



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

March 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

12.00 pm, Thursday, 14 February 2019
Litchfield Room

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

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 34 of 13 December 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Paech moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received.

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the draft 'No Issues' report *Inquiry into the Health Services Amendment Bill 2018*, to be presented to the Speaker on Friday, 15 February 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 12 March 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mrs Lambley moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.
2. The Committee invite the Electoral Commissioner and representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister to appear before the Committee at a public hearing on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Questions put and passed.

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

1. The Committee authorise publication of the submission received.

2. The Committee invite the Auditor-General and representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister to appear before the Committee at a public hearing on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Questions put and passed.

6. TEACHER REGISTRATION (NORTHERN TERRITORY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 to be received by Monday 11 March 2019.
2. The Committee write to the Minister for Education requesting a contact officer in relation to the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 and inviting representatives from the department to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Wednesday, 20 February 2019

Questions put and passed

7. PETITION REFERRALS

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2) the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 32.

Question put and passed.

8. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCESS

The Chair requested committee members to provide any additional comments to her as soon as possible and noted that she would seek comments from the First Clerk Assistant.

9. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing and Public Hearings 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm, Wednesday 20 February as follows:

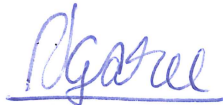
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm: Public Briefing from Department of Education on the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Public Hearing on the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

3.00 pm – 4.00 pm: Public Hearing on the Public Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm: Deliberative meeting to consider evidence and provide direction for report drafting.

Meeting closed at 1.10 pm



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

1.30 pm, Wednesday, 20 February 2019
Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Apologies	Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING: TEACHER REGISTRATION (NORTHERN TERRITORY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

- Maree Garrigan: Director, Teacher Registration Board of the Northern Territory
- Amy Ireland: Senior Manager Legislation Services, Strategic Services, Department of Education

2. PUBLIC HEARING: ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The Committee heard from the following witnesses

- Iain Loganathan: Northern Territory Electoral Commissioner
- Maria Mohr: Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Chief Minister
- Jean Doherty: Executive Director Federal Policy and Strategic Coordination, Department of the Chief Minister
- Genevieve Mogridge; Director Federal Policy and Strategic Coordination, Department of the Chief Minister
- Tom McCrie: Principal Legal Officer, Department of the Chief Minister
- Gerry Wood MLA

Tabled Paper

TP 1.1: Electoral Commissioner: 100m Boundary Maps

TP 1.2: Responses to written questions regarding the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 received from the Department of the Chief Minister on 19 February 2019

3. PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC INFORMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

- Julie Crisp: Auditor-General for the Northern Territory
- Maria Mohr: Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Chief Minister
- Jean Doherty: Executive Director Federal Policy and Strategic Coordination, Department of the Chief Minister
- Karen Vohland: Executive Director Strategic Communications and Engagement
- Genevieve Mogridge; Director Federal Policy and Strategic Coordination, Department of the Chief Minister

- Tom McCrie: Principal Legal Officer, Department of the Chief Minister

Tabled Paper

TP 2.1: Auditor-General: Opening Statement

TP 2.2: Responses to written questions regarding the Public Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 received from the Department of the Chief Minister on 19 February 2019

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm.

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 35 of 14 December 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the responses to written questions regarding the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 received from the Department of the Chief Minister on 19 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the responses to written questions regarding the Public Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 received from the Department of the Chief Minister on 19 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed that, to assist in its deliberations, the Committee Secretary will provide a further analysis of the evidence received regarding the Public Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 for consideration at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for 10.00 am on Monday, 4 March 2019. It was further agreed that the Committee Secretary will also forward a copy of the draft transcript from the public hearing to members as soon as it becomes available from Hansard.

7. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Chair reminded members to provide her with their comments regarding the scrutiny committee process by C.O.B. on Friday, 22 February.

8. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 10.00 am, Monday 4 March 2019.

- Further consideration of evidence received regarding the Public Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and direction for report drafting.
- Consideration of Chair's draft report on the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Meeting closed at 5.25 pm



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

12.00 pm, Thursday, 21 March 2019

Litchfield Room

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

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 38 of 11 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Chair advised members that the Committee's comments regarding the Review of the Scrutiny Committee process had been forwarded to the Chair of the Standing Orders Committee, the Hon Natasha Fyles MLA.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. TEACHER REGISTRATION (NORTHERN TERRITORY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt a 'No Issues Report', *Inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*, to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 22 March 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 7 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. NEW BILL REFERRALS

During the March sittings the following Bills were referred to the Committee:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019 for inquiry and report by Tuesday 7 May 2019
- Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 for inquiry and report by Thursday 20 June 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019 to be received by Wednesday 3 April 2019.
2. The Committee call for submissions on the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill to be received by Wednesday 17 April 2019.
3. The Committee write to responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills and inviting representatives from the Departments to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Monday 1 April 2019.

Questions put and passed.

6. PETITION REFERRALS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 33.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing on new Bill Referrals: 10.30am – 11.30 am, Monday 1 April.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair