



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

12th Assembly

‘Ice’ Select Committee

Terms of Reference

On 25 March 2015 the Legislative Assembly resolved that:

A Select Committee on the prevalence, impacts and government responses to illicit use of the drug colloquially known as “Ice” in the Northern Territory, be appointed.

The Committee will investigate and report on:

- a. The reliability of government data on Ice use and measures to enhance the collection of data to ensure that the scale of the problem and its impacts on the health, justice, drug and alcohol, and law enforcement efforts of the Northern Territory Government are understood and measured as accurately as possible;
- b. A comprehensive survey of the various government responses to the abuse of Ice in the Northern Territory and assess their effectiveness or otherwise;
- c. The social and community impacts of Ice in urban, community and remote settings;
- d. Government and community responses to Ice use in other states and some assessment of the effectiveness of these responses in terms of prevention, education, family and individual support and withdrawal and treatment modalities;
- e. The sources of Ice including cross border trafficking, local manufacture and derivation from legal pharmaceuticals and other legal precursors; and
- f. Best practice work place health and safety measures for those in the health system who come into contact with users of Ice.

In consideration of these matters, the Committee should:

- a. Consult widely with Territorians and those organisations and professionals with experience in Ice use;
- b. Consider best practice models for effective early education, prevention, containment, treatment and withdrawal strategies; and
- c. Seek the advice and experience of other jurisdictions regarding the options, costs and effectiveness of government and community approaches.

The Committee’s membership shall comprise the Member for Blain, the Member for Arafura, the Member for Casuarina and the Member for Nelson. The Chair will be the Member for Blain.

The Committee may elect a Deputy Chair of the Committee, who may act as the Chair when the Chair is absent from a meeting or there is no Chair of the Committee.

A quorum of the Committee shall be two members of the Committee.

The committee is to report by 17 September 2015.

The provisions of this resolution, insofar as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.