



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

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## **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

# **Inquiry into the Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019**

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July 2019



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

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

12.00 pm, Thursday, 16 May 2019  
Litchfield Room

<b>Present:</b>	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting 44 of 9 May 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

On 9 May 2019 the Assembly agreed to extend the report date for the Committee's inquiry into the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill to 6 August 2019.

**3. YOUTH JUSTICE AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the proposed questions of the Department to the Minister for Territory Families requesting a written response by Tuesday 28 May 2019.
2. The Committee invite Darwin Press Club, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Information Commissioner, Children's Commissioner, Jesuit Social Services, Human Rights Law Centre, Danila Dilba Health Service, Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, Create Foundation, Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation, Central Australian Youth Justice, Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Police Service and representatives from Territory Families to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Thursday 30 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed that, in the interests of time, unless witnesses wished to place something on the public record that was not covered in their submission, the Committee would dispense with opening statements.

**4. NEW BILL REFERRALS**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into the Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019 and the Environment Protection Bill 2019 referred in the May sittings to be received by Friday 14 June 2019.

2. The Committee write to responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Monday 20 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

**5. PETITION REFERRAL**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 34.

Question put and passed.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Public Briefing: 9.00 am – 10.30 am, Monday 20 May 2019.

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm.



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

9.00 am, Monday, 20 May 2019  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
- Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Victoria Ikutegbe, Research Officer

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**1. PUBLIC BRIEFING**

***Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019***

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Education:

- Agnes McGrath: General Manager Early Childhood Education and Care
- Audrey Billias: Director Early Childhood Policy and Programs
- Michelle Wells: Assistant Director Early Childhood Policy
- Amy Ireland: Senior Manager Legislation Services, Strategic Services

**Tabled Papers**

TP1-1: Department of Education – Opening Statement

TP1-2: Department of Education – Background Information

**2. PUBLIC BRIEFING**

***Environment Protection Bill 2019***

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources:

- Joanne Townsend: Chief Executive Officer
- Paul Purdon: Executive Director Environment Protection
- Karen Avery: Executive Director Environment Policy and Support
- Kathleen Davis: Director Environment Policy

**Tabled Paper**

TP1-1: Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Background Information

**3. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearing: 8.30 am – 4.00 pm, Thursday 30 May 2019 – Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Meeting closed at 10.30 am.

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
Chair



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## SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 50

3.00 pm, Monday, 1 July 2019

Committee Secretary's Office

<b>Present:</b>	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Paech moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 49 of 6 June 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

#### 3. EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019*, to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 2 July 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received with the exception of submission 9 which the author requested not be made public on the Committee's website.

#### 5. REVISED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Noted.

#### 6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 9.00 am – 11.00 am, Monday 15 July 2019.

Meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**