



Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

Office Holders 1974 – Current

1st to 13th Assembly

As at 13 February 2019

Chamber Services

MAJORITY LEADERS, CHIEF MINISTERS AND DEPUTIES

MAJORITY LEADERS

Member	Electoral Division	Party	Term
LETTS, Dr G A	Victoria River	CLP	20.11.74 – 20.09.77
EVERINGHAM, P A E	Jingili	CLP	21.09.77 – 30.06.78

DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADERS

Member	Electoral Division	Party	Term
EVERINGHAM, P A E	Jingili	CLP	20.11.74 – 11.08.75
KILGARIFF, B F	Alice Springs	CLP	12.08.75 – 01.12.75
TAMBLING, G E J	Fannie Bay	CLP	02.12.75 – 20.09.77
PERRON, M B	Stuart Park	CLP	21.09.77 – 30.06.78

CHIEF MINISTERS

Member	Electoral Division	Party	Term
EVERINGHAM, P A E	Jingili	CLP	01.07.78 – 16.10.84
TUXWORTH, I L	Barkly	CLP	17.10.84 – 14.05.86
HATTON, S P	Nightcliff	CLP	15.05.86 – 13.07.88
PERRON, M B	Fannie Bay	CLP	14.07.88 – 25.05.95
STONE, S L	Port Darwin	CLP	26.05.95 – 08.02.99
BURKE, D G	Brennan	CLP	09.02.99 – 26.08.01
MARTIN, C M	Fannie Bay	ALP	27.08.01 – 23.06.05
MARTIN, C M	Fannie Bay	ALP	24.06.05 – 25.11.07
HENDERSON, P R	Wanguri	ALP	26.11.07 – 28.08.12
MILLS, T K	Blain	CL	29.08.12 – 13.03.13
GILES, A G	Braitling	CL	14.03.13 – 26.08.16
GUNNER, M P	Fannie Bay	ALP	31.08.16 – Current

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTERS

Member	Electoral Division	Party	Term
PERRON, M B	Stuart Park	CLP	01.07.78 – 12.12.83
DONDAS, N M	Casuarina	CLP	13.12.83 – 14.05.86
COULTER, B E	Berrimah	CLP	15.05.86 – 18.03.87
HANRAHAN, R A	Flynn	CLP	19.03.87 – 05.04.88
COULTER, B F	Palmerston	CLP	06.04.88 – 25.05.95
REED, M A	Katherine	CLP	26.05.95 – 26.08.01
STIRLING, S J	Nhulunbuy	ALP	27.08.01 – 23.06.05
STIRLING, S J	Nhulunbuy	ALP	24.06.05 – 25.11.07
SCRYMGOUR, M R	Arafura	ALP	26.11.07 – 08.02.09
LAWRIE, D P	Karama	ALP	09.02.09 – 28.08.12
LAMBLEY, R J	Araluen	CL	29.08.12 – 05.03.13
WESTRA VAN HOLTHE W.R	Katherine	CL	06.03.13 – 13.03.13
TOLLNER, D W	Fong Lim	CL	14.03.13 – 31.08.14
CHANDLER, P G	Brennan	CL	01.09.14 – 03.02.15
WESTRA VAN HOLTHE, W R	Katherine	CL	04.02.15 – 14.02.16
STYLES, P	Sanderson	CL	15.02.16 – 26.08.16
MANISON, N S	Wanguri	ALP	12.09.16 – Current

LEADERS OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Member	Electoral Division	Party	Term
ROBERTSON, J M	Araluen	CLP	20.11.74 – 14.07.77 ⁽¹⁾ 21.09.77 – 09.05.80 ⁽¹⁾ 19.08.80 – 14.11.83 ⁽²⁾ 28.02.84 – 25.02.85
HANRAHAN, R A	Flynn	CLP	26.02.85 – 16.02.87 28.04.87 – 16.05.88
COULTER, B.F.	Palmerston	CLP	17.05.88 – 05.10.90 04.12.90 – 29.04.91
SETTER, R A	Jingili	CLP	30.04.91 – 17.05.94
COULTER, B.F.	Palmerston	CLP	27.06.94 – 22.08.94
STONE, S L	Port Darwin	CLP	23.08.94 – 19.06.95
COULTER, B F	Palmerston/Blain	CLP	20.06.95 – 12.08.97
COULTER, B F	Blain		25.11.97 – 15.10.98
BURKE, D G	Brennan	CLP	16.10.98 – 08.02.99
COULTER, B F	Blain	CLP	09.02.99 – 18.06.99
PALMER, M J	Karama	CLP	19.06.99 – 01.08.01
STIRLING, S J	Nhulunbuy	ALP	27.08.01 – 17.10.02
HENDERSON, P R	Wanguri	ALP	18.10.02 – 31.05.05
HENDERSON, P R	Wanguri	ALP	24.06.05 – 25.11.07
LAWRIE, D P	Karama	ALP	26.11.07 – 21.07.08
LAWRIE, D P	Karama	ALP	09.09.08 – 08.02.09
BURNS, C B	Johnston	ALP	09.02.09 – 06.08.12
ELFERINK, J W	Port Darwin	CL	23.10.12 – 08.08.16
FYLES N K	Nightcliff	ALP	12.09.16 – Current

1. During the First and Second Assembly the position was known as 'Manager of Business'.

2. During the Third Assembly the position was known as 'Leader of the House'.

WHIPS

Government Whips

Member	Party	Term
VALE, R W S	CLP	21.09.77 – 09.05.80 19.08.80 – 14.11.83
COLLINS, D W	CLP	28.02.84 – 10.06.86
FIRMIN, C C	CLP	11.06.86 – 16.02.87 28.04.87 – 09.10.89
SETTER, R A	CLP	10.10.89 – 05.10.90 04.12.90 – 04.02.91
McCARTHY, T R	CLP	05.02.91 – 17.05.94
BALDWIN, T D	CLP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97
BALCH, S J	CLP	25.11.97 – 01.08.01
McADAM, E A	ALP	27.08.01 – 17.10.02
KIELY, L F	ALP	18.10.02 – 26.06.03
LAWRIE, D P	ALP	27.06.03 – 31.05.05
LAWRIE, D P	ALP	24.06.05 – 10.07.05
BONSON, M T	ALP	11.07.05 – 25.11.07
KNIGHT, R D	ALP	26.11.07 – 17.02.08
BURKE, J P	ALP	18.02.08 – 21.07.08
GUNNER, M P	ALP	14.08.08 – 06.08.12
STYLES, P D	CL	03.09.12 – 13.03.13
FINOCCHARIO, L E	CL	22.03.13 – 08.08.16
KIRBY, P A	ALP	12.09.16 – 30.01.19
WORDEN, K J	ALP	31.01.19 - Current

Opposition Whips¹

Member	Party	Term
O'NEIL, P F	ALP	21.09.77 – 09.05.80
COLLINS, R L	ALP	19.08.80 – 20.03.81
LEO, D M	ALP	21.03.81 – 14.11.83 28.02.84 – 16.02.87
LANHUPUY, W W	ALP	28.04.87 – 05.10.90
BELL, N R	ALP	04.12.90 – 17.05.94
BAILEY, J D	ALP	27.06.94 – 15.04.96
STIRLING, S J	ALP	16.04.96 – 12.08.97 25.11.97 – 03.08.98
MARTIN, C M	ALP	04.08.98 – 02.02.99
TOYNE, P H	ALP	03.02.99 – 01.08.01
CARTER, S J	CLP	28.08.01 – 01.12.02
BALDWIN, T D	CLP	02.12.02 – 18.11.03
CARTER, S J	CLP	19.11.03 – 03.10.04
ELFERINK, J W	CLP	04.10.04 – 31.05.05
LIM, R S H	CLP	29.06.05 – 09.07.07
MILLER, C F	CLP	07.08.07 – 28.01.08
CARNEY, J L	CLP	29.01.08 – 21.07.08
CARNEY, J L	CL	20.08.08 – 26.08.10
ELFERINK, J W	CL	27.08.10 – 06.08.12
GUNNER, M P	ALP	31.08.12 – 22.04.15
FYLES, N K	ALP	23.04.15 – 08.08.16
FINOCCHIARO, L E	CL	16.09.16 - Current

Manager of Opposition Business

Member	Party	Term
ELFERINK, J W	CL	20.08.08 – 17.06.10
CARNEY, J L	CL	18.06.10 – 12.07.10
ELFERINK, J W	CL	13.06.10 – 06.08.12

LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION AND DEPUTIES

Leaders of the Opposition

Member	Party	Term
ISAACS, J M	ALP	21.09.77 – 01.11.81
COLLINS, R L	ALP	02.11.81 – 18.08.86
SMITH, T E	ALP	19.08.86 – 01.11.90
EDE, B R	ALP	02.11.90 – 09.04.96
HICKEY, M A	ALP	16.04.96 – 02.02.99
MARTIN, C M	ALP	03.02.99 – 26.08.01
BURKE, D G	CLP	28.08.01 – 14.11.03
MILLS, T K	CLP	15.11.03 – 04.02.05
BURKE, D G	CLP	07.02.05 – 17.06.05
CARNEY, J T	CLP	29.06.05 – 28.01.08
MILLS, T K	CL	29.01.08 – 24.08.12
LAWRIE, D P	ALP	28.08.12 – 19.04.15
GUNNER, M P	ALP	23.04.15 – 26.08.16
HIGGINS, G	CLP	02.09.16 – Current

¹. At the commencement of the First Assembly, of the 19 Members, 17 members were government members, the remaining 2 were independents.

Deputy Leaders of the Opposition

Member	Party	Term
PERKINS, N G	ALP	21.09.77 – 06.03.81
COLLINS, R L	ALP	21.03.81 – 01.11.81
O'NEILL, P F	ALP	02.11.81 – 28.03.82
COLLINS, R L	ALP	28.03.82 – 09.12.83
SMITH, T E	ALP	09.12.83 – 18.08.86
EDE, B R	ALP	19.08.86 – 02.11.90
BAILEY, J D	ALP	02.11.90 – 26.06.94
HICKEY, M A	ALP	27.06.94 – 15.04.96
BAILEY, J D	ALP	16.04.96 – 02.02.99
STIRLING, S J	ALP	03.02.99 – 26.08.01
REED, M A	CLP	28.08.01 – 04.09.03
LIM, R S H	CLP	05.09.03 – 28.06.05
MILLER, C F	CLP	29.06.05 – 14.03.06
MILLS, T K	CLP	15.03.06 – 28.01.08
MILLER, C F	CLP	29.01.08 – 21.07.08
PURICK, K D T	CL	20.08.08 – 24.08.12
McCARTHY, G F	ALP	28.08.12 – 22.04.15
WALKER, L M	ALP	23.04.15 – 26.08.16
FINOCCHIARO, L E	CLP	16.09.16 - Current

At the commencement of the First Assembly, of the 19 members, 17 members were government members, the remaining 2 members were independents. The Majority Leader, Dr G A Letts said that no provision in the Standing Orders was made for the recognition of a Leader of the Opposition however he believed that such a position was necessary if the Legislative Assembly was to operate as a parliament and with only 2 independents the position would not be filled nevertheless he would like it to be accepted that such a position exists and could be filled at any time in the future.

[Debates, 30 Nov 74, p9]

PRESIDING OFFICERS

SPEAKERS

Member	Party	Term
KILGARIFF, B F	CLP	20.11.74 – 16.07.75
MACFARLANE, J L S	CLP	17.07.75 – 27.02.84
STEELE, R M	CLP	28.02.84 – 16.06.86
VALE, R W S	CLP	17.06.86 – 09.10.89
DONDAS, N M	CLP	10.10.89 – 26.06.94
MCCARTHY, T R	CLP	27.06.94 – 24.11.97
BRAHAM, L M	CLP	25.11.97 – 15.02.99
MCCARTHY, T R	CLP	16.02.99 – 15.10.01
BRAHAM, L M	IND	16.10.01 – 28.06.05
AAGAARD, J L	ALP	29.06.05 – 22.10.12
PURICK, K T D	CL	23.10.12 – 18.11.15
PURICK, K T D	IND	18.11.15 – Current

*Ms Purick resigned from CL on 20 July 2015

*Motion moved and agreed to remove Madam Speaker from Office on 18 November 2015, re-appointed as Speaker due to subsequent motion to elect a new Speaker on 18 November 2015.

ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKERS

BONSON, M T

ALP

20, 21, 22, 23 June 2006

Note - Appointment was for the operation of paragraphs 35 and 37 of the Terms of Reference of the Estimates Committee 2006/2007 and paragraphs 32 to 34 of the Terms of Reference of the Government Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee during their hearings on 20, 21, 22 and 23 June 2006.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Member	Party	Term
MACFARLANE, J.L.S	CLP	20.11.74 – 11.08.75
ROBERTSON, J M	CLP	12.08.75 – 14.07.77
DONDAS, N M	CLP	21.09.77 – 02.01.79
BALLANTYNE, M J	CLP	27.02.79 – 09.05.80
HARRIS, T	CLP	19.08.80 – 14.11.83
VALE, R W S	CLP	28.02.84 – 16.06.86
FINCH, F A	CLP	17.06.86 – 16.02.87
MCCARTHY, T R	CLP	28.04.87 – 06.05.87
DONDAS, N M	CLP	07.05.87 – 09.10.89
FIRMIN, C C	CLP	10.10.89 – 05.10.90
POOLE, E H	CLP	04.12.90 – 30.11.92
MCCARTHY, T R	CLP	23.02.93 – 17.05.94
SETTER, R A	CLP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97
MITCHELL, P A	CLP	26.11.97 – 17.08.01
WOOD, G V	IND	16.10.01 – 28.06.05

DEPUTY SPEAKER/CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

KIELY, L F	ALP	29.06.05 – 14.07.06
KNIGHT, D R	ALP	22.08.06 – 26.11.07
WARREN, T J	ALP	27.11.07 – 11.02.08
SACILOTTO, K D	ALP	12.02.08 – 21.07.08
WALKER, L M	ALP	09.09.08 – 24.08.12
HIGGINS, G J	CL	23.10.12 – 11.02.15
CONLAN, M E	CL	17.02.15 – 08.08.16
PAECH, C	ALP	16.10.16 – Current

DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Member	Party	Term
PERRON, M B	CLP	21.11.74 – 13.08.75
ROBERTSON, J M	CLP	21.11.74 – 13.08.75
TUNGUTALUM, H	CLP	21.11.74 – 13.08.75
BALLANTYNE, M J	CLP	14.08.75 – 16.08.76
PERRON, M B	CLP	14.08.75 – 16.08.76
TUNGUTALUM, H	CLP	14.08.75 – 16.08.76
BALLANTYNE, M J	CLP	17.08.76 – 14.07.77
DONDAS, N M	CLP	17.08.76 – 14.07.77
Tungutalum, H	CLP	17.08.76 – 14.07.77
BALLANTYNE, M J	CLP	23.09.77 – 09.05.80
D'ROZARIO, J	ALP	23.09.77 – 09.05.80
PADGHAM-PURICH, C N	CLP	23.09.77 – 09.05.80
COLLINS, R L	ALP	18.11.80 – 14.11.83
D'ROZARIO, J	ALP	18.11.80 – 14.11.83
VALE, R W S	CLP	18.11.80 – 14.11.83
HANRAHAN, R A	CLP	29.02.84 – 26.02.85
COLLINS, R L	ALP	29.02.84 – 16.06.86
FINCH, R A	CLP	29.02.84 – 16.06.86
LEO, D M	ALP	29.02.84 – 16.06.86
MCCARTHY, T R	CLP	29.02.84 – 16.06.86
PALMER, M J	CLP	29.02.84 – 16.06.86
PADGHAM-PURICH, C N	CLP	17.06.86 – 17.11.86
COLLINS, R L	ALP	17.06.86 – 16.02.87
LANHUPUY, W W	ALP	17.06.86 – 16.02.87
PERRON, M B	CLP	17.06.86 – 16.02.87
SETTER, R A	CLP	17.06.86 – 16.02.87
POOLE, E H	CLP	18.11.86 – 16.02.87
POOLE, E H	CLP	28.04.87 – 16.05.88
REED, M A	CLP	28.04.87 – 22.08.88
LANHUPUY, W W	ALP	28.04.87 – 09.10.89
SETTER, R A	CLP	28.04.87 – 09.10.89
HATTON, S P	CLP	01.12.88 – 09.10.89
HANRAHAN, R A	CLP	17.05.88 – 09.10.89
COLLINS, R L	ALP	23.08.88 – 09.10.89
COLLINS, R L	ALP	10.10.89 – 05.10.90
LANHUPUY, W W	ALP	10.10.89 – 05.10.90
POOLE, E H	CLP	10.10.89 – 05.10.90
MCCARTHY, T R	CLP	04.12.90 – 23.02.93
BELL, N R	ALP	25.08.93 – 17.05.94
HICKEY, M A	ALP	25.02.92 – 17.05.94
COLLINS, R L	ALP	04.12.90 – 17.05.94
LANHUPUY, W W	ALP	04.12.90 – 17.05.94
ADAMSON, P F	CLP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97
BALDWIN, T D	CLP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97
BELL, N R	ALP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97
BRAHAM, L M	CLP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97

RIOLI, M J	ALP	27.06.94 – 12.08.97
AH KIT, J L	ALP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
BALCH, S J	CLP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
DUNHAM, S	CLP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
ELFERINK, J W	CLP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
LUGG, C D	CLP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
RIOLI, M J	ALP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
TOYNE, P H	ALP	26.11.97 – 17.02.99
STIRLING, S J	ALP	08.10.98 – 17.02.99
AH KIT, J L	ALP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
BALCH, S J	CLP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
ELFERINK, J W	CLP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
HICKEY, M A	ALP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
LUGG, C D	CLP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
POOLE, E H	CLP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
RIOLI, M J	ALP	18.02.99 – 19.04.99
BALCH, S J	CLP	20.04.99 – 10.08.99
ELFERINK, J W	CLP	20.04.99 – 10.08.99
LUGG, C D	CLP	20.04.99 – 10.08.99
POOLE, E H	CLP	20.04.99 – 10.08.99
BALCH, S J	CLP	11.08.99 – 01.08.01
ELFERINK, J W	CLP	11.08.99 – 01.08.01
MILLS, T K	CLP	11.08.99 – 01.08.01
POOLE, E H	CLP	11.08.99 – 01.08.01
STONE, S L	CLP	25.11.99 – 21.02.00
CARTER, S J	CLP	10.05.00 – 01.08.01
BURNS, C B	ALP	18.10.01 – 25.11.02
KIELY, L F	ALP	18.10.01 – 25.11.02
KIELY, L F	ALP	27.02.03 – 31.05.05
SCRYMGOUR, M R	ALP	27.02.03 – 17.05.04
LAWRIE, D P	ALP	18.10.01 – 31.05.05
ELFERINK, J W	CLP	27.11.01 – 17.05.04
MALEY, P J	CLP	27.11.01 – 31.05.05
MILLS, T K	CLP	27.11.01 – 17.05.04
LIM, R S	CLP	27.11.01 – 17.05.04
CARNEY, J T	CLP	27.11.01 – 26.02.02
BONSON, M T	ALP	26.11.02 – 31.05.05
MCADAM, E A	ALP	26.11.02 – 31.05.05
MILLER, C F	CLP	25.11.03 – 31.05.05
AAGAARD, J L	ALP	24.02.04 – 31.05.05

ANDERSON, A	ALP	12.02.08 – 21.07.08
BONSON, M T	ALP	07.07.05 – 28.11.07
BURKE, J P	ALP	14.02.06 – 21.07.08
HAMPTON, K R	ALP	12.02.08 – 21.07.08
KNIGHT, R D	ALP	14.02.06 – 21.08.06 28.11.07 – 28.04.08

MCADAM, E A	ALP	07.07.05 – 15.08.05
MCCARTHY, M B A	ALP	10.10.06 – 21.07.08
NATT, C W	ALP	14.02.06 – 09.10.06
SACILOTTO, K D	ALP	14.02.06 – 11.02.08
STIRLING, S J	ALP	29.04.08 – 21.07.08
WARREN, T J	ALP	14.02.06 – 28.11.07 12.02.08 – 21.07.08
WOOD, G V	IND	07.07.05 – 21.07.08

MCCARTHY, G F	ALP	09.09.08 – 08.02.09
GUNNER, M P	ALP	09.09.08 – 06.08.12
SCRYMGOUR, M R	ALP	12.10.09 – 06.08.12
BOHLIN, R O	C.L	18.10.11 – 06.08.12
CHANDLER, P G	C.L	18.10.11 – 06.08.12
LAMBLEY, R J	C.L	18.10.11 – 06.08.12

PRICE, B N	C.L	25.10.12 – 07.10.13
LEE, L A	C.L	25.10.12 – 03.04.14

KURRUPUWU, F X	C.L	15.10.13 – 03.04.14
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ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Member	Party	Term
WOOD, G V	IND	08.10.13 – 08.08.16
BARRETT, N	C.L	07.05.14 – 27.06.16
LAWRIE, DP	IND	17.11.15 – 08.08.16
LAMBLEY, R J	IND	17.11.15 – 08.08.16
WOOD, G V	IND	18.10.16 – Current
LAMBLEY, R J	IND	18.10.16 – Current
COLLINS, J	ALP	18.10.16 – Current
AH KIT, N J	ALP	23.08.18 - Current
UIBO, S J	ALP	18.10.16 – 26.08.18
WORDEN, K J	ALP	18.10.16 – 13.02.19

* New Standing Orders replacing Deputy Chairmen of Committees with Acting Deputy Speaker as at 1 December 2015.