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NGAREE AH KIT MLA NORTHERN TERRITORY SPEAKER

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Legislative Assembly will Convene on 24 June to Finalise Budget Scrutiny

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, advises Territorians the Legislative Assembly will convene after the forthcoming Estimates Committee hearings on 24 June, rather than on 25 June as previously proposed.

The Assembly voted during its May 2021 meetings to require the Assembly to meet on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 2.30pm, immediately after the Estimates Committees' lengthy and detailed deliberations.

The Assembly meeting will commence with the Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country immediately followed by the Report from the Estimates Committee and the consideration of the *Appropriation Bill* and the *Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill*.

When the Estimates Committee's report on the *Appropriation Bill* and the *Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021* is presented, the Assembly shall immediately consider the question:

that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2021-2022) Bill stand as part of that Bill, and the clauses of the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 stand part of that bill, and the report of the Estimates Committee be noted.

This will trigger the debate on the passage of the bills and, after a possible maximum of five hours of debate, a vote will be called to pass the Northern Territory Budget 2021-22.

The Estimates Committee and the passage of the Budget legislation provides Territorians the opportunity to ensure the Assembly scrutinises all Government Ministers who must appear to answer questions about the Budget's proposed expenditure and account for their management of the Government agencies under their responsibility.

The proceedings may be viewed on the Assembly website from Tuesday the 15th of June.

Note: For Estimates Committee matters contact Committee Secretary Mr Russell Keith and for Speaker matters contact the Office of the Speaker on 08 89461433 .