

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 27 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Notes

- a. On 16 October 2024 the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Corrections moved the Criminal Code Amendment Bill 2024 be read for a second time, stating one purpose of the Bill was ensuring 10 and 11-year-old children who commit offences have "appropriate rehabilitation that will provide them an opportunity to turn their young lives around";
- b. the vital responsibility that this Government owes to all children and young people in the Territory, including a responsibility under section 4(b) of the Youth Justice Act 2005 to ensure that young people who commit offences are "dealt with in a way that acknowledges [their] needs and will provide [them] with the opportunity to develop in socially responsible ways".
- c. the vital responsibility that this Government owes to all Territorian children and young people, Police, Corrections Officers, Judges, and Justices; including a responsibility under sections 4(c) and 81(6) of the Youth Justice Act 2005 to provide them with appropriate alternatives to detention and imprisonment.

2. Establishes a Select Committee on Pathways for Children and Young People to inquire into and report on:

- a. The alternatives to detention and imprisonment available to police, corrections officers, judges, and justices when dealing with 10- and 11-year-old offenders.

- b. Additional pathways needed to help police, corrections officers, judges, and justices prevent reoffending and provide children with opportunities to make safer, more responsible choices with the support of meaningful and engaging programs.
- 3. The committee will comprise 3 Government, 1 Opposition and 2 crossbench members to be nominated by the relevant whip or crossbench member to the Speaker in writing.
- 4. The committee is to report by the first sitting day, 6 months after the passing of this motion.

8. Eradicating Racism

Notice given by: Mr Guyula
 Date: 28 November 2024
 Status: To be moved:

That the Legislative Assembly:

- 1. Recognise the harm caused by all forms of racism across the Northern Territory, and
- 2. In line with the NT Aboriginal Justice Agreement and the recently announced National Anti-Racism Framework, urge this Government to adopt and resource all actions and recommendations of these documents that will work to eradicate racism in the Northern Territory.

9. Alcohol Action Plan for the Northern Territory

Notice given by: J Davis
 Date: 12 February 2025
 Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

calls on the Government to work with community representatives and sector experts to develop and implement a comprehensive, evidence-based alcohol action plan for the Northern Territory, which:

- 1. Addresses the widespread harms caused by alcohol and the root causes of these.
- 2. Includes strategies for prevention, harm reduction, early intervention, and support for those struggling with alcohol dependence.
- 3. Balances common sense measures that benefit the health and wellbeing of Territorians, based on what evidence suggests will be most likely to improve rates of harm.
- 4. Supports people to effectively break cycles of alcohol problems, complex social issues and involvement in the justice system, in ways that can have intergenerational benefits.
- 5. Recognises that there is not a one size fits all approach and ensures that local communities, particularly Aboriginal communities, are informed and engaged in the development of tailored solutions that reflect their specific needs and concerns.

6. Strengthens support for health services, law enforcement, and emergency responders who respond to alcohol-related harms.
7. Takes a holistic approach that empowers communities, supports families, and builds long-term, sustainable solutions to reduce alcohol-related harm in the Northern Territory.
8. Acknowledges the role of alcohol in exacerbating domestic, family and sexual violence and prioritises the safety of women and children.
9. Removes the undue influence of the alcohol lobby in the development and implementation of alcohol policy, ensuring decisions are made in the public interest and based on evidence rather than commercial interests.
10. Ensures a long-term vision and commitment to effective alcohol policy, with clear commitments and funding across electoral cycles and progress monitored through measurable outcome.

10. Select Committee on the Indigenous Employment Provisional Sum

Notice given by: J Davis
Date: 12 February 2025
Status: To be moved:

That a select committee to be known as the Select Committee on the Indigenous Employment Provisional Sum (IEPS) be established to inquire into and report on the Auditor-General's *November 2018 Report to the Legislative Assembly* at pages 31 to 66 in respect of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, including but not limited to consideration of:

- a) the full extent of overpayments to all IEPS contractors;
- b) options for repayment by contractors of all unrecovered overpayments; and
- c) in cases of *prima facie* evidence of fraud, the merits of legal proceedings based on advice from relevant government agencies.
 1. That the committee be comprised of government, opposition and Independent members;
 2. that the committee have the power to report to the Assembly from time to time; and
 3. that the Committee present its final report to the Assembly on or before 31 October 2025.

General Business

Orders of the Day

1. Improving decision making, integrity, transparency and accountability in our Parliament

Moved by: J Davis

Date moved: 23 October 2024

Debate interrupted: 23 October 2024

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly recognise the critical importance of improving decision making, integrity, transparency and accountability in our Parliament, and to that end, commits to the following measures:

- Re-establishing scrutiny committees that allow for public submissions and thorough review of Bills before the Parliament;
- Limiting government to government questions (Dorothy Dixers) in the chamber to a maximum of two out of every three parliamentary sitting days;
- Exploring pathways to enhance public engagement and participation in the legislative process, including through Citizens' Juries.

Spoken: J Davis, Mx McNamara, Mr Howe, Mr Young, Mr Paech, Mr Edgington (7 minutes remaining).

2. Environmental Protections

Moved by: Mr Paech

Date moved: 27 November 2024

Debate interrupted: 27 November 2024

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly:

- Recognises the importance of safeguarding the Territory environment for future generations and in support of our Territory lifestyle.
- Reaffirms support for the critical environmental protections the former Labor Government put in place including a contemporary *Environment Protection Act* best practice regulation for the environmental impacts of mining, the Climate Change Response: Towards 2050 policy; and The Territory Water Plan.
- Commits to not undermining watering down or changing our strong legislative and regulatory regime of environmental protections.

Spoken: Mr Burgoyne, Mr Young, Mx McNamara, J Davis, Ms Uiobo, Mr Guyula, Mr Kerle, Dr Rahman, Mr Maley, Mr Brown (19 minutes remaining).

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Speaker and other appointments

Speaker

Mrs Robyn Lambley

Deputy Speaker

Mr Brian O’Gallagher

Whips

Mr Andrew Mackay – Government

Mr Manuel Brown – Opposition

Assembly Committees

Committee of Privileges

Mr Steve Edgington (Deputy Chair), Mr Yingiya Guyula, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Gerard Maley (Chair), Ms Selena Uibo.

House Committee

Mrs Robyn Lambley (Deputy Chair), Mr Khoda Patel, Dr Tanzil Rahman, Mr Dheran Young, Mrs Laurie Zio (Chair).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Mr Oly Carlson, Mr Matthew Kerle (Deputy Chair), Mx Kat McNamara, Dr Tanzil Rahman (Chair), Mr Dheran Young.

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Mrs Oly Carlson (Chair), Justine Davis, Mr Clinton Howe, Mr Andrew Mackay (Deputy Chair), Mr Chansey Paech.

Public Accounts Committee

Mr Manuel Brown, Justine Davis, Mr Clinton Howe (Chair), Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Mrs Laurie Zio (Deputy Chair).

Standing Committee on the ICAC

Mrs Oly Carlson (Deputy Chair), Mr Clinton Howe, Mx Kat McNamara, Mr Khoda Patel (Chair), Ms Selena Uibo.

Standing Orders Committee

Mr Manuel Brown, Mr Steve Edgington, Mr Matthew Kerle (Chair), Mrs Robyn Lambley (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Mackay.