



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019

May 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

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



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

10.30 am, Monday, 1 April 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
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1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Office of Disability in the Department of Health:

- Samantha Livesley: Senior Director
- Valli Camara: Senior Policy Officer

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from Territory Families

- Brent Warren: General Manager Youth Justice
- Kelly Cooper: Senior Director Youth Justice Programs
- Luke Twyford: Executive Director Strategy, Policy and Performance
- Seranie Gamble: Director Law Reform

Tabled Paper

TP1-1: Territory Families – Opening Statement – Public Briefing – Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

3. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 10.30am – 11.30 am, Tuesday 9 April 2019

Meeting closed at 12.00 pm

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

10.30 am, Tuesday, 9 April 2019
Litchfield Room

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

Apologies: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting 39 of 21 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting 40 of 1 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of Tabled Paper 1-1: Territory Families – Opening Statement – Public Briefing – Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received to its inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (AUTHORISATIONS) BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee forward the proposed questions of the Department to the Minister for Disabilities requesting a response in writing by Friday 12 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee invite the Darwin Community Legal Service, the Office of the Public Guardian, the NT Community Visitor Program and representatives from the Department of Health to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Friday 12 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed that, given time constraints, they would dispense with opening statements unless witnesses had anything in particular they wished to state for the public record.

5. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing and Deliberative Meeting: 10.15 am – 1.00 pm, Friday 12 April 2019.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am



Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA
Deputy Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

10.15 am, Friday, 12 April 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
- Apologies:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
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1. PUBLIC HEARING

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Darwin Community Legal Service

- Linda Weatherhead: Executive Director
- Leigh Kinsela: Senior Advocate, Seniors and Disability Rights Service

NT Community Visitor Program

- Sally Sievers: Principal Community Visitor

Office of the Public Guardian

- Beth Walker: Public Guardian

Office of Disability – Department of Health

- Samantha Livesley: Senior Director
- Robyn Westerman: Senior Manager NDIS Implementation
- Vállí Camara: Senior Policy Officer

The Committee adjourned at 11.15 am

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Lambley moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting 41 of 9 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (AUTHORISATIONS) BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Chair's draft report address the issues raised in submissions and incorporate the recommendations as agreed to by the Committee.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting (consideration of draft NDIS report): 10.30 am – 11.30 am, Wednesday
1 May 2019

Meeting closed at 11.45 am



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

10.30 am, Wednesday, 1 May 2019

Litchfield Room

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

Apologies: Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting 42 of 12 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (AUTHORISATIONS) BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019* as amended for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 7 May 2019.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Given the number of submissions received, the Committee agreed to reschedule its proposed hearing on the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Bill 2019 from Monday 20 May to Friday 17 May 2019 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Public briefings on Bills referred during the May sittings will still be conducted on Monday 20 May 2019 from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm as previously agreed to.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting (consideration of submissions on the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019): 12.00 pm, Thursday 9 May 2019.

Meeting closed at 10.40 am.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair