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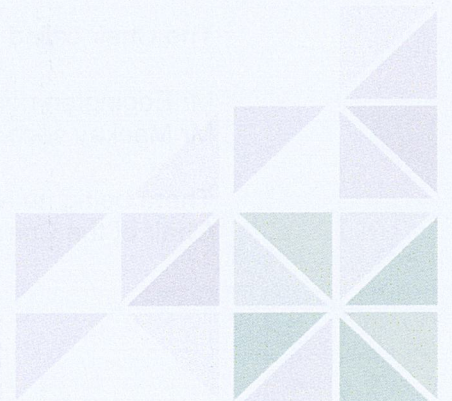
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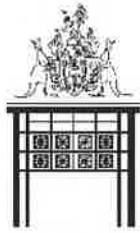
Standing Orders Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Report on the Review of Standing Orders Phase 1

March 2026





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly Standing Orders Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting 1

12.15 pm, Tuesday 26 November 2024
Ormiston Room

PRESENT

Hon Robyn Lambley MLA
Hon Steve Edgington MLA
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA
Mr Manuel Brown MLA

Mr Russell Keith (Secretary)
Ms Olga Kerr (Minute taker)

1. Meeting

The Secretary opened the meeting at 12.17 pm.

2. Election of the Chair

The Secretary called for nominations for the Chair pursuant to Standing Order 186.

Mr Mackay nominated Mr Kerle to be Chair of the Committee and Mr Edgington seconded the motion.

There being no further nominations, the Secretary declared Mr Kerle elected Chair of the Committee.

3. Election of the Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the Deputy Chair pursuant to Standing Order 186.

Mr Edgington nominated Mrs Lambley to be Deputy Chair of the Committee and Mr Mackay seconded the motion.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Mrs Lambley elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.



4. Agenda setting for the 15th Assembly

The secretary noted that the Standing Orders Committee terms of reference allow it to inquire into and report on the Standing Orders and procedures of the Assembly and its committees.

The current version of Standing Orders was last reviewed in 2016.

Action: Secretary to provide a briefing paper on issues with drafting of the current version of Standing Orders to the Committee members for consideration by February 2025.

5. Other business

Nil.

6. Next meeting

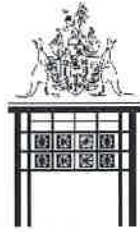
The meeting adjourned at 12.26 pm. Next meeting is proposed to occur in February 2025. Time and date will be notified to members by the Chair.

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MATTHEW KERLE

Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly Standing Orders Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting 4

12.00 pm, Tuesday, 29 July 2025
Ormiston Room

PRESENT	Mr Matthew Kerle MLA (Chair) Hon Robyn Lambley MLA (Deputy Chair) Hon Steve Edgington MLA Mr Andrew Mackay MLA Mr Manuel Brown MLA Mr Russell Keith (Secretary) Ms Klarin Sivyer (Observer) Ms Elise Dyer (Observer) Ms Yasmin Kafcaloudes (Minute taker)
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1. Meeting

The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 12.06 pm.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Meeting 3 – 25 March 2025)

Resolved on the motion of Mr Mackay and seconded by Mr Edgington:

That the minutes of Meeting 3 on 25 March 2025 be confirmed.

The Chair presided from 12.08 pm.

3. Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chair advised that the Committee would deal with the broadcasting issues and review of the Standing Orders later in the agenda.

4. Broadcasting of Assembly proceedings by the members of the Legislative Assembly on social media (SO 288)

The Committee noted the information paper, circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Mackay and seconded by Mr Brown:

That the information paper be circulated to all members.



5. Review of Standing Orders – Draft plan for an inquiry

The Committee discussed the draft plan for an inquiry, circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Edgington and seconded by Mr Mackay:

That the Committee:

- (1) agrees to undertake a 3-phase review of the Standing Orders, including:
 - i. Phase 1: Correction of minor errors and anomalies and incorporation of appropriate Sessional Orders
 - ii. Phase 2: Review the structure and index of the Standing Orders and more clearly set out the rules for processes where required without substantive change to the Assembly's practices
 - iii. Phase 3: Reviewing specific procedures and practices.
- (2) asks the Chair to prepare for the committee a consultation paper for phase 1 including proposed track changes to the Standing Orders for the committee to review at the next meeting and then seek feedback from the members of the Assembly.

6. Other business

Nil.

7. Next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12.31 pm until a time and date to be notified to members by the Chair.

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MATTHEW KERLE
Chair

19/9/2025



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly Standing Orders Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting 5

11.00am – 12.30pm, Friday, 19 September 2025
Litchfield Room and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT	Mr Matthew Kerle MLA (Chair) Hon Robyn Lambley MLA (Deputy Chair) (via Teams) Hon Steve Edgington MLA Mr Andrew Mackay MLA (via Teams)
	Mr Russell Keith (Secretary) Ms Klarin Sivyver (Observer) Ms Elise Dyer (Observer) Ms Yasmin Kafcaloudes (Minute taker)
APOLOGY	Mr Manuel Brown MLA

1. Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.06am.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Meeting 4 – 29 July 2025)

Resolved on the motion of Mrs Lambley and seconded by Mr Mackay:

That the minutes of Meeting 4 on 29 July 2025 be confirmed.

3. Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

Nil – refer to agenda item 4.

4. Limits on authors publishing submissions

The Committee discussed the paper, circulated prior to the meeting.



The Committee noted the paper.

5. Management of the Legislative Assembly's amendments

The Committee discussed the paper, circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved on the motion of the Chair and seconded by Mr Edgington:

That the Committee recommends that the Speaker change the practice of managing amendments so that the question on the amendment is put before concluding the debate on the motion, and that the Speaker provide explanatory information to all members.

6. Review of Standing Orders – phase 1

The Committee discussed the paper, circulated prior to the meeting.

The Committee considered the proposed changes to Standing Orders (SO) 1 through to 20, also considered SO 37.

The Committee discussed the Speaker's statement on Matters of Public Importance on 29 July 2025 supported reinserting the word 'definite' in SO 66 to more closely align it with the House of Representatives' Standing Order.

7. Other business

Nil.

8. Next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12.07 pm until a time and date to be notified to members by the Chair.

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MATTHEW KERLE
Chair

6/10/2025



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly Standing Orders Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting 6

9.00 am – 11.00 am, Monday, 6 October 2025
Litchfield Room and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT Mr Matthew Kerle MLA (Chair)
Hon Robyn Lambley MLA (Deputy Chair) (via Teams)
Hon Steve Edgington MLA
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA (via Teams and in person)
Mr Manuel Brown MLA

Mr Russell Keith (Secretary)
Ms Klarin Sivyer (Observer)
Ms Elise Dyer (Observer) (not present)
Ms Yasmin Kafcaloudes (Minute taker)

APOLOGY -

1. Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.01 am.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Meeting 5 – 19 September 2025)

Resolved on the motion of Mr Edgington and seconded by Mrs Lambley:

That the minutes of Meeting 5 on 19 September 2025 be confirmed.

3. Continue Review of Standing Orders – phase 1

The Committee considered the proposed changes to Standing Orders (SO) 20 through to 98.

4. Other business

Nil.



5. Next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 am until a time and date to be notified to members by the Chair.

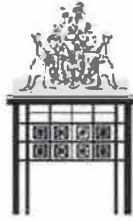
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MATTHEW KERLE

Chair

21 October 2025



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly Standing Orders Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting 7

12 noon – 1.00 pm, Tuesday, 21 October 2025
Ormiston Room

PRESENT	Mr Matthew Kerle MLA (Chair) Hon Robyn Lambley MLA (Deputy Chair) Hon Steve Edgington MLA Mr Andrew Mackay MLA
	Mr Russell Keith (Secretary) Ms Klarin Sivyer (Observer) Ms Elise Dyer (Observer) Ms Yasmin Kafcaloudes (Minute taker)
APOLOGY	Mr Manuel Brown MLA

1. Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 12.06 pm.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Meeting 6 – 6 October 2025)

Resolved on the motion of Mr Mackay and seconded by Mr Edgington:

That the minutes of Meeting 6 on 6 October 2025 be confirmed.


3. Continue Review of Standing Orders – phase 1

The Committee considered the proposed changes to Standing Orders (SO) 117 through to 232.

SO 99 to 116 – no proposed changes/amendments.

The Committee referred to SO 43 – Speech Time Limits – Committee Report Tabling Statement, Member tabling. Amend from unlimited to 30 minutes.

Chair raised query regarding SO 176 – Subordinate Legislation and Publications Committee. Consideration for Committee to be formed.



SO 210(14) – expand to consider organisation/group and person.

SO 220 – rewrite, consideration of not labelling position title.

Index to be reviewed.

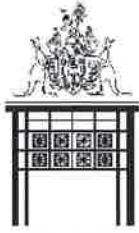
4. Next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1.00 pm until Monday, 10 November 2025 at 2.00pm.

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Chair
10 November 2025



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly Standing Orders Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting 9

12.30 pm – 1.00 pm, Wednesday, 26 November 2025
Palmerston Room

PRESENT	Mr Brian O’Gallagher (Chair) Hon Robyn Lambley MLA (Deputy Chair) Hon Steve Edgington MLA Mr Andrew Mackay MLA Mr Manuel Brown MLA Mr Russell Keith (Secretary) Ms Klarin Sivyer (Observer) Ms Elise Dyer (Observer) Ms Yasmin Kafcaloudes (Minute taker)
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1. Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 12.08 pm.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Meeting 8 – 10 November 2025)

Resolved on the motion of Mr Mackay and seconded by Mrs Lambley:

That the minutes of Meeting 8 on 10 November 2025 be confirmed.

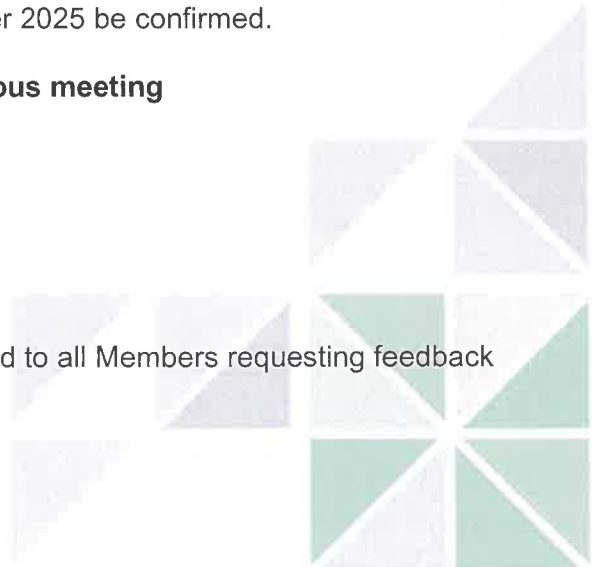
3. Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

Nil.

4. Consideration of draft Consultation Paper

Resolved on the motion of Chair:

That the draft Consultation Paper be distributed to all Members requesting feedback by 23 January 2026.



5. Other business

The Committee discussed Standing Order (SO) 43 – Speech Time Limits – Adjournment Speeches, amending the limit from 10 minutes to 5 minutes.

Resolved on the motion of the Chair:

That the Consultation Paper propose that Adjournment Speeches time limit be changed from 10 minutes to 5 minutes.

6. Next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12.17 pm until a time and date to be notified to members by the Chair.

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BRIAN O'GALLAGHER

Chair

10 March 2026