



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **Inquiry into the Electrical Safety Amendment Bill 2026**

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**February 2026**





**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
15th Assembly

**Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 30**

12.00 pm, Thursday 5 February 2026  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Drysdale  
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston  
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja  
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay

**Secretariat:** Candice Maclean, Executive Director Parliamentary Support  
Katie Helme, Committee Secretary  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 29 of 18 November 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. BILL REFERRALS**

The Committee considered the proposed Bill Inquiry Plan for the Electrical Safety Amendment Bill 2026, the Sentencing Amendment (Murder) Bill 2026, the Bail Amendment Bill 2026 and the Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2026, and agreed to:

- a) Call for submissions to be received by Monday 16 February 2026.
- b) Invite representatives from the Attorney-General's Department to brief the Committee on the Sentencing Amendment (Murder) Bill 2026 and the Bail Amendment Bill 2026 at a public briefing from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm on Monday 9 February 2026.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

Public Briefing: 1.00 pm, Monday, 9 February 2026

Meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

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**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA**  
Chair



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 32**

1.00 pm, Wednesday 18 February 2026  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Drysdale  
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston  
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja  
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
- Substitution:** Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Member for Goyder for Mrs Oly Carlson MLA,  
Chair, Member for Wanguri
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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mrs Zio moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 30 of 5 February 2026 and Meeting No. 31 of 9 February 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**3. BILL REFERRALS**

***Sentencing Amendment (Murder) Bill 2026***

Mr Howe moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission nos. 1 - 12, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee's draft report recommends that the Bill be passed but highlights associated risks and mitigations the government can undertake to address such.

Question put and passed.

***Electrical Safety Amendment Bill 2026***

Mr Howe moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission no. 1, redacting personal information such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Howe moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues report' *Inquiry into the Electrical Safety Amendment Bill 2026* to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Friday 20 February 2026 pursuant to Standing Order 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Question put and passed.

***Bail Amendment Bill 2026***

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission nos. 1 and 2, redacting personal information such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee's draft report recommends that the Bill be passed and note the issues raised in submissions.

Question put and passed.

***Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2026***

Mr Howe moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee not accept the submission from the Blue Taxi Company as it does not address any of the provisions of the Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2026.

Question put and passed.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee Secretary write to the Blue Taxi Company to advise that the Committee resolved not to publish their submission as the matters raised go beyond the scope of the current Bill and suggest that they forward the submission to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure for his consideration.

Question put and passed.

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues report' *Inquiry into the Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2026* to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Friday 20 February 2026 pursuant to Standing Order 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Questions put and passed.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative: 2.00 pm, Monday, 2 March 2026

Meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA**  
**Chair**