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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR INQUIRY INTO HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN CAMPS

The Public Accounts Committee will be holding a the first public hearing for its inquiry into Town Camps with the Departments of Housing, and of Local Government and Community Services in the Litchfield Room, Parliament House, at 10 on Wednesday, 2 March 2016.

“This initial hearing is to inform the Committee how the repairs and maintenance of houses on town camps is managed,” the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA said.

The Committee is investigating matters relating to the timeliness and costs of repairs of housing as well as the consistency, accessibility and efficiency of administrative arrangements.

“The Committee wants to ensure that there are effective systems for the management of town camp housing. This hearing will inform the Committee what systems are in place. The Committee has invited submissions from the public by 15 March which will inform the Committee how those systems are working. We will then explore the issues raised at further public hearings on 11 April,” Mrs Lambley said.

“This will need to be a quick inquiry,” Mrs Lambley noted. “The Committee needs to complete the inquiry by mid May to report before the Assembly’s last full sitting week before the August election.

The schedule for the hearing is below. Terms of reference and further details are available from www.nt.gov.au/lant.

TIME	ORGANISATION	INDIVIDUALS PRESENTING
10.00 am	Department of Housing Department of Local Government and Community Services	Ms Leah Clifford, Chief Executive Officer Mr Jim Bamber, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr Mike Chiodo, Chief Executive Ms Noelene Swanson, Acting Deputy Chief Executive
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