



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

HOUSE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Chair's Statement

I am pleased to introduce annual reporting by the House Committee in 2016-17. Members of the House Committee are engaged and provide me with advice and assistance in my role of managing the precinct of the Assembly pursuant to my powers under the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act*.

The Committee met four times in 2016-2017, with all meetings conducted during the 13th Assembly.

The House Committee's terms of reference set out its area of responsibility.

The House Committee also considers matters relating to electorate and liaison officers.

It is not a determinative body, rather it acts as a mechanism for the Speaker to consult with Members on matters relating to the parliamentary precinct and services provided to Members.

I thank the Committee for its sensible approach, its advice and support to me in managing the precinct.

2. Committee Members

The Hon Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder (Independent) – Chair

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Namatira (Territory Labor)

Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly (Country Liberals)

Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Territory Labor)

Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan (Territory Labor)

3. Committee Secretariat

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4. Terms of Reference

Standing Order 175

House Committee

- (1) A House Committee must be appointed at the commencement of each Assembly to advise the Speaker on matters relating to the operation of Parliament House and its precincts including:
 - (a) building operations
 - (b) repairs, renewals, and alterations to the Parliament House and all fittings and furniture
 - (c) information technology services for the Assembly and Members
 - (d) the library services provided to the Assembly and Members
 - (e) allocation of rooms
 - (f) catering for Parliament
 - (g) maintenance and upkeep of gardens, parking areas and associated roadways, and any other matter referred to it by the Speaker or the Assembly.
- (2) The Committee will consist of the Speaker and four other Members.

5. Committee program

The House Committee met four times during the reporting period. A summary of business discussed in the meetings appears below.

Meetings

Meeting	Agenda Items and matters discussed
Meeting No. 1 27 October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on House Committee terms of reference • Security update • Building and Property Management update • Arts policy: art work in Main Hall and eligibility for portraits • Information and Commination Technology update
Meeting No. 2 December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the House Committee attended a 'back of house' tour and physically inspected building management systems
Meeting No. 3 23 March 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security update • Building and Property Management update • Exterior painting of Parliament House • Information and Commination Technology update • Commonwealth Parliamentary Association mid-year Executive Committee meeting • Parliament House gym equipment
Meeting No. 4 11 May 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security update • Cleaning contract • Building and Property Management update • Information and Commination Technology update – overseas travel • Website update • Video on demand