



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Estimates Committee 2026**

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**  
**Estimates Committee Report**  
**2026**

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**June 2026**





**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**2026 Estimates Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Meeting No. 1**

12.05 pm, Tuesday 12 May 2026  
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

**Present:** Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale  
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay  
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama  
Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

**Secretariat:** Katie Helme, Committee Secretary  
Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer  
Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer  
Candice Mclean, Executive Director

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**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Mr O’Gallagher nominated Mr Howe to be Chair. Justine Davis seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Howe was declared to be Chair.

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair. Mr Howe nominated Mrs Zio to be Deputy Chair. Mr O’Gallagher seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mrs Zio to be Deputy Chair.

**3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Noted.

**4. MEDIA RELEASES**

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(4), the Committee agree to authorise the Chair of the Committee to issue media releases and give briefings on matters relating to its inquiry.

Question put and passed.

**5. SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL APPEARANCES**

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee agree to adopt the amended Estimates Schedule of Ministers, subject to final confirmation from the Chair.

Question put and passed.

**6. AGENDA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUTPUTS**

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

The Committee agree to adopt the draft Agenda for the Consideration of Outputs subject to amendments to align with the Estimates Schedule of Ministers.

Question put and passed.

**7. ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee agree that the Electoral Commissioner will only be required to appear before the Committee during the Chief Minister's appearance and any questions relating to her responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2019* be directed to her at that time.

Question put and passed.

**8. OTHER INDEPENDENT OFFICERS**

Justine Davis moved and Mr Smelt seconded that:

The Committee agree that all Independent Officers under output 5 of the Attorney-General be required to appear before the Committee.

Question put and passed.

**9. MEDIA ACCESS**

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee agree to allow accredited media camera operators to film the Estimates Committee proceedings.

Question put and passed.

**10. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Noted.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

9.00 am, Tuesday 9 June 2025

Meeting closed at 12.41 pm.



**Mr Clinton Howe MLA  
Chair**



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**2026 Estimates Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Meeting No. 2**

3.20 pm, Wednesday 27 May 2026  
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

**Present:** Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale  
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama  
Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

**Apologies:** Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay

**Secretariat:** Katie Helme, Committee Secretary  
Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer  
Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer  
Candice Maclean, Executive Director

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**1. UPDATE TO AGENDA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUTPUTS**

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee agree to adopt the updated Agenda for the Consideration of Outputs.

Question put and passed.

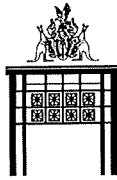
**2. NEXT MEETING**

9.00 am, Tuesday 9 June 2026

Meeting closed at 3.23 pm.

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**Mr Clinton Howe MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 3

#### Day 1 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Tuesday 9 June

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

#### Substituting Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (for Mr Ed Smelt, 9.00am to 5.30pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

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#### 1. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Chief Minister

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Kirsten Kelly	NT Electoral Commissioner	Northern Territory Electoral Commission
Kostas Trikilis	Acting Deputy Electoral Commissioner	Northern Territory Electoral Commission

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.1	Opening statement	J Davis	Costs of running a two-week early voting period	

Hearing concluded.

#### 2. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Chief Minister

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Peter Shoyer	Integrity and Ethics Commissioner	Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner
Reece Kershaw	Chief Executive Officer	Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner
Bronwyn Haack	Executive Contract Officer	Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
John Lynch	Executive Officer	Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner
Ruth Brisbane	Senior Administration Officer	Office of the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.2	Opening statement	J Davis	Recruitment costs for the commissioner, CEO, and inspector on the Integrity and Ethics Commission	Yes
1.3	3.1	J Davis	Operation Banksia	
1.4	4.1	J Davis	Recommendations made to NT Police as a result of complaints	

## Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
1.1	4.1	Watch House Investigation Report: Own motion investigation into conditions for Territory prisoners in Northern Territory Police Force watch houses - November 2025

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.30 am and 10.40 am.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Chief Minister; Territory Coordinator; Defence NT

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Luccio Cercarelli PSM	Chief Executive Officer	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jean Doherty	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Robert Csar	Executive Director, Corporate Services	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Louise McCormick	Executive General Manager, Strategy, Economic Growth and Development	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jimmy Kiploks	General Manager, Defence, Security and Resilience	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Stuart Knowles	Territory Coordinator	Office of the Territory Coordinator

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 1.00 pm and 1.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.5	Whole of Government	Ms Uibo	Review of the death of Kumanjaji Little Baby	Yes
1.6	11.1	Ms Uibo	Interstate employment in Ministerial offices	

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.7	11.1	Ms Uibo	Payments of costs for travel of interstate employees in Ministerial offices	
1.8	11.1	Ms Uibo	Breakdown of data regarding interstate employees in Ministerial offices	

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
1.2	Whole of Government	Correspondence regarding the Terms of Reference of the Independent Investigation into the Conduct of the DCF

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 2.34 pm and 2.39 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.30 pm and 3.45 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

### 4. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Police

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Martin Dole	Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
Travis Wurst	Acting Deputy Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
Lisa Wilson	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Northern Territory Police Force
Emma O'Leary	Executive Director	Northern Territory Police Force
James Gray-Spence	Assistant Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
Brendan Muldoon	Acting Assistant Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.9	Opening statement	Mr Young	Costs to evacuate Nauiyu via helicopter	
1.10	Opening statement	J Davis	Peacekeepers in Arnhem land	
1.11	Opening statement	J Davis	Anti-racism training	Yes
1.12	Opening statement	Ms Uibo	Number of vacant sworn policing roles	
1.13	Opening statement	J Davis	Number of sworn officers on workers' compensation	

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.30 pm until 9.00 am Wednesday 10 June 2026.



**Mr Clinton Howe MLA  
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 4**

**Day 2 of Estimates Hearings**

8.55 am, Wednesday 10 June 2026  
Litchfield Room

**Committee Members**

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)  
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)  
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston  
Mr Brian O'Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed as Deputy Chair from 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm)  
Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

**Substituting Members**

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (for Mr Smelt, 9.00am to 12.00pm)  
Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Member for Fong Lim (for Mrs Zio, 1.30pm to 5.30pm)

**Participating Members**

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura  
Hon Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

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**1. Substitution of the Deputy Chair**

The Committee met in private.

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr O'Gallagher as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm Wednesday 10 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting closed at 8.59 am.

**2. Hon Bill Yan MLA: Treasurer**

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Timothy McManus	Under Treasurer	Department of Treasury and Finance
Mick Butler	Deputy Under Treasurer, Economics and Finance	Department of Treasury and Finance
Dr Sarah Rummery	Deputy Under Treasurer, Revenue and Corporate	Department of Treasury and Finance
Tarrant Moore	Executive Director, Budget and Strategy	Department of Treasury and Finance
Tiziana Hucent	Executive Director, Finance	Department of Treasury and Finance

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.1	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Average rent increase forecast in 2026–27	
2.2	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Pensioner household electricity costs	
2.3	Opening Statement	J Davis	Revenue collected under the capped wagering arrangements	
2.4	1.1	Mr Howe	Ratio of debt to own-source revenue	
2.5	1.1	J Davis	Taxpayer-funded programs evaluations	
2.6	1.1	J Davis	Internal audits	
2.7	1.1	J Davis	Tabling of audit reports and details of follow-up actions	

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
2.1	3.1	HomeGrown and FreshStart grants status - as at 22 May 2026

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.22 am and 10.40 am.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.10 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Bill Yan MLA: Logistics and Infrastructure; Housing Construction

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Gemma Lake	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Fotis Papadakis	Chief Operating Officer	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Donna Moore	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Ryan Coppola	General Manager, Housing and Land Servicing	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Kirrily Chambers	General Manager, Built Infrastructure	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Tegan Berg	General Manager, Regions	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Adam Walding	Deputy Chief Executive	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Claire Brown	General Manager, Transport and Civil Infrastructure	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Alan Chambers	General Manager, Infrastructure NT	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Cindy McDonald	General Manager, Transport Safety and Services	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Clint Bambrick	General Manager, Corrections Infrastructure	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.8	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Remote housing program funding	
2.9	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Remote housing program contractor panels	Yes
2.10	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Work packages and housing project allocations under the remote housing program	Yes
2.11	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Infrastructure payment allocations to major capital works projects	
2.12	Opening Statement	Hon Lambley	Capital works funding in Alice Springs	
2.13	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Business case for duplication of the Stuart Highway	
2.14	Opening Statement	Mr Young	Perdjert street road sealing costs	
2.15	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Strategic Roads package expenditure	
2.16	Opening Statement	J Davis	Infrastructure in the Gove Peninsula	
2.17	Opening Statement	J Davis	Middle Arm expenditure	
2.18	Opening Statement	J Davis	Contractors for environmental studies in Middle Arm	
2.19	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Cancellation of the Art Gallery project	
2.20	Opening Statement	J Davis	Infrastructure spending on detention facilities	
2.21	Opening Statement	J Davis	Occupancy permits in detention facilities	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 1.05 pm and 1.35 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 2.48 pm and 2.53 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.30 pm and 3.45 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 4.39 pm and 4.45 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.30pm until 9.00am Thursday 11 June 2026.



**Mr Clinton Howe MLA  
Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 5

#### Day 3 of Estimates Hearings

8.55 am, Thursday 11 June

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair. Appointed as Chair from 3.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O'Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed as Chair from 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm)

Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

#### Substituting Members

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mrs Zio, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and Mr Howe, 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm. Appointed as Deputy Chair from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm)

Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina (for Mr O'Gallagher, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and Mrs Zio, 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm)

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly (for Mr Smelt, 9.00 am to 11.45 am)

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja (for Mr Smelt, 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm)

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura (for Mr Smelt, 4.00 pm to 9.30 pm)

Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Member for Goyder (for Mr Howe, 4.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Appointed as Deputy Chair from 4.00pm to 9.30 pm)

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mr O'Gallagher, 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura

Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

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#### 1. Substitution of the Deputy Chair

The Committee met in private.

Mr Howe moved and Mr Patel seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr Kerle as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 9.00 am to 3.30 pm Thursday 11 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting closed at 8.59 am.

#### 2. Hon Gerard Maley MLA: Agriculture and Fisheries; Recreational Fishing

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Amelia Vellar	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Jed Matz	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Lorraine Corowa	Senior Executive Director, Biosecurity and Animal Welfare	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Matt Osborne	Senior Executive Director, Fisheries	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.1	Opening Statement	Mr Young	Sawfish caught in gill nets	Yes
3.2	Opening Statement	Mr Young	Cameras on commercial fishing boats	Yes

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.30 am and 10.45 am.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Gerard Maley MLA: Mining and Energy; Renewables

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Alister Trier	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Mining and Energy
Scott Robertson	Senior Executive Director, Mining Development	Department of Mining and Energy
James Pratt	Senior Executive Director, Energy Development	Department of Mining and Energy
Joanna Frankenfeld	General Manager, Corporate Services / Chief Financial Officer	Department of Mining and Energy
Anne Tan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Department of Mining and Energy

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.3	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Mining development remediation projects	Yes
3.4	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Nathan River Resources security bond	Yes
3.5	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Sustainable energy projects	
3.6	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Federal government funded community batteries	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 11.37am and 11.43 am.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.35 pm and 1.05 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room.

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr O’Gallagher as Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm Thursday 11 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting closed at 12.36 pm.

Hearing resumed.

#### 4. Hon Gerard Maley MLA: Corrections

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Matthew Varley	Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer	Department of Corrections
Sasha Dennis	Deputy Commissioner, Youth Justice and Community Corrections	Department of Corrections
Kate Chambers	A/Deputy Commissioner, Adult Operations	Department of Corrections
Alecia Brimson	Deputy Chief Executive Officers, Strategy and Performance	Department of Corrections
Stephen Thacker	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Corrections

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.7	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Youth bootcamps	Yes
3.8	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Release from custody to Palmerston Bus Interchange	
3.9	Opening Statement	J Davis	Gender and intersex directive	
3.10	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Darwin transitional corrections centre	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 2.34 pm and 2.45 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room.

Justine Davis moved and Brian O’Gallagher seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mrs Zio as Chair and Mr Mackay as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 4.00 pm to 9.30 pm Thursday 11 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting closed at 3.32pm.

Hearing resumed.

## 5. Hon Jinson Charls MLA: People, Sport and Culture; Disability; Arts; Youth, Seniors and Equality; Multicultural Affairs; Veterans

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Samantha Livesley	Chief Executive Officer	Department of People, Sport and Culture
Deborah Butler	General Manager, People and Culture	Department of People, Sport and Culture
Francis Mills	General Manager, Sport, Recreation and Concessions	Department of People, Sport and Culture
Cynthia Loganathan	Chief Financial Officer	Department of People, Sport and Culture / Department of Children and Families
Rachelle McMillan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Strategy, Programs and Enabling Services	Department of People, Sport and Culture / Department of Children and Families
Siobhan Okley	Executive Director, Social Inclusion	Department of People, Sport and Culture

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	Senior Concession Scheme rural, remote and urban numbers	Yes
4.2	1.1	Mr Young	Multicultural grants funding	Yes
4.3	1.1	Mr Young	Multicultural grants by region	Yes
4.4	1.1	Mr Young	Operation Thrive grants	Yes
4.5	1.1	Mr Young	Youth Hub local submissions	
4.6	1.1	Mr Young	Youth Hub submissions	
4.7	1.1	Mr Young	Northern Suburbs Youth Hub consultation	
4.8	1.3	Mr Mackay	NT Concession Scheme by electorate	
4.9	2.1	Mr Brown	Funded remote sport and recreation positions	

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
4.1	1.1	Youth Grant Payments - 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
4.2	1.1	Older Persons Abuse Grant Program - Grant Guidelines 2025-26
4.3	1.1	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - Grant Guidelines 2026
4.4	1.2	Correspondence - From Minister Charls - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 7.37 pm and 7.45 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 9.30 pm until Monday 15 June 2026 at 9.00 am.

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**Mr Clinton Howe MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 6

#### Day 4 of Estimates Hearings

8.55 am, Monday 15 June 2026

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair. Appointed as Chair from 12.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed as Deputy Chair from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm)

Mr Ed Smelt, Member for Nightcliff

#### Substituting Members

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mr O’Gallagher, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Appointed as Deputy Chair from 9.00am to 12.30 pm)

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mrs Zio, 9.00am to 12.00 pm, Mr Howe, 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm, and Mr O’Gallagher, 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Appointed as Deputy Chair from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm)

Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina (for Mr Howe, 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

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#### 1. Substitution of the Deputy Chair

The Committee met in private.

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mrs Carlson as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 9.00 am to 12.00 pm Monday 15 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. Correspondence

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Treasurer.

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the Statements of Corporate Intent 2026-27 received from Jacana, Power and Water, and Territory Generation.

Question put and passed.

The meeting concluded at 8.59am.

### 3. Hon Steve Edgington MLA: Health; Mental Health; Alcohol Policy

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Susan Bowden	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Department of Health
Fiona Renshaw	Deputy Chief Executive, Regional Health Service	Department of Health
Kim Charles	Deputy Chief Executive, Enabling Services	Department of Health
Cecelia Gore	Deputy Chief Executive, Commissioning and System Improvement	Department of Health
Dr Paul Burgess	Chief Health Officer	Department of Health
Samara Hanley	Executive Director, Aboriginal Health, Engagement and Workforce	Department of Health

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.1	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Elective surgeries postponed or deferred	
5.2	Opening Statement	J Davis	Code yellows requested but not enacted	Yes
5.3	Opening Statement	J Davis	Time between code yellow request and declaration	Yes
5.4	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Pregnancy-related health service travel costs	
5.5	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Staff qualified for water births	
5.6	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	NT Health nurse vacancies	Yes
5.7	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Hospital and clinic shifts filled below requirements	
5.8	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	NT Health staff overtime and cost by region	Yes
5.9	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Emergency department wait times	
5.10	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Ambulance non-availability	
5.11	Opening Statement	J Davis	NT Health midwife vacancies	
5.12	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Interstate patient travel costs	
5.13	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	X-rays in remote community clinics	Yes
5.14	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Interstate health services invoiced	
5.15	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Remote community health services workforce shortages	
5.16	Opening Statement	J Davis	Remote clinic staffing and vacancies	
5.17	Opening Statement	J Davis	Elective surgery wait times	
5.18	Opening Statement	J Davis	Average bed wait times by speciality	
5.19	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Elective surgeries by region	
5.20	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Aboriginal health workers funded, actual, and vacant	

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.21	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Ratio of urban and remote Aboriginal health workers and practitioners	
5.22	Opening Statement	Mr Howe	Demand at Palmerston hospital emergency department	
5.23	Opening Statement	Mr Howe	Specialist services at Palmerston hospital	Yes
5.24	Opening Statement	J Davis	Budget for prevention and early intervention	
5.25	Opening Statement	J Davis	Modelling of long-term benefits of prevention	
5.26	Opening Statement	J Davis	Implementation of Coroner's recommendations	
5.27	Opening Statement	J Davis	Access to healing programs on country	
5.28	Opening Statement	J Davis	Patients awaiting a specialist mental health bed	
5.29	Opening Statement	J Davis	IM or IV sedations	
5.30	Opening Statement	J Davis	Induced comas	
5.31	Opening Statement	J Davis	Longest time in emergency holding area before mental health bed was available	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.32 am and 10.47 am.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room.

Mrs Zio moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mrs Zio as Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 12.30 pm to 9.30 pm Monday 15 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Zio moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr O'Gallagher as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm Monday 15 June 2026 and Mr Kerle as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm Monday 15 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting concluded at 12.05pm.

## 4. Hon Steve Edgington MLA: Housing, Local Government and Community Development; Essential Services

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tom Leeming	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Margaret Close	Deputy Chief Executive	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Josie Curr	Deputy Chief Executive	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Ruth Lantzke	Acting Chief Regional Delivery Officer	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Tamara Biro	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.32	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Status and location of 102 new social and affordable homes	
5.33	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Homes scheduled for construction in the bush, town camps and community living areas	
5.34	Opening Statement	J Davis	Housing reference group membership in the Mulka region	

Hearing concluded.

## 5. Hon Josh Burgoyne MLA: Lands, Planning and Environment; Water Resources

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Joanne Townsend	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Leah Clifford	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Desiree Ng	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Jasmine Husson	Executive Director, Land Development	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Doug Lesh	Senior Executive Director, Planning and Development	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Hanna Steevens	Executive Director, Planning	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Lauren Townsend	Acting Executive Director, Environment and Heritage	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Tess Cole-Adams	Executive Director, Environment Regulation	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Alaric Fisher	Executive Director, Flora and Fauna	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Nerida Beard	Executive Director, Water Resources	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Maria Wauchope	Executive Director, Rangelands	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Hannah Barraza	Chief Executive Officer	Land Development Corporation
Carly Beh	Chief Financial Officer	Land Development Corporation
Robert Pocock	Chief Executive Officer	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Darren Johnson	Director, Policy and Governance	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Andrew Harvey	Director, Corporate Services	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Hearing commenced.

**Questions Taken on Notice**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered</b>
6.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	NT emissions per capita	Yes
6.2	Opening Statement	J Davis	Most recent NT emissions per capita	Yes

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 5.00 pm and 5.09 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 8.06 pm and 8.17 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**6. Hon Josh Burgoyne MLA: Corporate and Digital Development**

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Catherine Weber	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Corporate and Digital Development
Greg Connors	Deputy Chief Executive, Digital Services	Department of Corporate and Digital Development
Lisa Watson	Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Services	Department of Corporate and Digital Development
Vicki Highland	Chief Operating Officer	Department of Corporate and Digital Development

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 9.30 pm until Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 9.00 am.

**Mr Clinton Howe MLA  
Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 7

#### Day 5 of Estimates Hearings

8.55 am, Tuesday 16 June 2026

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair. Appointed as Chair 3.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O'Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed as Deputy Chair 3.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

#### Substituting Members

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura (for Mr Smelt, 9.00 am to 2.40 pm)

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mr O'Gallagher, 9.00am to 12.00pm)

Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Member for Goyder (for Mrs Zio, 9.00am to 12.00pm, and Mr O'Gallagher, 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm. Appointed as Deputy Chair 9.00 am to 12.00 pm)

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly (for Mr Smelt, 2.40 pm to 3.00 pm)

Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina (for Mr Howe, 3.30pm to 6.30pm)

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (for Mr Smelt, 3.30 pm to 6.25 pm).

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja (for Mr Smelt, 6.25 pm to 9.30 pm)

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mr Howe, 7.00pm to 9.30pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

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#### 1. Substitution of the Deputy Chair

The Committee met in private.

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr Mackay as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 9.00 am to 12.00 pm Tuesday 16 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting concluded at 9.00 am.

#### 2. Hon Jo Hersey MLA: Education and Training; Early Education

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Aderyn Chatterton	Acting Chief Executive	Department of Education and Training
Paul van Holsteyn	Deputy Chief Executive, Schools	Department of Education and Training

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tony Considine	Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic and Business Services	Department of Education and Training
Jasmin Aldenhoven	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Education and Training

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	School attendance officer program budget	Yes
7.2	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Families issued with an income management notice	Yes
7.3	Opening Statement	Ms Uiibo	Better Fairer Schools Agreement funding conditions and penalties	Yes
7.4	Opening Statement	Mr Brown	Disability-related funding	Yes
7.5	Opening Statement	Mr Mackay	Students in 60% to 80% attendance category	Yes
7.6	Opening Statement	Ms Uiibo	RATE student employment	
7.7	Whole of Government	Ms Uiibo	Childcare centres meeting or exceeding National Quality Standards	
7.8	Whole of Government	Mr Brown	QECNT reassess services	Yes
7.9	Whole of Government	Mr Brown	Q1 2026 compliance notices and directions	Yes
7.10	2.1	Mr Mackay	Incidents breakdown by category for schools	
7.11	2.2	Mr Mackay	Primary school attendance	Yes
7.12	2.3	Mr Mackay	NTCET and ATAR attainment	Yes
7.13	2.3	Mr Mackay	Students not completing Year 12	

## Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
7.1	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.1
7.2	Opening Statement	Term 1, 2026 school attendance by electorate
7.3	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.2
7.4	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.3
7.5	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.4
7.6	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.5
7.7	Whole of Government	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.8
7.8	Whole of Government	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.9
7.9	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.4
7.10	2.2	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 7.11

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.30 am and 10.45 am.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room.

Mr Howe moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mrs Zio as Chair and Mr O’Gallagher as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 3.30 pm to 9.30 pm Tuesday 16 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting concluded at 12.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 1.35 pm and 1.40 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 2.40 pm and 2.45 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Jo Hersey MLA: Public Service

#### Witnesses

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Nicole Hurwood	Commissioner for Public Employment	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Johanna Stieber	Senior Executive Director, Employee Relations	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Hayley Green	Senior Director, Strategic Workforce Planning and Development	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Courtney Mabey	Senior Director, Public Sector Appeals and Grievance Reviews	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

### 4. Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA: Trade, Business and Asian Relations; Workforce Development; Advanced Manufacturing; International Education, Migration and Population

#### Witnesses

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Hayley Richards	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Kelly Ralston	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Luis Da Rocha	General Manager, Policy, Strategy and Insights	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jake Quinlivan	General Manager, Business and Regions	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8.1	Whole of Government	Ms Uibo	Procurement complaints upheld	Yes
8.2	1.3	Ms Uibo	Staff travel costs	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 5.00 pm and 5.10 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 6.25 pm and 6.55 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 5. Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA: Children and Families; Child Protection; Prevention of Domestic Violence

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Brent Warren	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Children and Families
Rachelle McMillan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Strategy, Programs and Enabling Services	Department of Children and Families
Karen Broadfoot	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Regional Services	Department of Children and Families
Cynthia Loganathan	Chief Financial Officer	Department of Children and Families

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8.3	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Priority investigations and commencement timeframes	Yes
8.4	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Long-term parent responsibility directions	
8.5	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Section 83B concerns for children	Yes
8.6	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Children engaged with circuit breaker program	Yes
8.7	Opening Statement	J Davis	Circuit breaker service referrals	
8.8	Opening Statement	J Davis	Unmet demand for crisis accommodation	

## Tabled Papers

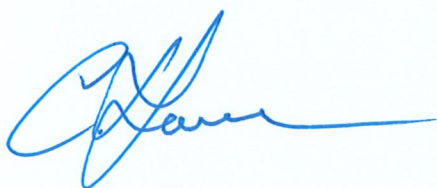
No.	Output	Title
8.1	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 8.6

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 8.15 pm and 8.25 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 9.30 pm until Wednesday 17 June at 9.00 am.



**Mr Clinton Howe MLA**  
**Chair**



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 8**

**Day 6 of Estimates Hearings**

8.55 am, Wednesday 17 June 2026  
Litchfield Room

**Committee Members**

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair. Appointed Chair 9.00 am to 3.00 pm)

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed Deputy Chair 9.00 am to 3.00 pm and Chair 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm)

Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

**Substituting Members**

Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina (for Mr Howe, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm)

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja (for Mr Smelt, 9.00 am to 1.40 pm)

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mr Howe, 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm)

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mrs Zio, 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm)

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura (for Mr Smelt, 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm)

**Participating Members**

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

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**1. Substitutions of the Chair and Deputy Chair**

Mrs Zio moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mrs Zio as Chair and Mr O’Gallagher as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Wednesday 17 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Zio moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr O’Gallagher as Chair and Mrs Carlson as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm Wednesday 17 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

Meeting concluded at 8.59 am.

## 2. Hon Marie-Clare Boothby MLA: Attorney-General

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Leonique Swart	A/Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General's Department
Erin McAuley	A/Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General's Department
Brett Roach	Senior Director, Business and Enabling Services / Chief Financial Officer	Attorney-General's Department
Thomas Winter	Executive Director, Legal Services	Attorney-General's Department
Janet Hanigan	Executive Director, Strategic Policy Coordination	Attorney-General's Department
Chris Cox PSM	Executive Director, Justice Services	Attorney-General's Department
Patrick Williams	A/Director of Public Prosecutions	Attorney-General's Department
Jeswynn Yogaratnam	Commissioner, Anti-Discrimination Commission	Attorney-General's Department
Shahleena Musk	Commissioner, Office of the Children's Commissioner	Attorney-General's Department
Traci Keys	Commissioner, Consumer Affairs	Attorney-General's Department
Grant Hastie	Executive Director, NT WorkSafe	Attorney-General's Department

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9.1	1.3	Mr Paech	Victims of crime stats for Central Australia	Yes
9.2	2.1	Mrs Zio	Alternative-to-custody programs	
9.3	2.1	J Davis	Evaluation terms of reference for the law and justice groups	
9.4	2.1	J Davis	FTE staff employed in the Aboriginal Justice Unit	
9.5	2.3	J Davis	Funding for community-led programs in the Mulka region	
9.6	2.3	Mr Paech	Number of Legal Aid NT criminal representation services	
9.7	2.3	J Davis	Number of Legal Aid NT criminal law duty lawyer services	
9.8	2.3	Mr Paech	Number of individuals not provided legal representation	
9.9	2.4	Mr Paech	Number of mandatory sentences breakdown	
9.10	2.4	Mr Paech	Number of incarcerated sentences for 10, 11, and 12-year-olds	Yes
9.11	2.4	Mr Paech	Number of DVO applications	Yes
9.12	2.4	Mr Paech	Number of bail rejections	
9.13	2.4	J Davis	Number of 10, 11, 12-year-olds charged with offences	
9.14	2.4	J Davis	Number of all offences	
9.15	3.1	Mr Paech	Number of guilty pleas	
9.16	3.2	Mr Paech	Guilty pleas in youth court	
9.17	3.2	J Davis	Costs of defending the Binsaris Case	
9.18	3.2	J Davis	Community Justice Centre funding	
9.19	3.2	J Davis	Longest time to have a matter heard in lower courts	
9.20	3.3	Mr Paech	NTCAT bond disputes	
9.21	4.1	J Davis	DPP charges, convictions, and withdrawals	
9.22	5.1	Mr Kerle	Housing-related complaints received by the Anti-Discrimination Commission	
9.23	5.2	Mr Paech	Children's Commissioner own initiated inquiries	
9.24	5.2	Mr Kerle	Number of information reports as basis for own-initiative investigations	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.31 am and 10.41 am.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 1.40 pm and 1.50 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Marie-Clare Boothby MLA: Tourism and Hospitality; Major Events; Racing; Parks and Wildlife

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Suzana Bishop	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Tourism and Hospitality
Valerie Smith	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Licensing, Commercial and Enablement	Department of Tourism and Hospitality
Muhammad Waqas	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Department of Tourism and Hospitality
Rachel Telford	Executive Director, Industry Development	Department of Tourism and Hospitality

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9.25	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Budget for Tourism NT and NT Major Events	
9.26	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Seven action plans	

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm

### 4. Hon Robyn Lambley MLA: Speaker

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Russell Keith	Clerk and Chief Executive Officer	Department of the Legislative Assembly
Diem Tang	Chief Financial Officer	Department of the Legislative Assembly

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
10.1	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Security costs for Administrator's swearing-in	Yes

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm until Thursday 18 June 2026 at 9.00 am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clinton Howe', written in a cursive style.

**Mr Clinton Howe MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2026 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 9

#### Day 7 of Estimates Hearings

8.55 am, Thursday 18 June 2026

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed as Deputy Chair from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm)

Mr Ed Smelt MLA, Member for Nightcliff

#### Substituting Members

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mrs Zio, 9.00 am to 1.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura

Hon Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

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## 1. Substitution of the Deputy Chair

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room.

Mr Howe moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr O’Gallagher Carlson as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 9.00 am to 1.30 pm Thursday 18 June 2026.

Question put and passed.

The meeting concluded at 8.59 am.

## 2. Power and Water Corporation

#### Witnesses

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Peter Wilson AM	Board Chair	Power and Water Corporation
Djuna Pollard	Chief Executive Officer	Power and Water Corporation
John Pease	Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Company Secretary	Power and Water Corporation
Graciano Chatikobo	Chief Financial Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Karen Kennedy	Acting Executive General Manager, Water Services	Power and Water Corporation
Belinda Small	Executive General Manager, Power Services	Power and Water Corporation
Michael Besselink	Executive General Manager, Core Operations	Power and Water Corporation
Jason Howe	Executive General Manager, Customer and Strategy	Power and Water Corporation

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
11.1	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Community battery pilot announcement timeframe	
11.2	Opening Statement	J Davis	Blacktip gas delivery and cost	

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 10.30 am and 10.40 am

### 3. Jacana Energy

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Trevor James	Board Chair	Jacana Energy
Tom Korecki	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Jacana Energy
Jo Conway	Chief Customer Officer	Jacana Energy
	Chief Financial Officer / Executive Manager, Business Performance Solutions	Jacana Energy
Marco Di Somma	Acting Chief Risk Officer and Company Secretary	Jacana Energy
Alec Purkis		

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
12.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	Complaints regarding incorrect billing	

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 11.20 am and 11.30 am

### 4. Territory Generation

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dennis Bree	Non-Executive Director	Territory Generation
Gerhard Laubscher	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Generation
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Assets and Engineering	Territory Generation
Minh Tran	General Manager, Operations & Maintenance	Territory Generation
Timothy Danby	General Manager, Commercial & Business Development	Territory Generation
Rebecca McKenzie	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Territory Generation
Nikita MacMurray		

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
13.1	Opening Statement	Mr Smelt	Breakdown of repair and maintenance costs	

Hearing concluded.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.55 pm and 1.00 pm

## 5. Auditor-General's Office

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jara Dean	Auditor-General	Auditor-General's Office

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 1.30 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston room.

## 6. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mr Howe moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

the minutes of meetings 1 to 8 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

## 7. Consideration of Draft Report

Mr Howe moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

The Committee adopt the *2026 Estimates Committee Report*

Question put and passed.

## 8. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm.

**Clinton Howe MLA**  
**Chair**