



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Social Policy Scrutiny Committee**

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**  
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**August 2018**



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 1**

9.00 am, Tuesday, 29 August 2017  
Ormiston Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
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**1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Ms Nelson nominated Ms Ah Kit to be Chair of the Committee. Mr Paech seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Ms Ah Kit to be the elected Chair of the Committee.

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mrs Finocchiaro nominated Mrs Lambley to be the Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Paech seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Mrs Lambley to be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

**3. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS**

The Committee agreed that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), the Committee authorises the publication of public hearing transcripts after witnesses have had 3 business days to make any corrections.

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(4), the Committee authorises the Chair of the Committee to issue media releases and give briefings on matters relating to its inquiry.

**4. COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Noted

**5. INQUIRY INTO ICAC BILL**

The Committee agreed to:

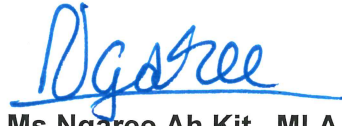
1. Call for submissions, to be received by Friday, 29 September 2017 by:
  - a) issuing the media release at Attachment A;

- b) advertising via the NT News, Tennant Creek District Times, Centralian Advocate, Katherine Regional Times, Legislative Assembly website, Facebook and Twitter at Attachment B as amended;
  - c) providing a copy of the advertisement to all Members for inclusion in Electorate newsletters and offices;
  - d) writing to stakeholders in the terms of letter at Attachment C as amended. Members to provide contact details of additional stakeholders to Committee Secretary by 12 noon, Wednesday, 30 August.
2. refer the ICAC Bill to Professor Ned Aughterson for review of fundamental legislative principles.
  3. write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice seeking briefing materials from the Government including submissions received in response to consultations to date in the terms of the letter at Attachment D.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held at 9.00 am, Wednesday, 4 October 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.55 am



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit , MLA  
Chair**



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting No. 2**

9.00 am, Wednesday, 4 October 2017  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

**Apologies** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting Number 1 of 29 August 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. NETWORK ACCESS TO COMMITTEE PAPERS**

Mr Paech and Mrs Lambley advised that they do not have network access

The Committee Secretary to provide details for the IT contact person to Mrs Lambley and Mr Paech.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted.

**4. INQUIRY INTO ICAC BILL**

Mr Paech moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

(a) The Committee authorise publication of submissions 1 – 9 and 11.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

(b) The Committee declare submission 10 confidential and not for publication.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

(c) The Committee invite representatives of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to appear before the Committee at its Public Hearing on Monday, 9 October 2017.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

(c) The Committee provide a copy of proposed questions for witnesses to the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice for consideration ahead of the public hearing.



Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed that:

1. Committee members advise the Chair which submissions they'd like to ask questions of during the Public Hearing on Monday, 9 October.
2. The Chair to advise the Committee Secretary of the submissions that the Committee would like to ask questions of.
3. The Committee Secretary to invite the authors of the submissions that the Committee would like to ask questions of to appear before the Committee at its Public Hearing on Monday, 9 October.
4. The Committee Secretary to email proposed questions for the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to committee members for approval.
5. Following approval of questions, the Committee Secretary to provide a copy to the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to prepare for the Public Hearing on Monday, 9 October.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearing to be held from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday, 9 October 2017 unless earlier convened by the Chair.

Meeting closed at 9.30 am



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 3 – Public Hearing**

8.40 am, Monday, 9 October 2017

Litchfield Room

<b>Present:</b>	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
<b>Substitute Member</b>	Ms Selena Uiibo MLA, Member for Arnhem for Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine – 1.00 pm to 1.50 pm
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. PUBLIC HEARING - ICAC BILL INQUIRY**

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Scott Beaton – NT Resident
- Mr Alan MacSporran QC: Chair, Crime and Corruption Commission QLD
- Hon. Bruce Iander QC: Independent Commissioner Against Corruption SA
- Mr Richard Bingham: Chief Executive Officer, Integrity Commission TAS
- Mr John Hyde: Chair, Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption Oceania Region
- Mr Peter Shoyer: Ombudsman NT  
Mr Craig Allen: Commissioner for Public Employment  
Ms Brenda Monaghan: Commissioner for Public Interest Disclosures
- Mr Greg Shanahan: Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice  
Mr Robert Bradshaw: Director, Policy Coordination, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice  
Ms Caroline Heske: Senior Policy Lawyer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.

**2. TABLED PAPER**

TP1 - Department of the Attorney-General and Justice - Responses to Questions re ICAC Bill - 9 October 2017

Hearing Closed at 1.50 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 4**

12.00 pm, Thursday, 12 October 2017  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett (left meeting at 12.35 pm)

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Annie McCall, Administration Officer/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 4 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 9 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the answers to the Committee's questions tabled by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice at the Public Hearing on 9 October 2017, subject to the Department's consent.

Question put and passed.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee agreed that the Chair would seek the Commissioner of Public Interest Disclosure's consent to publish her letter regarding proposed amendments to the ICAC Bill.

**4. INQUIRY INTO ICAC BILL**

The Committee considered the evidence received and potential amendments to the Bill. For further discussion at the next meeting.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

12.00 pm, Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Meeting closed at 1.15 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 5**

12.00 pm, Wednesday, 18 October 2017  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
- Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Annie McCall, Administration Officer/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Paech moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 4 of 12 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Following confirmation from the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice that they endorsed publication of their answers to the Committee's questions provided at the public hearing of 9 October 2017, the Committee Secretary advised that this document has now been published on the Committee's website.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of Submission No. 12

Question put and passed.

**4. INQUIRY INTO ICAC BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee:

1. Endorse the proposed amendments for drafting and inclusion in the Committee's report.
2. Endorse the proposed recommendations for inclusion in the Committee's report.
3. Write to the Attorney-General to request that the Committee be able to access the assistance of the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel in the drafting of proposed amendments.

Question put and passed.

**5. INQUIRY INTO MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee agrees to call for submissions, to be received by Wednesday, 8 November, by:

- a) issuing a media release,
- b) advertising via the Legislative Assembly website, Facebook and Twitter,
- c) issuing a notification via the Committee's email subscription service.

Question put and passed.

**6. STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BILL INQUIRIES**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopts the following standard procedure for inquiries into Bills referred by the Assembly:

1. The Committee will call for submissions on the Bill to be due by the Wednesday in the second week before the next sittings of the Assembly;
2. Following the end of a sittings period, the Chair of the Committee will issue a notice listing the bills on which the Committee is calling for submissions and the date by which submissions are due;
3. Notices calling for submissions will be distributed on the Assembly's website, by email to subscribers of the committee email alert service, by Facebook and Twitter posts, by media release, and by email or letter to persons and organisations determined by the Chair following consultation by email with Committee Members;
4. After the due date for submissions, the Chair will determine whether and when to hold public hearings and who shall be invited to appear at the hearings, following consultation with Committee Members;
5. Unless circumstances require otherwise, the public hearings will be held on Wednesday mornings of sittings weeks;
6. If any Member wishes to amend this standard procedure for a particular bill, they shall advise the Chair who will then convene a meeting to consider that Bill's inquiry process at the earliest convenient opportunity.

Question put and passed.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Paech raised the issue of whether the Committee Office had sufficient resources to deal with the additional workload arising from Bill referrals. The First Clerk Assistant advised that the Department was currently considering its prioritisation of resources. The Chair further noted that this issue needs to be included in the proposed review of the Bill referral process.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

9.00 am, Friday, 10 November 2017

Meeting closed at 1.01 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**





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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting No. 6**

9.00 am, Friday, 10 November 2017  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of 18 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**3. INQUIRY INTO ICAC BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

1. The Committee adopt the Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017 report subject to minor amendments to be confirmed by email.
2. The Committee table the report with the Speaker on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and circulate to all Members for consideration ahead of the November meeting period.

Question put and passed.

**4. BILL REFERRALS**

***Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill***

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues Report' for the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2017 for tabling in the November meeting period.

Question put and passed

***Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill***

- As no submissions were received the Committee agreed to write to key stakeholders giving them a further opportunity to provide any comments they may have in relation to the proposed amendments – in particular the removal of the mandatory requirement that the Minister must establish an advisory council – by Friday 17 November 2017.

Question put and passed

**ICAC (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill 2017**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the legal advice to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice for consideration and comment by Friday, 17 November 2017.

Question put and passed.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

9.00 am, Wednesday, 22 November 2017 in the Ormiston Room

Meeting closed at 10.00 am



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No.7

1.00 pm, Wednesday, 22 November 2017  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 6 of 10 November 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- The Chair tabled the Committee's report: *Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017* with the speaker on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and circulated to all Members for consideration ahead of the November meeting period.
- A further opportunity to comment on the Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill 2017 by 17 November 2017 was advertised via the Legislative Assembly's website, Facebook, Twitter feed and email subscription service and letters were also sent to 20 key stakeholders including environment organisations, Land Councils, Landcare groups and Indigenous. However, no submissions were received.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

4. **PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL**

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues Report' for the Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill 2017.

Question put and passed.

5. **ICAC (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL**

The Committee agreed to invite the Attorney-General to appear before the Committee from 11.00 am to 12.00pm on Monday 4 December to clarify issues regarding proposed amendment to the Criminal Code at s75C.

6. **BILL INQUIRIES**

The Committee agreed that:

1. Departmental briefings be sought on all Bills referred to the Committee.



2. Calls for submissions to include questions regarding the Bill to encourage and assist members of the public to engage with the Committee.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Public Briefing, 11.00 am, Monday 4 December 2017

Meeting closed at 1.45 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No.8

10.00 am, Wednesday, 31 January 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

**Apologies:** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer  
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

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1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 22 November 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

3. **BILL INQUIRIES**

Bill inquiry tracking sheet noted

4. **ICAC (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL**

The Committee considered the draft report and requested that the Committee Secretary circulate an amended version to Committee members for final comments by 12 noon Thursday, 1 February ahead of the deliberative meeting scheduled for 9.00 am Monday, 5 February.

5. **DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2017**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Chair advised that extensions had been granted to the Department of Health and Alex Richmond (Facilitator of the Domestic and Family Violence Network) to close of business, Thursday 8 February. To facilitate consideration and publication of submissions ahead of the proposed public hearings, it was agreed that the Committee Secretary request that submissions be received by close of business, Wednesday 7 February.

6. **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDEMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL 2017**

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**7. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EQUALITY) BILL 2017**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**8. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

***Domestic and Family Violence Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2017***

- Greg Shanahan: Chief Executive Officer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Robert Bradshaw: Director Policy Coordination, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Laura Berta: Policy Lawyer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice

***Criminal Code Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill 2017***

- Greg Shanahan: Chief Executive Officer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director Legal Policy, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Fiona Hardy: Senior Policy Lawyer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice

***Adoption of Children Legislation Amendment (Equality) Bill 2017***

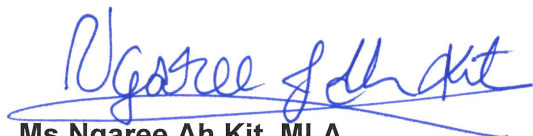
- Ken Davies: Chief Executive Officer, Territory Families
- Luke Twyford: Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance, Territory Families
- Debra Moore: Senior Adoption Practitioner, Territory Families
- Seranie Gamble: Director Law Reform, Territory Families

**9. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, 5 February 2018 at 9.00 am - deliberative meeting to consider/adopt ICAC (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill report

Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 1.00 pm in the Ormiston Room – deliberative meeting to consider submissions and finalise public hearing schedule.

Meeting closed at 11.55 am



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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**Meeting No.9**

9.00 am, Monday, 5 February 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 of 31 January 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. ICAC (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL**

The Committee considered the Chair's revised draft report. The Chair tabled the comments provided by the Member for Spillett and thanked her for her input.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the revised report *Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill 2017*.

Question put and passed.

**3. NEXT MEETINGS**

Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 1.00 pm in the Ormiston Room – deliberative meeting to consider submissions and finalise public hearing schedule.

Meeting closed at 9.21 am

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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**Meeting No.10**

1.00 pm, Thursday, 8 February 2018  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 9 of 5 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Noted

**3. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of additional submissions received.

Question put and passed

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee invite representatives from the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, the Commissioner for Information and Public Interest Disclosures, the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, the Central Australian and the Top End Women's Legal Services, the Domestic and Family Violence Network and the Department of Health to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Wednesday, 14 February 2018.

It was further agreed that the Committee Secretary would draft questions to be provided to the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, following approval of the Chair, for consideration ahead of the hearing, requesting that responses be provided in writing.

**4. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL 2017**

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the additional submission received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee invite representatives from the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, the Commissioner for Information and Public Interest Disclosures, the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, the Top End Women's Legal Service, RMIT and Monash Universities and Mr Rhys Michie to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Wednesday, 14 February 2018.

Question put and passed.

It was further agreed that the Committee Secretary would draft questions to be provided to the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, following approval of the Chair, for consideration ahead of the hearing, requesting that responses be provided in writing.

**5. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EQUALITY) BILL**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee's report acknowledge the views expressed in the submissions received and recommend that the Assembly pass the Bill.

Question put and passed

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

***Committee Communication on Bill Referrals***

Subject to the provisions of Standing Order 194, it was agreed that the Chair would keep the relevant Minister informed of the Committee's progress regarding Bill inquiries. It was further agreed that all communication from the Committee be addressed to the responsible Minister and cc'd to the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant Department.

***Draft Inquiry Plan – Animal Protection Bill***

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that the Committee:

- a) call for submissions on its inquiry into the Animal Protection Bill 2018 to be received by Friday, 9 March 2018, and
- b) write to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bill and inviting representatives from the Department to appear before the Committee at a public briefing from 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm on Monday, 19 February 2018.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearing: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm, Wednesday, 14 February 2018 (end time to be confirmed following scheduling of witnesses)

Meeting closed at 1.55 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**





# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No.11

9.00 am, Wednesday, 14 February 2018

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
- Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer  
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

#### 1. PUBLIC HEARING

##### ***Domestic and Family Violence Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill***

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Fiona Hussin: Deputy Director, Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission  
Annabel Pengilly: Managing Solicitor, Domestic Violence legal Service
- Janet Taylor: Managing Principal Solicitor, Central Australian Women's Legal Service
- Annabel Pengilly: Managing Solicitor, Domestic Violence legal Service  
Susan Crane: Executive Director, Dawn House Inc.  
Alex Richmond: Facilitator, Domestic and Family Violence Network
- Robert Bradshaw: Director Policy Coordination, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice  
Laura Berta: Policy Lawyer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

##### ***Criminal Code Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill***

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Russell Goldflam: Barrister and Solicitor, Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
- Dr Nicola Henry: Associate Professor, Social and Global Studies Research Centre, RMIT University  
Dr Asher Flynn: Senior Lecturer Criminology, Monash University
- Vanessa Lethlean: Managing Solicitor, Top End Women's Legal Service  
Caitlin Weatherby-Fell, Solicitor, Top End Women's Legal Service
- Mr Rhys L. G. Michie
- Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice  
Fiona Hardy: Senior Policy Lawyer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No.12**

1.00 pm, Monday, 19 February 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 of 8 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 11 (Public Hearing) of 14 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the answers to the Committee's written questions on the Domestic and Family Violence Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill and the Criminal Code Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill received from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice on 13 February 2018, subject to the Department's consent.

Question put and passed.

**3. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Chair's draft report detail the concerns raised by witnesses and recommend that the Bill not be passed until key stakeholders have been consulted appropriately and given an opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation, guidelines and regulations.

Question put and passed.

**4. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Chair's draft report incorporate proposed recommendations for further consideration by the Committee.

Question put and passed.

**5. ANIMAL PROTECTION BILL**

Inquiry plan finalised – Committee Secretary to schedule meetings accordingly.



**6. PUBLIC BRIEFING – ANIMAL PROTECTION BILL**

The following witnesses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources appeared before the Committee:

Alistar Trier: Chief Executive

Michelle Rodan: Director Biosecurity and Animal Welfare

Peter Zeroni: Director Policy and Legislation

Peter Phillips: Director Animal Welfare

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative Meeting: 9.00 am, Monday 5 March 2018 – consideration of draft reports

Meeting closed at 3.35 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting No.13**

2.00 pm, Wednesday, 7 March 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet

**Apologies:** Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 13 of 19 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**3. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EQUALITY) BILL**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Adoption of Children Legislation Amendment (Equality) Bill 2017*.

Question put and passed.

**4. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL**

Consideration of Chair's draft report – Members agreed to provide any proposed changes to the Committee Secretary by close of business Thursday, 8 March for consideration at the next meeting.

**5. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL**

Consideration of Chair's draft report – Members agreed to provide any proposed changes to the Committee Secretary by close of business Thursday, 8 March for consideration at the next meeting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

***Animal Protection Bill Inquiry:*** submissions close Friday, 9 March. Following two requests for extensions the Committee agreed that, where requested, the Committee would accept late submissions. However, all submissions must be with the Committee by close of business, Monday 19 March for consideration at the Committee's meeting scheduled for 22 March.


***Bill Scrutiny Process:*** given time constraints, the Chair canvassed members' views on whether public briefings with Departments could be replaced by a written questions process. Members noted that, to date, they had found the public briefings very useful and were of the view that the current Bill scrutiny process was very robust and should be maintained.

**Public Hearings:** the Chair reminded members that they could hold public hearings on Wednesday mornings of sitting weeks. While it was agreed that this could be beneficial, members determined that holding a public hearing on the Animal Protection Bill during the March sittings was not feasible given the submission due date. It was also noted that it was anticipated that a full day would be required for hearing from witnesses on this particular Bill.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative Meeting: 9.00 am, Monday, 12 March 2018 – adoption of draft reports

Meeting closed at 2.35 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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**Meeting No.14**

9.00 am, Monday, 12 March 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 13 of 7 March 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill 2017* as amended.

Question put and passed.

**3. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Domestic and Family Violence Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2017* as amended.

Question put and passed.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday, 22 March 2018

Meeting closed at 9.27 am

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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**Meeting No.15**

12.00 pm, Thursday, 22 March 2018  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
- Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 14 of 12 March 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted.

**3. ANIMAL PROTECTION BILL INQUIRY**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of all submissions with the exception of submission No. 5 which the author has requested be kept confidential.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee refer submission 31 to the Hon Gerald McCarthy MLA, Minister for Housing and Community Development for consideration and response to Ms Thompson and Mr Sedman.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee invite representatives from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, Charles Darwin University Animal Ethics Committee, Animals Australia, NT Cattlemen's Association Inc., the Animal Law Institute, the RSPCA, the Australian Veterinary Association, the Northern Land Council, and Mr Jean-Remi Campion to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 9 April 2018.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward proposed questions of the Department to the Hon Ken Vowles MLA, Minister for Primary Industry and Resources for consideration ahead of the public hearing, requesting a response in writing by 9 April 2018 and seeking permission to publish the answers on the Committee's website.

Question put and passed.

It was further agreed that Members would forward any questions they have of the Department to the Chair by close of business on Monday, 26 March 2018.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

Updated Bill Inquiry Tracking Sheet noted.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearing – 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday, 9 April 2018. End time to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 12.39 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No.16**

8.30 am, Monday, 9 April 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Animal Protection Bill Inquiry**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Jean-Remi Campion – Private Citizen
- Professor Keith Christian – Chair, Charles Darwin University Animal Ethics Committee
- Paul Burke: Chief Executive Officer, Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association
- Tom Ryan: Executive Officer, Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association
- Katherine Russell: Research and Policy Officer, Animals Australia
- Dr Michael Caulfield: Principal Solicitor, The Animal Law Institute
- Dr Kim Smith: Territory President, Australian Veterinary Association
- Dr Alex Hesford: NT Committee Member, Australian Veterinary Association
- Graham Pratt: Regional Manager – Western Region, Australian Veterinary Association
- Danny Moore: Chair, RSPCA
- Dr Jed Goodfellow: Senior Policy Officer, RSPCA
- Kristen Lynch: Research and Policy Officer, Northern Land Council
- Alister Trier: Chief Executive Officer, Department of Primary Industry and Resources
- Ian Curnow: General Manager Fisheries and Product Integrity, Department of Primary Industry and Resources
- Peter Zeroni: Director Policy and Legislation, Department of Primary Industry and Resources
- Peter Phillips: Director Animal Welfare, Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

The Department provided its response to the Committee’s written questions and authorised that they be published on the Committee’s website.

The Committee adjourned at 2.10 pm.

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**





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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No.17**

1.00 pm, Monday, 16 April 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Apologies:** Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 15 of 22 March 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 16 of 9 April 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted.

**3. ANIMAL PROTECTION BILL INQUIRY**

Consideration of evidence. The Committee agreed that the Chair's draft report include proposed recommendations as discussed.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative Meeting: 1.00 pm, Monday 23 April or Thursday 26 April 2018 – to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 2.43 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**





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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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**Meeting No.18**

1.00 pm, Thursday, 26 April 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Apologies:** Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Lambley moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 17 of 16 April 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. ANIMAL PROTECTION BILL INQUIRY**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Animal Protection Bill 2018* as amended.

Question put and passed.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative Meeting: 1.00 pm, Thursday 10 May 2018.

Meeting closed at 1.25 pm.

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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**Meeting No.19**

1.00 pm, Thursday, 10 May 2018  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 18 of 26 April 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

**2. BILL REFERRAL INQUIRY PLAN**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that the Committee:

- a) Call for submissions to its inquiry into the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2018 to be received by Wednesday, 6 June 2018.
- b) Write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bill and inviting representatives from the Department to appear before the Committee at a public briefing at 9.00am on Monday 28 May 2018.

Question put and passed.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

Public Briefing: 9.00 am, Monday 28 May 2018

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 21 June 2018 unless convened earlier by the Chair.

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 20**

9.00 am, Monday, 28 May 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

**Apologies:** Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer  
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

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**1. PUBLIC BRIEFING**

**Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture)  
Bill Inquiry**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Robert Bradshaw: Director Policy Coordination, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Alison Hanson: Legislation Policy Officer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

The Committee adjourned at 9.30 am.

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**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 21**

1.00 pm, Friday, 15 June 2018  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 19 of 10 May 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 20 of 28 May 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**3. CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OF PLACES OF DETENTION (OPTIONAL  
PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE) BILL 2018**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Chair's draft report address issues raised in submissions and incorporate the proposed recommendation as agreed to by the Committee.

Question put and passed

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 21 June 2018

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 22**

12.00 pm, Thursday, 21 June 2018

Ormiston Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 21 of 15 June 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OF PLACES OF DETENTION (OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE) BILL 2018 REPORT**

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2018* as amended, to be presented to the Speaker on Monday 25 June 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 14 August.

Question put and passed.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2017-18*.

Question put and passed.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

12.00 pm, Thursday 23 August 2018

Meeting closed at 12.10 pm

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**