



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

10.40 am, Monday, 11 September 2017
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan
Ms Selena Uiibo, Member for Arnhem (via telephone)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

Apologies: Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Wood was an apology.

2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mr Collins nominated Mr Sievers to be Chair of the Committee. Ms Uiibo seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mr Sievers to be the elected Chair of the Committee.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Ms Uiibo nominated Mr Collins to be the Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Higgins seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Collins to be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

4. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), the Committee authorises the publication of public hearing transcripts after witnesses have had 3 business days to make any corrections.

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.

5. COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noted

6. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be advised.

Meeting closed at 10.53 am

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Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

12.05 pm, Wednesday, 18 October 2017
Elsey Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan
Ms Selena Uiho, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 of 11 September 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3. STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Mr Collins moved and Ms Uiho seconded that:

The Committee adopts the following standard procedure for inquiries into Bills referred by the Assembly:

- (1) The Committee will call for submissions on the Bill to be due by the Wednesday in the second week before the next sittings of the Assembly;
- (2) Following the end of a sittings period, the Chair of the Committee will issue a notice listing the Bills on which the Committee is calling for submissions and the date by which submissions are due;
- (3) Notices calling for submissions will be distributed on the Assembly's website, by email to subscribers of the committee email alert service, by Facebook and Twitter posts, by media release, and by email or letter to persons and organisations determined by the Chair following consultation with Committee Members;
- (4) After the due date for submissions, the Chair will determine whether and when to hold public hearings and who shall be invited to appear at the hearings, following consultation with Committee Members;
- (5) Unless circumstances require otherwise, the public hearings will be held on Wednesday mornings of sitting weeks;
- (6) If any Member wishes to amend this standard procedure for a particular Bill, they shall advise the Chair who will then convene a meeting to consider that Bill's inquiry process at the earliest convenient opportunity.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BILLS REFERRED BY THE ASSEMBLY

The Committee agreed to call for submissions to be due by 8 November 2018 for the:
Biological Control Amendment Bill
Pastoral Land Amendment Bill

The Committee agreed to write to the following stakeholders inviting submissions to the Inquiry into the Pastoral Land Amendment Bill:

NT Cattleman's Association
NT Farmers Association
Minerals Council of Australia (NT)
Chamber of Commerce NT
Northern Territory Business Council
Tourism Top End
Environment Centre NT
Environmental Defenders Office
Arid Lands Environment Centre
Central Land Council
Anindilyakwa Land Council
Tiwi Land Council
Northern Land Council
National Native Title Council
Local government councils
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Productivity Commission
NT Valuer-General
Pastoral Land Board
Indigenous Land Corporation
Land Development Corporation
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

5. NEXT MEETING

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Meeting closed at 12.17 pm

Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair

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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

1.04 pm, Wednesday, 22 November 2017
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 18 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3. PASTORAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that the Committee:

- a) authorises the publication of submissions 1 – 12A.
- b) agrees to keep submission 12B confidential.

The Chair advised that the Minister did not need to proceed with the Bill before March 2018 and would be happy for the reporting date for the Committee to be extended if required.

The Committee agreed to hold public hearings in late January, inviting those who made submissions and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

4. BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2017

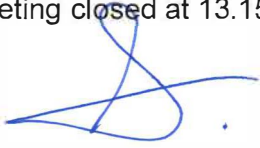
Ms Uibo moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee adopts the 'No Issues Report' for the Biological Control Amendment Bill 2017 for tabling in the November meeting period.

5. NEXT MEETING

A hearing date is to be set for late January 2018.

Meeting closed at 13.15 pm



Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

10.30 am, Friday, 2 February 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mrs Helen Armstrong, Gilnockie Station
- Mr John Armstrong, Gilnockie Station

Mr Armstrong tabled a supplementary submission (paper PPL1).

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Paul Burke, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association
- Mr Tom Ryan, Executive Officer, Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association
- Mr Troy Setter, Chief Executive Officer, Consolidated Pastoral Company

Mr Burke tabled his opening statement (paper PPL2).

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Geoff Crowhurst, President, Katherine Mining Services Association (via telephone)
- Ms Teresa Cummings, Corporate Manager, North Australia Rural Management Consultants (via telephone)
- Mr John Jansen, Director, North Australia Rural Management Consultants (via telephone)

The witnesses withdrew

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Frank Peacocke, Director, Herron Todd White (Northern Territory) Pty Ltd

Mr Peacocke tabled his rent change estimations under the Bill (paper PLL3). The Committee agreed to keep the paper confidential.

The witness withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Joe Morrison, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Land Council
- Mr Michael O'Donnell, Principal Legal Officer, Northern Land Council

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Mitch Hart, Northern Territory Manager - Outback to Oceans, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Mr Pepe Clarke, Deputy Director (Terrestrial), The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Ms Shar Molloy, Coordinator, The Environment Centre NT
- Mr Jimmy Cocking, Chief Executive Officer, Arid Lands Environment Centre (via telephone)
- Mr Alex Read, Policy Officer, Arid Lands Environment Centre (via telephone)

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Ms Joanne Townsend, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Ms Tania Moloney, Director, Pastoral Lease Administration & Board, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Mr Luis Da Rocha, A/Executive Director, Rangelands Division, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

The witnesses withdrew

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 22 November 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

The Committee resolved to authorise the publication of submission 1A

4. PASTORAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL PUBLIC INQUIRY

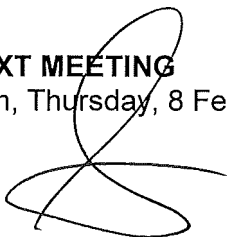
The Committee asked the Chair to seek for the Assembly to change the due date for its report on the Pastoral Land Legislation Amendment Bill to 13 March 2018.

5. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT (JOURNALIST PRIVILEGE) BILL

The Committee resolved to authorise the publication of submissions 1 – 4.

6. NEXT MEETING

1pm, Thursday, 8 February 2018



Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

1.04 pm, Thursday, 8 February 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 4 of 2 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Uibo seconded that the Committee authorise the publication of:

- a) Submission No. 1B and submission No. 11A
- b) Tabled papers PLL1 (Armstrong supplementary submission) and PLL2 (Burke opening statement) tabled during the previous hearing

3. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT (JOURNALIST PRIVILEGE) BILL

The Committee agreed to invite the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to a public hearing to address issues raised in the submissions.

4. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The Committee agreed to call for submissions to be due by 9 March 2018.

The Committee agreed to invite the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to a public hearing on the Bill.

The Committee agreed to write to the following stakeholders inviting submissions to the inquiry:

- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Northern Territory Consumer Affairs
- Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Housing Industry Association NT
- Property Council of Australia
- Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory

- TICA (tenancy database)
- National Tenancy Database
- Trading Reference Australia (tenancy database)
- Northern Territory Council of Social Services
- Sommerville Community Services
- Amity Community Services Inc
- Catholic Care NT
- Anglicare NT
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory
- Dawn House Inc
- Alice Springs Women's Shelter
- Ngannytjarr Pitjantjajara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council
- Tennant Creek Women's Refuge
- Darwin Aboriginal & Islander Women's Shelter
- Domestic and Family Violence Centre
- YWCA of Darwin Inc.
- NT Shelter
- Council on the Aging
- Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation
- Venture Housing Company Ltd
- Central Australian Affordable Housing Company Ltd
- Anthepe Housing Association Incorporated
- Bathurst Island Housing Association Incorporated
- Northern Land Council
- Central Land Council
- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Tiwi Land Council
- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
- Top End Women's Legal Service
- Darwin Community Legal Service
- Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service
- Law Society Northern Territory
- North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service
- Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
- Domestic Violence Legal Service NT
- Central Australia Women's Legal Services
- Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service

5. NEXT MEETING

TBA

Meeting closed at 1.30 pm



Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

9.04 am, Wednesday, 28 February 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem (via telephone)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of 8 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING - EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT (JOURNALIST PRIVILEGE) BILL

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Ms Leonique Swart: Deputy Director of Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Ms Caroline Heske: Senior Policy Lawyer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Ms Heske took a question on notice.

The witnesses withdrew

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Uibo seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of Submission No. 13 – Aboriginal Carbon Fund

Question put and passed.

4. PASTORAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL INQUIRY

The Committee discussed the draft report and agree to consider a revised version at the next meeting at 8.30 am on 6 March 2018.

5. NEXT MEETING
8.30am 6 March 2018

Meeting closed at 10.30 am

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Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

8.35 am, Tuesday, 6 March 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem (via telephone)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly (via telephone)
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson (via telephone)

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Wood moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 6 of 28 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3. PASTORAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL INQUIRY

The Committee considered the draft report.

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the report *Inquiry into the Pastoral Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2017*.

Question put and passed.

4. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT (JOURNALIST PRIVILEGE) BILL INQUIRY

The Committee considered the draft report.

Ms Uibo moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Committee adopt the report *Inquiry into the Evidence (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment (Journalist Privilege) Bill 2018*.

Question put and passed.

5. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins moved and Ms Uibo seconded that:

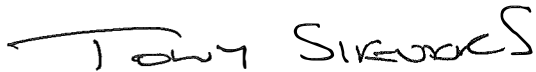
The Committee authorises the publication of Submission No. 1 – Law Society Northern Territory

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

12 pm, Thursday 15 March 2018

Meeting closed at 8.50 am

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Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair

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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

12.04 pm, Thursday, 15 March 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem (via telephone)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly (via telephone)
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson (via telephone)

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Wood moved and Ms Uibo seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 6 March 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions 2-9.

Question put and passed.

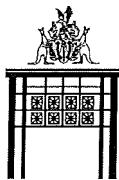
The Committee agreed to have a public briefing with the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice at 12 noon on Wednesday, 21 March 2018 and directed the secretariat to notify all submitters.

4. NEXT MEETING

12 noon, Wednesday 21 March 2018

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

12.00 pm, Wednesday, 21 March 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uiibo, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

Apologies: Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Wood was an apology.

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Douglas Burns: Senior Policy Lawyer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Ms Fiona Hardy: Senior Policy Lawyer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee noted issues for consideration included enabling the Tribunal to make orders on listings that were unjust in the circumstances, exemption of notification for listings based on public orders, and the 14 day notice period for proposed listings.

The Committee agreed to consider the Chair's draft report after Easter.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 of 15 March 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

5. NEXT MEETING

TBA

Meeting closed at 1 pm

Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

9.00 am, Friday, 20 April 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uiibo, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Apologies: Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MEETING

Mr Higgins was an apology.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 9 of 21 March 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

4. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

That the Committee authorises the publication of:

a) Submission 4a

b) Department of the Attorney-General and Justice - Responses to questions - Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill, 10 April 2018.

Questions put and passed.

The Committee considered the draft report.

5. NEXT MEETING

9 am, Friday 27 April 2018

Meeting closed at 9.40 am

Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

9.10 am, Friday, 27 April 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uiibo, Member for Arnhem (via telephone)
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson (via telephone)

Apologies: Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary

1. MEETING

Mr Higgins was an apology.

Russell Keith introduced Jennifer Buckley the new Committee Secretary.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 of 20 April 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

4. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins spoke to the issues raised in his letter to the Committee on the Bill.

The Committee discussed the extent to which the review of the Residential Tenancies Act recommended in the draft report would be the best method to deal with the issues raised, or whether amendment of the Bill should be preferred.

Mr Wood moved:

That the Committee amends the draft report to implement the following recommendations in Mr Collin's letter:

- a) paragraph 16: In the circumstances, a time limit consistent with the landlord's ability to legally recover the debt would seem appropriate and I would recommend the Government include such a provision in the Bill.
- b) paragraph 23: I would recommend the Government amend the notice period in section 129(1)(b) from 14 days to 28 days.
- c) paragraph 24: With regard to the proposed section 129(2), I also agree with the concerns expressed by NAAJA; including a provision requiring "reasonable enquiries" to include, but not be limited to certain actions is not overly prescriptive. However, it is

a recognition of some of the difficulties encountered with communications in the Territory.

The Chair divided the motion into three questions.

Question put: that paragraph a) of the motion be agreed to.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Wood and Mr Collins

Noes: Mr Sievers and Ms Uiibo

Pursuant to Standing Order 186(3) the Chair exercised his casting vote in the negative.

Question negated.

Question put and passed: that paragraph b) of the motion be agreed to.

Question put: that paragraph c) of the motion be agreed to.

The Committee divided

Ayes: Mr Wood and Mr Collins

Noes: Mr Sievers and Ms Uiibo

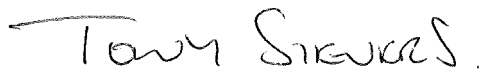
Pursuant to Standing Order 186(3) the Chair exercised his casting vote in the negative.

Question negated.

The Committee adopted the report, subject to agreement by email to the wording of the resolved changes.

5. NEXT MEETING
TBA

Meeting closed at 9.50 am



Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

12.00 pm, Thursday, 10 May 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair),
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Uibo moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 11 of 27 April 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS REFERRED

The Committee agreed to call for submissions to be due by 6 June 2018 for the:

NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Bill 2018
Gaming Control Amendment Bill 2018

The Committee requested the Secretariat to compile a list of stakeholders for each Bill, and agreed that Members are to provide any additional organisations and individuals they would like to invite submissions from by COB on Thursday 10 May.

3. NEXT MEETING

TBA (after submissions have closed).

Meeting closed at: 2.23 pm.

Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

1.00 pm, Thursday, 21 June 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair),
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Ms Selena Uiho, Member for Arnhem
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 12 of 10 May 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3. NORTHERN TERRITORY CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Ms Uiho moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee provide questions on the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Bill to the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, requesting that responses be provided in writing by 2 July 2018.

Question put and passed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee requested the Secretariat to find out when the Government review of Scrutiny Committees will be undertaken.

5. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 July 2018

Meeting closed at 1:28 pm

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

9.00 am, Thursday, 5 July 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair),
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administrative Officer

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Mr Costa was an apology.

The Chair welcomed Mr Costa to the Committee and thanked Ms Uibo for her work on the Committee and congratulated her on her new role as Minister.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 13 of 21 June 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

4. NORTHERN TERRITORY CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins moved and Mr Wood seconded:

That the Committee authorise the publication of the response from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to write to the organisations that had made submissions asking them to comment on the Department's responses to the Committee's questions on the NTCAT Amendment Bill 2018, with responses due back by 12 July 2018.

5. GAMING CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL

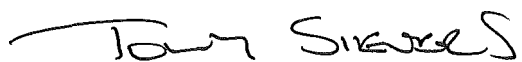
The Committee noted the tabling of the Gaming Control Amendment Bill 2018

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING

Friday 13 July 2018

Meeting closed at 9.33 am

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

2.00 pm, Friday, 13 July 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair),
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 14 of 5 July 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

4. NORTHERN TERRITORY CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of the written responses from the Law Society NT and the Darwin Community Legal Service.

Question put and passed.

The Committee considered the responses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice, the Law Society NT and the Darwin Community Legal Service.

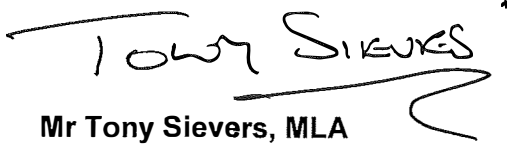
Mr Collins proposed to provide a re-draft of the proposed amendment 101A Default decisions for the Committee to consider.

The Committee agreed to include in the report recommendations that the proposed amendment on default decisions require applicants to submit an affidavit of service and an affidavit outlining evidence of the debt.

5. NEXT MEETING

1st week of August 2018 date TBA

Meeting closed at 2.58 pm


Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

1.00 pm, Thursday, 2 August 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura

Apologies: Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration Research/Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 15 of 13 July 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the correspondence.

Regarding Item a) of the correspondence, the Chair noted that he had spoken to the Department of Attorney-General and Justice regarding their response to the Committee's queries on the NTCAT Amendment Bill 2018 and that, at this point, a letter is not required. However, the Committee agreed that if future responses from the Department are not adequate the Chair will write a formal letter of concern.

3. NORTHERN TERRITORY CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee adopt the report for the Inquiry into the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017-18

The secretariat will distribute the draft Annual Report to Members on Friday 3 August 2018, with comments to be returned to the Secretary by COB Thursday 9 August 2018.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 1.13 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

12.00 pm, Wednesday, 15 August 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair),
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 16 of 2 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2017-18*

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The submission due date for inquiries referred by the Assembly during the August 2018 sittings be set to Wednesday 19 September 2018.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to the Chair approaching the Leader of Government Business regarding the 12 month review of the Scrutiny Committees.

4. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 August 2018

Meeting closed at 12.13 pm

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair