



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Estimates Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

2020 Estimates Committee

Report

December 2020



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

11.40 am, Friday, 13 November 2020
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen (via teleconference)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Monaghan nominated to be Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Turner seconded the nomination.

Mr Yan nominated to be Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Edgington seconded the nomination.

There being more than one nomination the Chair asked the Secretary to conduct a ballot between the Members proposed in a similar manner to that in Standing Order 236.

Following the ballot, as Mr Monaghan had a majority of votes the Chair declared Mr Monaghan to be Deputy Chair.

2. MEDIA RELEASES

Mr Yan moved and Mr Turner seconded:

That 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.

3. SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL APPEARANCES

The Committee discussed the draft Schedule of Ministerial Appearances circulated by the Chair. The Committee agreed to amend the proposed schedule so that the Speaker's allocated time was 1pm to 1.30pm on the Friday.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded

That the Schedule of Ministerial Appearances be adopted and be published on the Committee's webpage.

4. AGENDA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUTPUTS

The Committee reviewed the draft Agenda for the Consideration of Outputs. The Secretary noted that the draft Agenda is being reviewed by Cabinet Office and agency secretariats to confirm Ministerial responsibility for outputs.

Mr Turner moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That the Chair be authorised to finalise and publish the Agenda for the Consideration of Outputs.

5. HEARING ARRANGEMENTS AND COVID SAFETY PLAN

The Committee discussed options for conducting Estimates Hearings and the requirement for a COVID safety plan. The Committee discussed options of holding hearings in the Litchfield Room with rules to increase social distancing and hygiene, in the Chamber to allow greater distancing, or using videoconferencing to maintain physical separation between the Committee and each Minister with their agencies. The Chair undertook to obtain advice from the Minister for Health on how hearings can be conducted in a safe manner.

6. ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

The Committee agreed that the Electoral Commissioner will only be required to appear before the Committee during the Chief Minister's appearance and any questions relating to his responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2008 be directed to him at that time.

7. OTHER INDEPENDENT OFFICERS

The Committee agreed that Members will provide advice on whether all Independent Officers are required to be available to appear for questioning at the time with their respective Minister

8. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The committee the procedures and traditions regarding allocation of questions, participation by other members, substitution of members, quorum and the consideration of outputs.


9. NEXT MEETING

8.00 am Monday 7 December 2020

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Mr Joel Bowden MLA

Chair





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

2.00 pm, Monday, 30 November 2020
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair) (via videoconference)
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly (via teleconference)
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen (via teleconference)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain (via videoconference)
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via videoconference)

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Turner moved and Mr Edgington seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 of 13 November 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. HEARING ARRANGEMENTS AND COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Noted

4. REQUEST TO REORDER OUTPUTS AGENDA

Mr Bowden moved and Mr Turner seconded that:

The Committee agrees to reorder the outputs agenda for Monday 7 December to allow statutory officers to appear first, followed by the Treasurer and the Chief Minister.

Question put and passed.

5. MEDIA ACCESS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Turner seconded that:

The Committee agrees to allowing up to two media camera operators to film the Estimates Committee proceedings.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

8.00 am Monday 7 December 2020, unless earlier meeting convened.

Meeting closed at 2.15 pm

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**Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

2020 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Day 1 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Monday, 7 December 2020

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

Substituting Members

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson (for Mr Yan 8.00 am – 12.00 pm)
Ms Marie-Claire Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan (for Mr Edgington 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm)
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine (for Mr Yan 4.30 pm – 10.00 pm)
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling (for Mr Edgington 4.30 pm – 10.00 pm)

Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

1. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Chief Minister

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Julie Crisp	Auditor-General	Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Iain Loganathan	Electoral Commissioner	NT Electoral Commission

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.1	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	2020 NT Election Complaints	

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Kenneth Fleming QC	Independent Commissioner Against Corruption	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption NT
Matthew Grant	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption NT
Kathryn Clet	Business Manager	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption NT

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.2	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Section 25 referral separations and remedial training	
1.3	Opening Statement	Mr Monaghan	Action on completed investigations	

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Peter Shoyer	Ombudsman and Information Commissioner	Ombudsman's Office

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.4	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Victims of Crime Assistance Scheme application timeframes	
1.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Ombudsman's submission to the review into the Victims of Crime Assistance Scheme	
1.6	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Comparative figures for refused in full FOI applications	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Treasurer

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Craig Graham	Under Treasurer	Treasury and Finance
Catherine Weber	Deputy Under Treasurer (Corporate)	Treasury and Finance
Tim McManus	Deputy Under Treasurer (Finance)	Treasury and Finance
Mick Butler	Deputy Under Treasurer (Policy)	Treasury and Finance
Alex Pollon	General Manager Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	Treasury and Finance

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.7	Opening Statement	Mr Guyula	Transparency and accountability in expenditure of federal funding for Aboriginal disadvantage	
1.8	12.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Break down of interest on debt by year and per day	
1.9	12.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Increase in and drivers of 'other' operating expenses	
1.10	12.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Actual financial growth and projected growth in expenditure	
1.11	12.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Assumptions underlying projected 10 year growth	
1.12	12.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Charter of budget discipline	
	12.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Purpose of Treasury advance related to riot at Darwin Correctional Facility	
1.13				
1.14	12.1	Mrs Lambley	Changes to Public Service FTE numbers	
1.15	12.1	Mrs Lambley	Forecast of investment into regional areas	
1.16	13.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	State final demand	
1.17	13.1	Mr Monaghan	Returning Territorians	
1.18	16.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost of decommissioning generators	

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Chief Minister

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jodie Ryan	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Andrew Cowan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jean Doherty	Senior Executive Director	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Bridgette Bellenger	Senior Executive Director Regional Network Group	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Hayley Richards	Senior Executive Director Investment Territory	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.19	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Document signed with Chinese official	
1.20	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Tabled copy of the document signed during the October 2019 visit to Shenzhen, China	
1.21	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Efficiency dividend for 2020-21	Yes
1.22	20.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission costs	
1.23	20.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Boundless Possible campaign expenditure	
		Mrs Finocchiaro	Population increase linked to Boundless Possible campaign	
1.24	20.1			
1.25	21.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Status of Major Projects	
1.26	21.1	Mrs Finocchiaro	FTE level assigned to Team NT	

Hearing concluded

4. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Education

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Karen Weston	Chief Executive	Education
Leanne Nixon	Deputy Chief Executive	Education
Brett Roach	Chief Financial Officer	Education
Tony Considine	General Manager engagement and Partnerships	Education
Susan Bowden	Executive Director Early Years and Education Services	Education
Trevor Read	Executive Director School Improvement and Leadership - South	Education
Adam Walding	Executive Director Infrastructure Planning and Operational Support	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

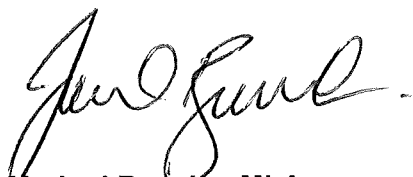
No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.1	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Cost of expanding services to support mental wellbeing as a consequence of COVID-19	
2.2	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Principal recruitment and separations	
2.3	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Current principal recruitment	
2.4	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Average teacher retention rates by region	
2.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Costs associated with regional and remote teachers not fulfilling their contracts	
2.6	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Palmerston Youth Skills Centre operational costs	
2.7	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Palmerston Youth Skills Centre staffing	Yes
2.8	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Revoted works for transportable classrooms	Yes
2.9	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Infrastructure funding by region	
2.10	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Priority projects at Umbakumba school	
2.11	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Alpurrurulam School funding	
2.12	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	NBN access for isolated students	
2.13	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Families as First Teachers attendance rates	
2.14	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Funding for children aged 0-5 years in Ti Tree	

Tabled Papers

No.	Title
2.1	Building for Inclusion Projects

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 10.00 pm until 8 December 2020 at 8.00 am.

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**Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

2020 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Day 2 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Tuesday, 8 December 2020

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mr Bill Yan, MLA, Member for Namatjira

Substituting Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braiting (for Mr Edgington 8.00 am – 12.00 pm)
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson (for Mr Yan 12.30 pm – 11.00 pm)

Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Ian Sloan MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine

1. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jamie Chalker	Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Michael Murphy	Deputy Commissioner	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Murray Smalpage	Deputy Commissioner	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Mark Spain	Chief Fire Officer	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.1	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Assaults on Police	Yes
3.2	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Assaults on Police resulting in charge and conviction	
3.3	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost for Police Air Wing last financial year	Yes
3.4	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police Minister travel on Air Wing plane	Yes
3.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Chief Minister travel on Police Air Wing plane	Yes

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.6	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Chief Minister and spouse travel on Air Wing plane	Yes
3.7	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Other Ministerial travel on Police Air Wing plane	
3.8	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police Air Wing plane travel to Yuendumu	
3.9	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Resourcing for Police diversion in Alice Springs	Yes
3.10	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Prosecution files prior to Strike Force Viper commencing	
3.11	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Arrest details from Strike Force Viper	
3.12	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth and oral warnings and diversions	
3.13	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Same day youth apprehensions	
3.14	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Strike Force Viper fresh offending and breach of bail	
3.15	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth convictions	
3.16	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Apprehended youth prescribed offences	
3.17	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breakdown of adult and youth prosecution files	
3.18	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Adult and youth prosecution files and no laid charges	
3.19	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth arrests	
3.20	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Refused bail for youths	
3.21	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth new offending while on bail	
3.22	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youths bailed on more than one occasion	
3.23	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Bail with electronic monitoring	
3.24	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Exit interviews for resigning constables	

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Minister for Mining and Industry, Northern Australia and Trade, Agribusiness and Aquaculture

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Phil Hausler	Executive Director Agriculture	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Armando Padovan	Executive Director Mines Division	Industry, Tourism and Trade
James Pratt	General Manager Energy and Governance	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.25	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	New agency executive and reporting structure	
3.26	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	International travel 2019-20 financial year	
3.27	7.2	Mr Sloan	Budgeted expenditure in 2020-21 for areas within Agriculture output	
3.28	7.2	Mr Sloan	Direct and indirect financial assistance provided to Project Sea Dragon	
3.29	7.3	Mr Sloan	Chief Veterinary Officer role and available resources	
3.30	8.1	Mr Edgington	Mines on the Major Projects list	Yes
3.31	8.1	Mrs Lambley	Productive mines in the Northern Territory	
3.32	8.2	Mr Edgington	Extractive mineral permits KPI	
3.33	8.2	Mr Edgington	Legacy mine appropriation and expenditure	

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Renewables and Energy

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Anne Tan	General Manger Economic Innovation	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Jim McKay	Executive Director Office of Sustainable Energy	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4.1	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Renewable energy target economic modelling costs	
4.2	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Reports on economic modelling	
4.3	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Home Battery Scheme budget for 2020-21	
4.4	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Amount spent on delivery of renewable use	
4.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Publication of <i>Hitting the Northern Territory Renewable Energy Target</i> Report	
4.6	6.1	Mr Costa	Solar in Communities	

Hearing concluded

4. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Kirkman	Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Leah Clifford	Deputy Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Fotis Papadakis	Chief Financial Officer	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Louise McCormick	General Manager Transport and Civil Services	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
John Harrison	General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4.7	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Garramilla Boulevard tender	
4.8	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Garramilla Boulevard total cost variations	
4.9	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Cavenagh Street bus stop variation costs	
4.10	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Cavenagh Street bus stop tender	
4.11	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Capital value of Anzac Oval in Alice Springs	
4.12	9.1	Mr Maley	Cost of landscaping for underground carpark	
4.13	9.1	Mr Guyula	Tenders to Arnhem businesses and number of jobs created	
4.14	9.1	Mr Maley	Variation cost of Myilly Point landscaping and playground	
4.15	9.1	Mr Edgington	Status of Hilda Street Park, Tennant Creek	
4.16	9.1	Mr Edgington	Status of Nyinkka Nyunyu Arts and Cultural Centre	
4.17	9.1	Mr Edgington	Alekareng School project	
4.18	9.1	Mr Maley	Cost of maintenance contract for Cavenagh Street shade structure	
4.19	11.4	Mr Edgington	Timeframe for sealing Ali Curung airstrip	

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

5. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Environment, Water Security, Climate Change

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Joanne Townsend	Chief Executive Officer	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Cynthia Loganathan	Chief Financial Officer	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Alaric Fisher	Executive Director Flora and Fauna	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Paul Purdon	Executive Director Environmental Assessment and Policy	Environment, Parks and Water Security

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4.20	Whole of Government	Mrs Hersey	Bush Fires NT cost for gamba grass wildfires	
4.21	Whole of Government	Mrs Hersey	Average timeframe for environmental approval plan	

Hearing concluded

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 11.00 pm until 9 December 2020 at 8.00 am.



Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

2020 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Day 3 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

Substituting Members

Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan (for Mr Edgington 8.00 am – 12.00 pm)

Participating Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

1. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Minister for Health

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Prof Catherine Stoddart	Chief Executive	Health
Jo Norton	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Health System Policy and Strategy	Health
David Braines-Mead	Deputy Chief Executive Finance Support Services	Health
Dr Hugh Heggie	Chief Health Officer	Health
Prof Leonard Notaras	Executive Director National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre	Health
Cecelia Gore	Senior Director Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch	Health
Michelle McKay	Chief Operating Officer Top End Health Service	Health
Naomi Heinrich	Acting Chief Operating Officer Central Australia Health Service	Health

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.1	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Cost per person of mandatory quarantine in Darwin and Alice Springs	
5.2	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Reduction of services in remote clinics	
5.3	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Grant details for 41 projects listed for 2020-21	

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.4	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Selected communities for NIAA funding	
5.5	5.1	Mr Yan	Clinical staff overtime costs at main Northern Territory Hospitals	
5.6	6.1	Mr Yan	Transfers out of health due to government changes	
5.7	6.1	Mr Yan	Patient assisted travel budget	
5.8	8	Mr Yan	Patient cost per day at Alice Springs Hospital	

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, Major Events, and Racing, Gaming and Licensing

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Andrew Hopper	Deputy CEO Tourism	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Phil Timney	Director Liquor Licensing	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Anna McGill	Director Racing and Gaming	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.9	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Payments to Tourism Research Australia	Yes
5.10	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Visitor arrivals since Northern Territory borders opened	
5.11	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Budget allocation to interstate and overseas contractors	
5.12	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Arrangements for travel journalists and Instagram influencers	
5.13	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Battery Hill Mining Centre funding	
5.14	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Tourism budget variations	
5.15	11.2	Mr Burgoyne	2019-20 actual expenditure for major events	
5.16	11.2	Mr Burgoyne	Cost of Bruce Munro's Tropical Light Exhibition	
5.17	11.2	Mr Burgoyne	Cost of Red CentreNATS event	
5.18	15.1	Mr Burgoyne	Liquor licence amendment in the last 12 months	
5.19	15.1	Mr Burgoyne	Number of new liquor licences issued in 2019-20	
5.20	15.1	Ms Boothby	Funding for Banned Drinker Register	Yes
5.21	15.1	Mr Burgoyne	Number of liquor licences suspended in financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20	

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Selena Uiho MLA: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Gemma Lake	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
Craig Smyth	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
Alecia Brimson	Chief Operating Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
Leanne Liddle	Director Aboriginal Justice Unit	Attorney-General and Justice
Jenni Daniel-Yee	Director Legal Policy	Attorney-General and Justice
Shevaun Palmer	Executive Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
Rosslyn Chenoweth	Director Crime Victims Services Unit	Attorney-General and Justice
Carolyn Whyte	Director Criminal Justice Research and Statistics Unit	Attorney-General and Justice
Scott McNairn	Commissioner Northern Territory Correctional Services	Attorney-General and Justice
Chris Cox	Executive Director Courts and Tribunals	Attorney-General and Justice
Jack Karczewski QC	Director of Public Prosecutions	Attorney-General and Justice
Bill Esteves	Executive Director NT WorkSafe	Attorney-General and Justice

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6.1	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Timeframe for review of penalties for property crime	
6.2	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of youth offenders arrested in last financial year	
6.3	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of youths arrested that were bailed last financial year	
6.4	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Numbers of youths arrested who have been refused bail	
6.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of youths that offended while on bail	
6.6	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of youths sentenced to boot camps	
6.7	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breakdown of sentenced youths into sentence type categories	
6.8	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of youths convicted last financial year	
6.9	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of people convicted for assaults on police	
6.10	Opening Statement	Mr Edgington	Number of FTEs in 2019-20 and 2020-21	
6.11	Opening Statement	Mr Edgington	Corporate services, repairs and maintenance funding	
6.12	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Likelihood of Commit Parole participants completing parole	
6.13	1.1	Mr Edgington	Legal proceedings filed against the NT government, department or employees	
6.14	1.1	Mr Edgington	Number of administrative law actions brought against the Northern Territory Government	
6.15	1.1	Mr Edgington	Number of actions pending against the Northern Territory Government relating to the Mineral Royalty Act 1982	

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6.16	1.1	Mr Edgington	Mineral royalty-related actions settled or finally adjudicated	
6.17	1.1	Mr Edgington	Actions pending against the Northern Territory Government regarding the Petroleum Act 1984	
6.18	1.1	Mr Edgington	Pending compensation for losses incurred regarding the citrus canker eradication program	
6.19	1.1	Mr Edgington	Number of claims under the National Redress Scheme	
6.20	1.1	Mr Edgington	Money paid under the National Redress Scheme	
6.21	1.1	Mr Edgington	Number of proceedings against the Northern Territory Government by former detainees and children in care	
6.22	1.1	Mr Edgington	Cost to the Northern Territory defending actions and compensation paid	
6.23	1.1	Mr Edgington	Wadeye Racial Discrimination case costs	
6.24	1.2	Mr Edgington	Consultant for the Whole-of-Government Justice Framework	
6.25	1.2	Mr Edgington	Whole-of-Government Justice Framework Consultancy	
6.26	1.2	Mr Edgington	Publication of submissions on the draft Aboriginal Justice Agreement	
6.27	1.2	Mr Edgington	Groote Eylandt cultural rehabilitation funding	
6.28	1.2	Mr Edgington	Legislation currently under review	
6.29	1.3	Mr Edgington	Information provided to persons on the Victims of Crime Register	
6.30	1.3	Mr Edgington	Finalisation of Victims of Crime Applications	
6.31	1.3	Mr Edgington	Compensation awarded under the Victims of Crime Assistance Act	
6.32	1.3	Mr Edgington	Recovery proceedings for victims of crime compensation	
6.33	1.3	Mrs Lambley	Amount recovered through recovery proceedings	
6.34	1.3	Mr Edgington	Date review of Victims of Crime Assistance Act was provided to the government	
6.35	2.1	Mr Edgington	Funding for correctional industries	
6.36	2.1	Mr Edgington	Reduction in budget for custodial services	
6.37	2.1	Mr Edgington	Prisoner numbers at Darwin and Alice Springs Correctional Centres	
6.38	2.1	Mr Edgington	Prisoner numbers compared to last financial year	
6.39	2.1	Mr Yan	Matters finalised as a consequence of the May riot at the Darwin Correctional Centre	
6.40	2.1	Mr Edgington	Additional work conducted after Darwin Correctional Centre riot	
6.41	2.1	Mr Edgington	Life Skills Work Camp	
6.42	2.1	Mr Edgington	Life Skills Work Camp – Female prisoners and their children	
6.43	2.2	Mr Edgington	Number of parole officers employed	
6.44	2.2	Mr Edgington	Parole breaches while wearing a tracking device	
6.45	2.2	Mr Edgington	Reoffending by COMMIT program participants	
6.46	2.3	Mr Edgington	Parole Board output expenditure	
6.47	2.3	Mr Yan	Breakdown of Parole Board membership by profession	
6.48	3.2	Mr Edgington	Project Zola videoconferencing	
6.49	3.3	Mr Edgington	Actions undertaken by the Fines Recovery Unit	
6.50	4.1	Mr Edgington	Number of active cases within remit of the Director of Public Prosecutions	
6.51	4.1	Mr Edgington	Katherine witness assistance staff	

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Selena Uibo MLA: Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making, and Aboriginal Affairs

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Cowan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Mischa Cartwright	Executive Director Aboriginal Affairs Strategic Partnerships	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Bridgette Bellenger	Senior Executive Director Regional Network Group	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Anthony Shelley	Executive Director Strategic Aboriginal Policy	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6.52	8.1	Mr Edgington	Costs associated with the five signed local decision making agreements	

Tabled Papers

No.	Title
6.1	Opening Statement - Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making, and Aboriginal Affairs

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 10.00 pm until 10 December 2020 at 8.00 am.



**Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

2020 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Day 4 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Thursday, 10 December 2020

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Substituting Members

Mr Ian Sloan MLA, Member for Daly (for Mr Edgington 8.00 am – 12.30 pm)
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braiiling (for Mr Yan 1.00 pm – 5.30 pm)
Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan (for Mr Edgington 5.30 pm – 10.30 pm)

Participating Members

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

1. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Minister for Local Government

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Cowan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Maree De Lacey	Executive Director Local Government and Community Development	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Lee Williams	Senior Director Local Government	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Meeta Ramkumar	Senior Director Sustainability and Compliance	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.1	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Budget for employee expenses 2019-20 financial year	
7.2	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Increase in expenditure for administrative expenses	
7.3	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Administrative expense figures for local government	
7.4	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Employee expenses for July – September quarter 2020	
7.5	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Explanation for additional income of \$6.5m	

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.6	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Institute of Directors course attendance and completion	
7.7	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Council rate increases 2019-20	
7.8	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Complaints referred to the compliance team	
7.9	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Use of surplus funds from sale of dead man blocks and infrastructure in Southport	
7.10	Opening Statement	Mr Sloan	Southport water supply	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Minister for Remote Housing and Town Camps, Indigenous Essential Services, and Arts, Culture and Heritage

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ken Davies	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Dwayne McInnes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Remote Housing	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Kim Charles	Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Danyelle Jarvis	Executive Director Remote Housing Reforms	Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.11	Opening Statement	Mr Guyula	Aboriginal people employed in Mulka electorate	
7.12	Whole of Government	Mr Yan	Subcontracting cost to manage the housing program	Yes
7.13	Whole of Government	Mr Yan	New builds replacing demolished homes	
7.14	4.1	Mr Yan	Remote public housing expenditure 2019-20	
7.15	4.1	Mr Yan	Remote and urban public housing funding	
7.16	4.1	Mr Yan	Remote public housing waiting list breakdown by region	Yes
7.17	4.1	Mr Yan	Cost of building houses in Wadeye	
7.18	4.1	Mr Yan	Cost of repairs due to vandalism	
7.19	4.2	Mr Yan	Value budgeted for work allocated to Aboriginal enterprises	
7.20	4.3	Mr Yan	Provision of services to White Gate community	

Hearing concluded.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

3. Hon Kate Worden MLA: Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing, Disabilities, Sport, and Multicultural Affairs

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ken Davies	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Luke Twyford	General Manager Strategic Services	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Kim Charles	Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Brent Warren	General Manager Youth Justice	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Jeanette Kerr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Families and Regional Services	Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8.1	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Conferencing data	Yes
8.2	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youths referred to boot camps	
8.3	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth camp attendees not reoffending	
8.4	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Capacity of new electronic monitoring system	
8.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police access to real-time monitoring	Yes
8.6	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Youth bus services in Alice Springs	Yes
8.7	Opening Statement	Mr Guyula	Removal of Yolngu children and placement in kinship care	Yes
8.8	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Children under the age of one in the care of Territory Families	Yes
8.9	1.3	Mr Burgoyne	Children successfully reunified with family	
8.10	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Arrests of youths in the care of Territory Families	
8.11	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Successful completion of bail while in bail supported accommodation	Yes
8.12	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Successful completion of bail while not in bail supported accommodation	Yes
8.13	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Level 3 incidents in detention centre	
8.14	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Youth Outreach and Re-engagement Officers Expenditure	
8.15	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Youth Outreach and Re-engagement Officers recruitment and separation	
8.16	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Youths and diversion	

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Paul Kirby MLA: Minister for Small Business, and Jobs and Training

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Cathy White	Senior Executive Director Business and Workforce	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9.1	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Average home battery system cost	
9.2	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Boundless Possible campaign expenditure	
9.3	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Territory Business Centre interactions	
9.4	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Territory Business Centre contacts	
9.5	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Number of grants for Aboriginal-owned businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic	
9.6	Opening Statement	Mr Edgington	Portion of Business Growth Program delivered in Borroloola	
9.7	Opening Statement	Ms Boothby	Types of business that participated in the Biz Secure program	

Hearing concluded.

5. Hon Paul Kirby MLA: Minister for Public Employment

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Vicki Telfer	Commissioner for Public Employment	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9.8	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Public service employment survey outcomes	
9.9	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Breakdown of the types of employment as at June 2020	
9.10	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Breakdown of additional employees attributable to COVID-19	
9.11	9.2	Mr Yan	Current average public sector turnover rate	
9.12	9.2	Mr Yan	Politician and executive officer pay freeze	

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 10.30 pm until 11 December 2020 at 9.00 am.



Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

2020 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Day 5 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Friday 11 December 2020

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

Substituting Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling (for Mr Yan 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)

1. Power and Water Corporation

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
John Langoulant AO (videoconference)	Chair	Power and Water Corporation
Djuna Pollard	Chief Executive Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Martha Stewart	Chief Financial Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Jodi Triggs	Executive General Manager Core Operations	Power and Water Corporation
Samantha Day-Johnston	Executive General Manager Transformation	Power and Water Corporation
Antoni Murphy	General Manager Gas	Power and Water Corporation
Steven Porter	Executive General Manager Water Services	Power and Water Corporation

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
10.1	Mr Burgoyne	Total controllable operating expenditure	Yes
10.2	Mr Burgoyne	Gas strategy	

Hearing concluded.

2. Jacana Energy

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Noel Faulkner (videoconference)	Chairman	Jacana Energy
Louisa Kinnear	Chief Executive Officer	Jacana Energy
Andrew Lewis	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Manager Corporate Services	Jacana Energy
Trude Blizzard	Acting Executive Manager Operations	Jacana Energy
Clare Milikins	Board Director	Jacana Energy

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
11.1	Mr Burgoyne	Savings from paperless billing system	
11.2	Mr Burgoyne	Intra-Territory and interstate consultants	
11.3	Mr Burgoyne	Jacana FTE staffing	
11.4	Mr Burgoyne	Staff turnover rate	
11.5	Mr Burgoyne	Number of CEOs in last four years	
11.6	Mr Burgoyne	Customers not billed	
11.7	Mr Burgoyne	Cumulative amount of debt written off due to non-billing	
11.8	Mr Burgoyne	Impact of Sun Cable entering into supply agreement with another retailer	

Hearing concluded.

3. Territory Generation

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dennis Bree	Chair	Territory Generation
Gerhard Laubscher	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Generation
Maria Walters	General Manager Finance and Corporate Services	Territory Generation
Eddie Mallan	General Manager Commercial	Territory Generation

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
12.1	Mr Burgoyne	2018-19 budget and actual expenditure	
12.2	Mr Burgoyne	Operating costs of Owen Springs power station	

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Ngaree Ah Kit MLA: Speaker

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Michael Tatham	Clerk and Chief Executive	Legislative Assembly
Marianne Conaty	Deputy Clerk and Deputy Chief Executive	Legislative Assembly
Diem Tang	Chief Financial Officer	Legislative Assembly

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 1.30 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room

5. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mr Edgington moved and Mr Yan seconded that:
the Minutes of Meetings 2 to 6 be confirmed.
Question put and passed.

6. Consideration of Draft Report

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:
The Committee adopt the *2020 Estimates Committee Report*
Question put and passed.

7. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 1.45 pm

Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair