



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Estimates Committee 2022

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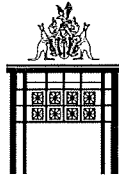
**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

**Estimates Committee 2022**

**Report**

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June 2022



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 1

1.30 pm, Wednesday, 25 May 2022  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair) (via videoconference)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)  
Mr Michael Gunner MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (via teleconference)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen (via teleconference)  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via videoconference)

**Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated to be Chair. Mr Gunner seconded the nomination.

Mrs Lambley nominated to be Chair. Mr Yan seconded the nomination.

There being more than one nomination the Secretary conducted a ballot between the Members proposed in a similar manner to that in Standing Order 235.

The Secretary announced the result of the ballot to be Mr Bowden 3 votes and Mrs Lambley 2 votes. As Mr Bowden had a majority of votes the Secretary declared Mr Bowden to be the Chair.

#### 2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair. Mr Gunner seconded the nomination.

Mrs Lambley nominated Mr Yan to be Deputy Chair. The nomination was not seconded.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair.

#### 3. MEDIA RELEASES

Mr Costa moved and Mr Gunner seconded:

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

Question put and passed.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL APPEARANCES

The Committee discussed the draft Estimates Schedule by Minister as circulated by the Chair and the draft schedule proposed by the Opposition as circulated by Mr Yan.

Mr Gunner moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Committee adopt the draft Estimates Schedule by Minister as circulated by the Chair.

Question put and passed.

Noting the points raised by Mr Yan and Mrs Lambley in support of the draft Estimates Schedule by Minister as proposed by the Opposition, the Chair undertook to consult Ministers regarding the proposed amendments to the Chair's draft schedule. It was further agreed that the finalised schedule would be provided to the Committee Secretariat by 12.00 pm, Friday 27 May for dissemination and publication on the Committee's website.

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

The Committee reviewed and noted the draft Agenda for the Consideration of Outputs. The Secretary noted that the draft Agenda will be reviewed by agency secretariats to confirm Ministerial responsibility for outputs prior to publication.

**6. HEARING ARRANGEMENTS AND COVID SAFETY PLAN**

The Committee endorsed the Estimates Hearings COVID Safety Plan.

**7. ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

As in previous years, the Committee agreed that the Electoral Commissioner will only be required to appear before the Committee during the Chief Minister's appearance and any questions relating to his responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2008 be directed to him at that time.

**8. OTHER INDEPENDENT OFFICERS**

The Committee agreed that Members would advise the Secretariat by 12.00 pm, Friday 27 May 2022 of any Independent Officers under output 5 of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice that they did not have questions for and did not require to appear before the Committee.

**9. MEDIA ACCESS**

In accordance with the Estimates COVID Safety Plan, the Committee agreed to allow up to two media camera operators to film the Estimates Committee proceedings.

**10. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The committee discussed Estimates procedures and traditions regarding allocation of questions, relevance, participation by other members, substitution of members, quorum and the consideration of outputs.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

8.30 am, Tuesday 14 June 2022.

Meeting closed at 2.06 pm



**Mr Joel Bowden MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 2

Day 1 of Estimates Hearings

8.30am, Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

#### Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder  
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

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#### 1. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Chief Minister

##### Witnesses

| Name        | Position        | Agency                                      |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Julie Crisp | Auditor-General | Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office |

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

##### Witnesses

| Name            | Position                      | Agency                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Iain Loganathan | Electoral Commissioner        | NT Electoral Commission |
| Kirsten Kelly   | Deputy Electoral Commissioner | NT Electoral Commission |

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output            | From            | Subject                                  | Answered |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| 1.1 | Opening Statement | Mrs Finocchiaro | Daly by-election voter turnout           | Yes      |
| 1.2 | Opening Statement | Mrs Finocchiaro | Daly by-election advertising expenditure | Yes      |

Hearing concluded.

## Witnesses

| Name                                | Position                                       | Agency   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Michael Riches<br>(videoconference) | Independent Commissioner Against<br>Corruption | Office of the Independent<br>Commissioner Against Corruption |
| Kathryn Clet<br>(videoconference)   | Director                                       | Office of the Independent<br>Commissioner Against Corruption |

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output               | From        | Subject   | Answered |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|---|----------|
| 1.3 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Lambley | Shanahan Review Expenditure                         |          |
| 1.4 | Opening<br>Statement | Ms Purick   | Investigations and referrals to government agencies |          |

## Tabled Papers

| No. | Output               | Title  |
|-----|----------------------|--|
| 1.1 | Opening<br>Statement | Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Graphs |

Hearing concluded.

## Witnesses

| Name         | Position                                  | Agency             |
|--------------|---|--------------------|
| Peter Shoyer | Ombudsman and Information<br>Commissioner | Ombudsman's Office |

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output               | From            | Subject                                       | Answered |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|---|----------|
| 1.5 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Finocchiaro | Review of the Victims of Crime Assistance Act |          |
| 1.6 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Finocchiaro | Victims of crime complaints                   |          |

Hearing concluded.

## Witnesses

| Name                | Position  | Agency                        |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Kathleen Robertson  | Chief Executive Officer   | Chief Minister and Cabinet    |
| Tim McManus         | General Manager<br>Strategic Services                                   | Chief Minister and Cabinet    |
| Bridgette Bellenger | General Manager<br>Territory Regional Growth                            | Chief Minister and Cabinet    |
| Jason Schoolmeester | Major Projects Commissioner   | Chief Minister and Cabinet    |
| Andrew Cowan        | Deputy Chief Executive Officer and<br>Territory Investment Commissioner | Chief Minister and Cabinet    |
| Alastair Shields    | Chief Executive Officer   | Darwin Waterfront Corporation |
| Sam Burke           | General Manager   | Darwin Waterfront Corporation |
| Tony Stubbin        | Chief Executive   | Land Development Corporation  |
| Carly Beh           | Financial Controller  | Land Development Corporation  |

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output              | From            | Subject   | Answered |
|------|---------------------|-----------------|---|----------|
| 1.7  | Opening Statement   | Mrs Finocchiaro | Planned and proposed projects   |          |
| 1.8  | Whole of Government | Mrs Finocchiaro | Funding for private security agencies   |          |
| 1.9  | 16.1                | Mrs Finocchiaro | Darwin Ship Lift Project expenditure  |          |
| 1.10 | 16.1                | Mrs Finocchiaro | Investment Territory budget breakdown   |          |
| 1.11 | 17.1                | Mr Maley        | Convention centre return on government investment                               |          |
| 1.12 | 17.1                | Mr Yan          | Costs of Criminal Damage to Waterfront  |          |
| 1.13 | 18.1                | Mrs Lambley     | Staffing of ministerial offices   |          |
| 1.14 | 18.1                | Mrs Lambley     | Budget allocation to support Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition         |          |
| 1.15 | 18.1                | Mr Yan          | Media and Protocol units costs for the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet |          |
| 1.16 | 18.1                | Mr Maley        | Daly Electorate Ministerial Travel - 15 August to 15 September 2021             |          |
| 1.17 | 21                  | Mr Maley        | Complaints from private enterprises against the Land Development Corporation    |          |

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Minister for Health

### Witnesses

| Name                       | Position                              | Agency |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Frank Daly                 | Chief Executive Officer               | Health |
| David Braines-Mead         | Deputy Chief Executive Officer        | Health |
| Adjunct Prof Joanne Norton | Deputy Chief Executive Officer        | Health |
| Dr Charles Pain            | Acting Chief Health Officer           | Health |
| Cecelia Gore               | Executive Director                    | Health |
|                            | Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs |        |
| Lisa Barnes                | Regional Executive Director           | Health |
|                            | Barkly                                |        |

Hearing commenced.

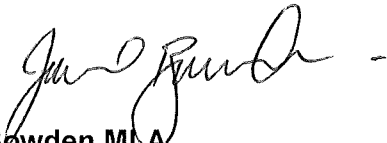
### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output            | From     | Subject   | Answered |
|------|-------------------|----------|---|----------|
| 1.18 | Opening Statement | Mr Maley | People whom stayed at the Centre for National Resilience free of charge | Yes      |
| 1.19 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan   | Cost to taxpayers for people staying at Quest Palmerston                |          |
| 1.20 | Opening Statement | Mr Maley | Travel to Howard Springs centre in relation to COVID                    |          |
| 1.21 | Opening Statement | Mr Maley | Cost of keeping Howard Springs facility open                            |          |
| 1.22 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan   | Remote health clinic vacancies  |          |
| 1.23 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan   | Health staff resignations   |          |

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output            | From      | Subject   | Answered |
|------|-------------------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1.24 | Opening Statement | Mr Guyula | Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease cases |          |
| 1.25 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan    | Remote health clinics' private security           |          |
| 1.26 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan    | Criminal offences at remote health clinics        |          |

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.00 pm until 15 June 2022 at 8.30 am.



**Joel Bowden MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 3

#### Day 2 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am Wednesday, 15 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

#### Substituting Members

Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 5.00 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder  
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly  
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

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#### 1. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Treasurer

##### Witnesses

| Name            | Position  | Agency               |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Craig Graham    | Under Treasurer                                 | Treasury and Finance |
| Catherine Weber | Deputy Under Treasurer<br>Corporate             | Treasury and Finance |
| Mick Butler     | Deputy Under Treasurer<br>Economics and Revenue | Treasury and Finance |

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output               | From            | Subject                               | Answered |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 2.1 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Finocchiaro | Decreasing current and capital grants | Yes      |

##### Tabled Papers

| No. | Output               | Title   |
|-----|----------------------|---|
| 2.1 | Opening<br>Statement | Chart 1: Territory GST Revenue 2001-02 to 2025-26 |

Hearing concluded.



## 2. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Minister for Education

### Witnesses

| Name              | Position   | Agency                                 |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Karen Weston      | Chief Executive  | Education                              |
| Brett Roach       | Chief Financial Officer                                      | Education                              |
| Susan Bowden      | Deputy Chief Executive<br>Agency Services                    | Education                              |
| Saeed Amin        | Deputy Chief Executive<br>Regional Services                  | Education                              |
| Tony Considine    | Executive Director<br>Early Years and Education Services     | Education                              |
| Aderyn Chatterton | Executive Director<br>Youth, Engagement and Partnerships     | Education                              |
| Adam Walding      | General Manager<br>Infrastructure, Investments and Contracts | Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output            | From       | Subject   | Answered |
|-----|-------------------|------------|---|----------|
| 2.2 | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | Three-year-old preschool trial attendance rates                             |          |
| 2.3 | Opening Statement | Ms Purick  | School based policing budget  |          |
| 2.4 | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | Vacancies for engagement and compliance officers                            |          |
| 2.5 | Opening Statement | Ms Purick  | Number of principals who have vacated the role                              |          |
| 2.6 | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | Attendance plans issued in the last calendar year and breakdown by location |          |
| 2.7 | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | Compliance notices issued and breakdown by location                         |          |
| 2.8 | Opening Statement | Ms Purick  | Pay freeze policy and number of education contracts renewed                 |          |

### Tabled Papers

| No. | Output            | Title                                   |
|-----|-------------------|---|
| 2.2 | Opening Statement | 2021-22 Building Better Schools Program |

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

### Witnesses

| Name             | Position   | Agency                                 |
|------------------|--|--|
| Andrew Kirkman   | Chief Executive  | Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics |
| Louise McCormick | Infrastructure Commissioner                                  | Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics |
| Fotis Papadakis  | Chief Financial Officer                                      | Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics |
| Adam Walding     | General Manager<br>Infrastructure, Investments and Contracts | Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output | From         | Subject  | Answered |
|------|--------|--------------|--|----------|
| 2.9  | 13.1   | Mr Maley     | Anzac Parade upgrade   |          |
| 2.10 | 13.1   | Mr Maley     | Borroloola cyclone shelter   |          |
| 2.11 | 13.1   | Mr Edgington | Purkiss Reserve funding  |          |
| 2.12 | 13.1   | Mr Maley     | Number of reviews of the Katherine office                            |          |
| 2.13 | 13.2   | Mr Edgington | Repairs and maintenance budget for the Tennant Creek<br>DIPLO office |          |
| 2.14 | 13.2   | Mr Maley     | Number of complaints in relation to changing of tender<br>documents  |          |

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.00 pm until 16 June 2022 at 8.30 am.



**Joel Bowden MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 4

#### Day 3 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Thursday, 16 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

#### Substituting Members

Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 12.30 pm)  
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine (for Mr Yan 3.30 pm – 9.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka  
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling

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### 1. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Minister for Mining and Industry, Tourism and Hospitality, Northern Australia and Trade

#### Witnesses

| Name               | Position                            | Agency                      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Shaun Drabsch      | Chief Executive Officer             | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Joanna Frankenfeld | Chief Financial Officer             | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Anne Tan           | Deputy Chief Executive Officer      | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Mining and Energy                   |                             |
| Ian Scrimgeour     | Senior Executive Director           | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | NT Geological Survey                |                             |
| Armando Padovan    | Senior Executive Director           | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Mines                               |                             |
| James Pratt        | Senior Executive Director           | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Energy Development                  |                             |
| Luis Da Rocha      | General Manager                     | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Strategy and Policy                 |                             |
| Joseph Kuhn        | Senior Director                     | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Industry Strategy                   |                             |
| Gina Cassimatis    | Director                            | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | International Engagement            |                             |
| Scott Lovett       | Deputy Chief Executive Officer      | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Tourism, Services and Hospitality   |                             |
| Valerie Smith      | Executive Director                  | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Industry Development                |                             |
| Sebastian Angborn  | Screen Industry Development Manager | Industry, Tourism and Trade |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output            | From         | Subject  | Answered |
|-----|-------------------|--------------|--|----------|
| 3.1 | Opening Statement | Ms Boothby   | Output for veteran affairs questions                     |          |
| 3.2 | Opening Statement | Mr Edgington | Interest earned on the \$61.2m in the MRF                |          |
| 3.3 | 2.1               | Mr Edgington | Darwin based Newmont employees and relocation incentives |          |
| 3.4 | 2.3               | Mr Edgington | Gas exploration permit approval times                    |          |
| 3.5 | 5.1               | Ms Boothby   | Tourism Central Australia Office budget allocation       |          |

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Minister for Parks and Rangers

### Witnesses

| Name                | Position                                 | Agency                                |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Joanne Townsend     | Chief Executive Officer                  | Environment, Parks and Water Security |
| Rikki Lee Goldfinch | Chief Financial Officer                  | Environment, Parks and Water Security |
| Sally Egan          | Executive Director<br>Parks and Wildlife | Environment, Parks and Water Security |
| Dr Alaric Fisher    | Executive Director<br>Flora and Fauna    | Environment, Parks and Water Security |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output            | From   | Subject                                   | Answered |
|-----|-------------------|--------|---|----------|
| 3.6 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan | NT Parks online booking system costs      |          |
| 3.7 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan | NT Parks online booking system complaints |          |
| 3.8 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan | Parks and Rangers FTE count               |          |

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security

### Witnesses

| Name                | Position                              | Agency                                |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Joanne Townsend     | Chief Executive Officer               | Environment, Parks and Water Security |
| Rikki Lee Goldfinch | Chief Financial Officer               | Environment, Parks and Water Security |
| Dr Alaric Fisher    | Executive Director<br>Flora and Fauna | Environment, Parks and Water Security |

## Witnesses

| Name                                | Position  | Agency                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Amy Dysart                          | Executive Director<br>Water Resources                     | Environment, Parks and Water<br>Security |
| Paul Purdon                         | Executive Director<br>Environmental Assessment and Policy | Environment, Parks and Water<br>Security |
| Collene Bremner                     | Executive Director<br>Bushfires NT                        | Environment, Parks and Water<br>Security |
| Maria Wauchope<br>(videoconference) | Executive Director<br>Rangelands                          | Environment, Parks and Water<br>Security |
| Amy Dennison                        | Executive Director<br>Environment Regulation              | Environment, Parks and Water<br>Security |

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output               | From        | Subject                              | Answered |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 4.1 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Hersey  | 11 stakeholder groups                | Yes      |
| 4.2 | 1.2                  | Mr Burgoyne | Gamba Grass complaints               |          |
| 4.3 | 1.3                  | Mrs Hersey  | Water licences declined              | Yes      |
| 4.4 | 1.3                  | Mrs Hersey  | Water allocation decreases           | Yes      |
| 4.5 | 1.3                  | Mrs Hersey  | Water trades denied                  | Yes      |
| 4.6 | 3.1                  | Mrs Hersey  | Point Onshore Gas information portal |          |
| 4.7 | 3.1                  | Mr Burgoyne | Illegal dumping                      |          |
| 4.8 | 3.1                  | Mrs Hersey  | EPA fines and penalties              |          |

Hearing concluded.

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

Hearing resumed.

## 4. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

### Witnesses

| Name                       | Position  | Agency |
|----------------------------|---|--------|
| Dr Frank Daly              | Chief Executive Officer                                     | Health |
| Adjunct Prof Joanne Norton | Deputy Chief Executive Officer                              | Health |
| Cecelia Gore               | Executive Director<br>Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs | Health |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output               | From       | Subject                                   | Answered |
|------|----------------------|------------|---|----------|
| 4.9  | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Hersey | Forensic mental health services budget    | Yes      |
| 4.10 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Hersey | Forensic psychologist positions           |          |
| 4.11 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Hersey | Aboriginal forensic mental health workers |          |
| 4.12 | Opening<br>Statement | Mrs Hersey | RDH mental health inpatient wait lists    |          |

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 9.30 pm until 20 June 2022 at 8.30 am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Bowden', written in a cursive style.

**Joel Bowden MLA  
Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 5

#### Day 4 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Monday, 20 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)

Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

#### Substituting Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Brainting (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 4.00 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

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### 1. Hon Kate Worden MLA: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

#### Witnesses

| Name                                | Position                                 | Agency                                 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Jamie Chalker                       | Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services |
| Murray Smalpage                     | Deputy Commissioner                      | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services |
| Michael Murphy<br>(videoconference) | Deputy Commissioner                      | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services |
| Paul Kelly                          | Chief Finance Officer                    | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services |
| Mark Spain                          | Chief Fire Officer                       | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services |
| Fleur O'Connor                      | Director<br>Emergency Services           | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services |

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output            | From            | Subject  | Answered |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| 5.1 | Opening Statement | Mrs Finocchiaro | Retiring police officers undertaking exit interviews | Yes      |
| 5.2 | Opening           | Mrs Finocchiaro | Professional Standards incidents                     |          |

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output              | From            | Subject   | Answered |
|------|---------------------|-----------------|---|----------|
|      | Statement           |                 |   |          |
| 5.3  | Opening Statement   | Mrs Finocchiaro | Section 79 notices and resolution timeframes  |          |
| 5.4  | Opening Statement   | Mrs Finocchiaro | Section 79 unresolved matters   | Yes      |
| 5.5  | Opening Statement   | Mrs Finocchiaro | Police officers currently suspended with and without pay                              |          |
| 5.6  | Opening Statement   | Mrs Finocchiaro | Police Force Members aged 60 years or over  | Yes      |
| 5.7  | Whole of Government | Mrs Finocchiaro | People under the age of 18 in protective custodies (Operation 'Knee Hammer')          | Yes      |
| 5.8  | Whole of Government | Mrs Finocchiaro | Assaults on Police Officers   |          |
| 5.9  | Whole of Government | Mrs Lambley     | Cost of damage to police property   |          |
| 5.10 | 1.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | People taken into watch houses, sobering up shelters and protective custody by police |          |
| 5.11 | 1.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Police and firefighter extended sick leave  |          |
| 5.12 | 2.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Youth arrests and bail figures  |          |
| 5.13 | 2.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Electronic monitoring devices for bailed youth offenders                              |          |
| 5.14 | 2.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Bail granted following a serious breach of bail                                       |          |
| 5.15 | 2.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Victim Offender Conferencing  |          |
| 5.16 | 2.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Emergency calls by region   | Yes      |
| 5.17 | 2.1                 | Mrs Finocchiaro | Job category timeframes   |          |
| 5.18 | 2.2                 | Mr Turner       | Cost of investigating the Yuendumu shooting   |          |
| 5.19 | 2.2                 | Mr Turner       | Expert reports into Yuendumu shooting   |          |
| 5.20 | 2.2                 | Mr Turner       | Vehicles seized under hoon legislation  |          |
| 5.21 | 6.1                 | Mr Turner       | Facial recognition technology costs   |          |

## Tabled Papers

| No. | Output            | Title                               |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5.1 | Opening Statement | Exit Interviews – Answer to QON 5.1 |

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Kate Worden MLA: Minister for Territory Families, Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, Sport

### Witnesses

| Name          | Position  | Agency                                      |
|---------------|---|---|
| Ken Davies    | Chief Executive Officer   | Territory Families, Housing and Communities |
| Emma White    | Deputy Chief Executive Officer<br>Regional Services and Communities | Territory Families, Housing and Communities |
| Jeanette Kerr | Deputy Chief Executive Officer<br>Families                          |   |

Hearing commenced.



### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output            | From        | Subject                                | Answered |
|------|-------------------|-------------|--|----------|
| 5.22 | Opening Statement | Mr Burgoyne | Youths on streets at night             |          |
| 5.23 | Opening Statement | Mr Burgoyne | Court-ordered work programs completion |          |

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 4.00 pm until 21 June 2022 at 8.30 am.



**Joel Bowden MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 6

#### Day 5 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

#### Substituting Members

Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 3.30 pm)  
Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan (for Mr Yan 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm)  
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Brailting (for Mr Yan 4.00 – 7.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka  
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

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## 1. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

#### Witnesses

| Name             | Position   | Agency                       |
|------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Gemma Lake       | Chief Executive Officer                                  | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Leonique Swart   | Deputy Chief Executive Officer                           | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Craig Smyth      | Executive Director<br>Legal Services                     | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Jenni Daniel-Yee | Director<br>Legal Policy                                 | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Carolyn Whyte    | Director<br>Criminal Justice Research and Statistics     | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Leanne Liddle    | Director<br>Aboriginal Justice Unit                      | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Matthew Varley   | Commissioner<br>Northern Territory Correctional Services | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Lloyd Babb       | Director of Public Prosecutions                          | Attorney-General and Justice |
| Chris Wicks      | Director<br>Regulatory Reform<br>NT WorkSafe             | Attorney-General and Justice |

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output | From         | Subject  | Answered |
|------|--------|--------------|--|----------|
| 6.1  | 1.1    | Mr Edgington | Office of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory vacancies                               | Yes      |
| 6.2  | 1.1    | Mr Edgington | Judgment and settlement payments by the Office of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory | Yes      |
| 6.3  | 1.1    | Mr Edgington | Civil actions against the Northern Territory   |          |
| 6.4  | 1.1    | Mr Edgington | Civil actions by the Northern Territory  |          |
| 6.5  | 1.1    | Mr Edgington | Chargeable hours   | Yes      |
| 6.6  | 1.2    | Mr Edgington | Strict liability offences  |          |
| 6.7  | 1.2    | Mr Edgington | ICAC Act Review  | Yes      |
| 6.8  | 1.3    | Mr Edgington | Victims of crime applications by region  |          |
| 6.9  | 1.4    | Mr Edgington | Reoffending statistics for the past five years and breakdown                               |          |
| 6.10 | 2.1    | Mr Yan       | Breakdown of non-custodial staff for the custodial facilities                              |          |
| 6.11 | 2.1    | Mr Edgington | Personnel budget for Darwin and Alice Springs Correctional Centres                         |          |
| 6.12 | 2.1    | Mr Edgington | Community Corrections vacancies  |          |
| 6.13 | 2.2    | Mr Edgington | Successful completion of community orders  | Yes      |
| 6.14 | 2.2    | Mr Edgington | Total cost of 5 year electronic monitoring contract  |          |
| 6.15 | 2.3    | Ms Boothby   | Corrections community work for seniors in Palmerston                                       |          |
| 6.16 | 2.3    | Mr Yan       | Budget for supervision component of community work orders                                  |          |
| 6.17 | 2.3    | Mr Edgington | Membership and vacancies of Parole Board   | Yes      |
| 6.18 | 2.3    | Mr Yan       | Percentage of offenders completing parole  |          |
| 6.19 | 2.3    | Mr Yan       | Rates of offenders participating in parole   |          |
| 6.20 | 2.3    | Mr Edgington | Length of Parole Board vacancies   |          |
| 6.21 | 4.1    | Mr Edgington | Director of Public Prosecutions case load  |          |

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing, and Desert Knowledge Australia

### Witnesses

| Name               | Position  | Agency                      |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Shaun Drabsch      | Chief Executive Officer   | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Joanna Frankenfeld | Chief Financial Officer   | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Catherine White    | General Manager<br>Business and Workforce                           | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Scott Lovett       | Deputy Chief Executive Officer<br>Tourism, Services and Hospitality | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Phil Timney        | Executive Director<br>Liquor, Racing and Gaming                     | Industry, Tourism and Trade |

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output | From         | Subject  | Answered |
|------|--------|--------------|--|----------|
| 6.22 | 12.4   | Mr Edgington | Implementation of Liquor Commission decision         |          |
| 6.23 | 12.4   | Mr Edgington | Declaration of private restricted premises by region |          |
| 6.24 | 12.4   | Ms Boothby   | Desert Knowledge Australia CEO salary                |          |

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Minister for Local Government

#### Witnesses

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Position</b>                                  | <b>Agency</b>              |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Bridgette Bellenger | General Manager<br>Territory Regional Growth     | Chief Minister and Cabinet |
| Maree De Lacey      | Executive Director<br>Local Government           | Chief Minister and Cabinet |
| Meeta Ramkumar      | Senior Director<br>Sustainability and Compliance | Chief Minister and Cabinet |

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

### 4. Hon Paul Kirby MLA: Minister for Agribusiness and Fisheries, Business, Jobs and Training, Major Events, and Veterans' Affairs

#### Witnesses

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Agency</b>               |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Shaun Drabsch      | Chief Executive Officer  | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Joanna Frankenfeld | Chief Financial Officer  | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Luke Bowen         | Deputy Chief Executive Officer<br>Agriculture, Fisheries and Biosecurity | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Phil Hausler       | Senior Executive Director<br>Agriculture                                 | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Ian Curnow         | Senior Executive Director<br>Fisheries                                   | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Lorraine Corowa    | Senior Executive Director<br>Biosecurity and Animal Welfare              | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Catherine White    | General Manager<br>Business and Workforce                                | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Scott Lovett       | Deputy Chief Executive<br>Tourism, Services and Hospitality              | Industry, Tourism and Trade |

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Output</b>     | <b>From</b> | <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Answered</b> |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 7.1        | Opening Statement | Ms Boothby  | 2022–23 budget allocated to Veteran Affairs                           |                 |
| 7.2        | Opening Statement | Ms Boothby  | NT Concession Scheme claimed by veterans                              |                 |
| 7.3        | Opening Statement | Ms Boothby  | Essential goods and services offered through the NT Concession Scheme |                 |
| 7.4        | 1.2               | Mr Yan      | Access to Manbulloo Station   |                 |
| 7.5        | 1.2               | Mr Yan      | AFANT grant funds for Manbulloo Station and the 50k hole              |                 |
| 7.6        | 3.1               | Ms Boothby  | COVID-19 business support packages                                    |                 |

Hearing concluded.

## 5. Hon Paul Kirby MLA: Minister for Public Employment

### Witnesses

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Agency</b>                                    |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Vicki Telfer PSM  | Commissioner for Public Employment                       | Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment |
| Libby Doney       | Director<br>Strategic Workforce Planning and Development | Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment |
| Cheryl Winstanley | Director<br>Employee Relations                           | Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment |

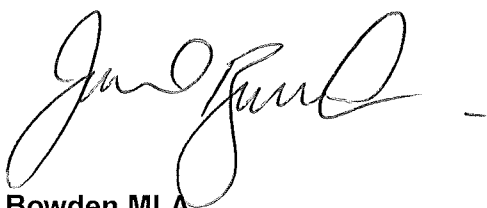
Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Output</b>       | <b>From</b> | <b>Subject</b>                   | <b>Answered</b> |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7.7        | Whole of government | Mr Yan      | Average employment turnover rate |                 |
| 7.8        | Whole of government | Mr Yan      | Resignation rate                 |                 |
| 7.9        | Whole of government | Mr Yan      | Private legal counsel costs      |                 |

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 7.30 pm until 22 June 2022 at 8.30 am.



**Joel Bowden MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 7

#### Day 6 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Wednesday, 22 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

#### Substituting Members

Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly (for Mr Yan 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling  
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

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### 1. Hon Selena Uibo MLA: Minister for Housing and Homelands, and Essential Services

#### Witnesses

| Name            | Position                                    | Agency                                      |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Ken Davies      | Chief Executive Officer                     | Territory Families, Housing and Communities |
| Brent Warren    | Deputy Chief Executive Officer<br>Housing   | Territory Families, Housing and Communities |
| Dwayne McInnes  | General Manager<br>Housing Program Office   | Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics      |
| Danyelle Jarvis | Executive Director<br>Remote Housing Reform | Territory Families, Housing and Communities |
| Kim Charles     | Chief Financial Officer                     | Territory Families, Housing and Communities |

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output            | From   | Subject                                     | Answered |
|-----|-------------------|--------|---|----------|
| 8.1 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan | Private head leases for police by region    |          |
| 8.2 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan | Vacant private head leases for police       | Yes      |
| 8.3 | Opening Statement | Mr Yan | Government managed houses for police        | Yes      |
| 8.4 | 2.2               | Mr Yan | Public housing breakdown by region and type | Yes      |

## Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output | From        | Subject  | Answered |
|------|--------|-------------|--|----------|
| 8.5  | 2.2    | Mr Yan      | Number of people housed in dwellings by region                         |          |
| 8.6  | 2.2    | Mr Yan      | Waiting period for urban public housing by region                      | Yes      |
| 8.7  | 2.2    | Mr Yan      | Public Housing vacancy time lengths                                    |          |
| 8.8  | 2.2    | Mr Burgoyne | Urban housing program – cost of leasing                                | Yes      |
| 8.9  | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Remote housing breakdown by region                                     | Yes      |
| 8.10 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Remote housing wait list regional breakdown                            | Yes      |
| 8.11 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Wait period for remote housing by region                               | Yes      |
| 8.12 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Remote housing vacancies by region                                     |          |
| 8.13 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Longest time spent on remote housing waitlist                          |          |
| 8.14 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Single most expensive remote housing build                             | Yes      |
| 8.15 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Highest cost of a home built in a remote community                     |          |
| 8.16 | 2.3    | Mr Yan      | Build cost disparity between Palumpa and Peppimenarti new homes        |          |
| 8.17 | 2.4    | Mr Yan      | Town camps in remote communities / urban areas and land tenure of each |          |
| 8.18 | 2.5    | Mr Yan      | Location of new government employee house                              | Yes      |
| 8.19 | 2.5    | Mr Yan      | Government employee houses to social housing                           | Yes      |
| 8.20 | 2.5    | Mr Yan      | New units in Elliot  | Yes      |

## Tabled Papers

| No. | Output | Title   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 8.1 | 2.5    | Government Employee Housing by Region and Community |

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Selena Uiibo MLA: Minister for Renewables and Energy

### Witnesses

| Name               | Position                       | Agency                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Shaun Drabsch      | Chief Executive Officer        | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Joanna Frankenfeld | Chief Financial Officer        | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Anne Tan           | Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Mining and Energy              |                             |
| Matthew Sargeant   | Acting Executive Director      | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
|                    | Office of Sustainable Energy   |                             |

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Selena Uiibo MLA: Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making, and Aboriginal Affairs

### Witnesses

| Name                | Position                     | Agency                     |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bridgette Bellenger | General Manager              | Chief Minister and Cabinet |
|                     | Territory Regional Growth    |                            |
| Anthony Shelley     | Executive Director           | Chief Minister and Cabinet |
|                     | Strategic Aboriginal Policy  |                            |
| Mischa Cartwright   | Executive Director           | Chief Minister and Cabinet |
|                     | Office of Aboriginal Affairs |                            |

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

#### 4. Hon Ngaree Ah Kit MLA: Minister for Corporate and Digital Development

##### Witnesses

| Name          | Position  | Agency                            |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Chris Hosking | Acting Chief Executive                              | Corporate and Digital Development |
| Ewan Perrin   | Executive Director<br>Office of Digital Development | Corporate and Digital Development |

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

| No. | Output | From      | Subject  | Answered |
|-----|--------|-----------|--|----------|
| 9.1 | 1.2    | Mr Yan    | NTG Jobs online portal operating costs                     | Yes      |
| 9.2 | 1.3    | Mr Yan    | Tier 1 anomalies identified by internal 'Buy Local' audits | Yes      |
| 9.3 | 2.1    | Mr Yan    | Banned Drinker Register funding                            | Yes      |
| 9.4 | 2.4    | Mr Yan    | Current projects staff turnover                            |          |
| 9.5 | 2.7    | Mr Guyula | Remote Telecommunications Co-Investment Program            |          |

Hearing concluded.

#### 5. Hon Ngaree Ah Kit MLA: Minister for International Education

##### Witnesses

| Name          | Position  | Agency                      |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Scott Lovett  | Deputy Chief Executive<br>Tourism, Services and Hospitality | Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| Larnie Batten | Director Study NT   | Industry, Tourism and Trade |

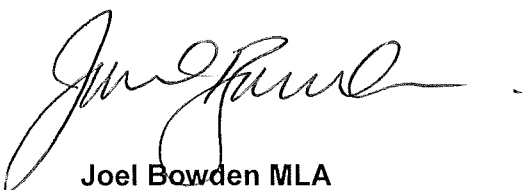
Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output            | From       | Subject   | Answered |
|------|-------------------|------------|---|----------|
| 9.6  | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | International students study type                         |          |
| 9.7  | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | Community grants  |          |
| 9.8  | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | 11 providers  |          |
| 9.9  | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | International students leaving and entering the Territory |          |
| 9.10 | Opening Statement | Mrs Hersey | CRECO registered places                                   |          |

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 6.30 pm until 23 June 2022 at 8.30 am.



**Joel Bowden MLA**  
Chair





# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 8

#### Day 7 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Thursday, 23 June 2022

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

#### Substituting Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braiting (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 12.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

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## 1. Power and Water Corporation

#### Witnesses

| Name              | Position   | Agency                      |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Peter Wilson AM   | Chair  | Power and Water Corporation |
| Djuna Pollard     | Chief Executive Officer                            | Power and Water Corporation |
| Martha Stewart    | Chief Financial Officer                            | Power and Water Corporation |
| Michael Besselink | Executive General Manager<br>Core Operations       | Power and Water Corporation |
| Stephen Vlahovic  | Acting Executive General Manager<br>Power Services | Power and Water Corporation |
| Antoni Murphy     | Executive General Manager<br>Gas Services          | Power and Water Corporation |
| Steven Porter     | Executive General Manager<br>Water Services        | Power and Water Corporation |

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | From        | Subject   | Answered |
|------|-------------|---|----------|
| 10.1 | Mr Burgoyne | Cost of smart metres over next five years                   |          |
| 10.2 | Mr Burgoyne | Alice Springs pole replacement program                      |          |
| 10.3 | Mr Maley    | Debt owed for outstanding power bills in remote communities |          |
| 10.4 | Mr Burgoyne | Amount of gas provided and forgone from ENI                 |          |
| 10.5 | Mr Burgoyne | Changes to expected gas revenue                             |          |
| 10.6 | Mrs Lambley | Revenue generated by spot sales                             |          |

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Jacana Energy

### Witnesses

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Position</b>                 | <b>Agency</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Michele Dolin   | Chair                           | Jacana Energy |
| Louisa Kinnear  | Chief Executive Officer         | Jacana Energy |
| Brendan Raftery | Chief Financial Officer         | Jacana Energy |
| Trude Blizzard  | Executive Manager<br>Operations | Jacana Energy |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| <b>No.</b> | <b>From</b> | <b>Subject</b>                             | <b>Answered</b> |
|------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| 11.1       | Mrs Lambley | Jacana's share of total electricity market |                 |
| 11.2       | Mr Maley    | Commercial cost increases                  |                 |
| 11.3       | Mr Burgoyne | Average customer connect time              |                 |
| 11.4       | Mr Maley    | Total debt outstanding and breakdown       |                 |

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Territory Generation

### Witnesses

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Position</b>                                  | <b>Agency</b>        |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| Dennis Bree       | Chair  | Territory Generation |
| Gerhard Laubscher | Chief Executive Officer                          | Territory Generation |
| Maria Walters     | General Manager<br>Finance and Business Services | Territory Generation |
| John Greenwood    | General Manager<br>Operations and Maintenance    | Territory Generation |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| <b>No.</b> | <b>From</b> | <b>Subject</b>                    | <b>Answered</b> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12.1       | Mr Burgoyne | Generation cost per megawatt hour | Yes             |

Hearing concluded.

## 4. Mr Mark Monaghan MLA: Acting Speaker

### Witnesses

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Position</b>   | <b>Agency</b>        |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Marianne Conaty | Acting Clerk and Chief Executive Officer                  | Legislative Assembly |
| Russell Keith   | Acting Deputy Clerk and Deputy Chief<br>Executive Officer | Legislative Assembly |
| Diem Tang       | Chief Financial Officer                                   | Legislative Assembly |

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Output</b>        | <b>From</b> | <b>Subject</b>                        | <b>Answered</b> |
|------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 13.1       | Opening<br>Statement | Mr Yan      | Chamber videoconferencing system cost |                 |
| 13.2       | Opening<br>Statement | Mr Yan      | Staff vacancies                       | Yes             |

### Questions Taken on Notice

| No.  | Output | From   | Subject   | Answered |
|------|--------|--------|---|----------|
| 13.3 | 1.1    | Mr Yan | Security contract additional costs due to COIVD-19  |          |
| 13.4 | 1.3    | Mr Yan | Building management services output budget increase |          |
| 13.5 | 1.3    | Mr Yan | Increase in annual power bill                       |          |

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 13.30 pm.



**Joel Bowden MLA**  
**Chair**



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

**2022 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 9**

1.30 pm, Thursday, 23 June 2022  
Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
- Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Acting First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That minutes 2 to 9 be agreed to.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRECTION TO TRANSCRIPT**

Mr Costa moved and Mr Young seconded:

That the Committee agrees to insert a footnote into the Estimates Hearings transcript on 16 June 2022 to correct the information provided by Minister Moss regarding the number of environmental management plans approved in the reporting period.

Question put and passed.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT**

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That the Committee adopt the *2022 Estimates Committee Report*.

Question put and passed.

**4. MEETING CLOSED**

Meeting closed at 1.38 pm.

**Joel Bowden MLA**  
**Chair**