



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**2018 Estimates Committee**

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **2018 Estimates Committee Report**

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**June 2018**



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

**2018 Estimates Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 1**

1.00 pm, Tuesday, 10 April 2018  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Sandra Nelson, MLA, Member for Katherine (via telephone)  
Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (via telephone)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly (via telephone)  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Paul Kirby, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson (via telephone)
- Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
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**1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Ms Nelson nominated Ms Uibo to be Chair of the Committee. Mrs Worden seconded the nomination.

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

**2. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mrs Worden nominated Ms Nelson to be Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Kirby seconded the nomination.

Mr Wood nominated Mr Higgins to be Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Mills seconded the nomination.

As a number of Members were participating in the meeting by telephone, the Chair obtained the consent of all Members to conduct an open ballot. Votes for Ms Nelson were four and votes for Mr Higgins were three.

The Chair declared Ms Nelson to be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

**3. MEDIA RELEASES**

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

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

Question put and passed.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF DAYS AND TIMES OF HEARINGS**

The Committee agreed:

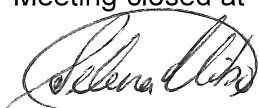
That the Committee hold 60 hours of Estimates hearings 12, 13, 14, 18, 19 and 20 June 2018.

The Committee directed the secretariat to circulate via email the draft Estimate Hearings schedule developed by Mr Higgins.

#### **5. NEXT MEETING**

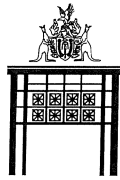
Monday, 16 April 2018 at 9am

Meeting closed at 13.30 pm

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

**Ms Selena Uibo, MLA**

**Chair**



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

**2018 Estimates Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 2**

9.10 am, Monday, 16 April 2018  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Selena Uiho MLA, Member for Arnhem, Chair (via telephone)  
Ms Sandra Nelson, MLA, Member for Katherine, Deputy Chair  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim (substitute for Member for Sanderson)
- Apologies:** Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson
- Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer  
Sean O'Connor, Clerk Assistant Chamber and Serjeant at Arms

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**1. MEETING**

Mrs Worden and Mr Wood were an apology.

The Chair advised that pursuant to Sessional Order 15 Mr Collins was nominated in writing to the Speaker to attend this meeting as a substitute for Mrs Worden.

The Committee Secretary advised Mr O'Connor was observing as he would be involved in Estimates process support.

**2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 1**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Mills seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 1 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. SCHEDULE OF CONSIDERATION OF OUTPUTS**

Ms Uiho moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

That the Committee agrees to adopt and publish a schedule for consideration of outputs to be circulated by the Chair, subject to no Member raising any objection to its adoption within 24 hours of its circulation.

Question put and passed.

**4. ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

That the Electoral Commissioner be invited to appear only once, during the Chief Minister's appearance, and any questions relating to his responsibilities under the Local Government Act can be directed to him at that time.

Question put and passed.

**5. INDEPENDENT OFFICERS**

The Committee decided that all independent officers must be available to appear and the Committee will determine which independent officers will appear closer to the hearing date.

**6. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee agrees to continue the practice of questions first being asked by Shadow Ministers, then Independent Members, then Committee Members, then other participating Members, with Members being given leave to ask intervening questions that follow a line of questioning commenced.

Question put and passed.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

7.50 am on Tuesday, 12 June 2018 for Hearings commencing 8 am, unless earlier convened by the Chair.

Meeting closed at 9.30 am



**Ms Selena Uibo, MLA**

**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2018 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 3

#### Day No. 1 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Tuesday, 12 June 2018

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Selena Uiibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

#### Participating Members

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

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#### 1. Hon Kezia Purick MLA: Speaker

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Michael Tatham	Clerk	Department of the Legislative Assembly
Marianne Conaty	Deputy Clerk	Department of the Legislative Assembly
Diem Tang	Chief Financial Officer	Department of the Legislative Assembly

Hearing commenced.

##### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
1-1	1-2	Assembly Meeting Statistics

Hearing concluded.

#### 2. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Treasurer

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Craig Graham	Under Treasurer	Treasury and Finance
David Braines-Mead	Deputy Under Treasurer (Policy)	Treasury and Finance
Catherine Weber	Deputy Under Treasurer (Corporate)	Treasury and Finance
Tim McManus	Assistant Under Treasurer (Finance)	Treasury and Finance
Mick Butler	Assistant Under Treasurer (Revenue)	Treasury and Finance
Alex Pollon	General Manager Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	Treasury and Finance

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 and 12.30.

Hearing resumed.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2-1	2-1	Mr Higgins	Sustainable Service Provision	Yes
2-2	2-1	Mr Higgins	Cost of Northcrest Project	Yes
			Profitability of Government Owned Corporations and	
2-3	2-1	Mr Wood	Community Service Obligation Funding	Yes
2-4	5-1	Mr Higgins	Cost of Capital for Power and Water Corporation	No
2-5	5-1	Mr Higgins	ICT Expenditure	No
2-6	6-1	Mr Higgins	ICT Service Contractors – Fly-in Fly-out employees	No
2-7	6-1	Mr Higgins	Other Property Expenses	No
2-8	6-1	Mr Higgins	Investments in Treasury Bonds	No

#### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
2-1	1-1	Pipeline of Major Projects
2-2	6-1	NTDIF Expenditure
2-3	2-1	Answer to QON 2-2
2-4	2-1	Answer to QON 2-3

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Kirkman	Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Fotis Papadakis	Chief Financial Officer	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Leah Clifford	Deputy Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
John Harrison	Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Louise McCormick	General Manager Transport and Civil Services	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Simon Saunders	Executive Director Transport Safety Services	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2-9	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Reduction in taxi Licence fees	Yes
	Opening Statement	Mr Higgins	Impact of ridesharing on the number of taxi drivers in the NT	Yes
2-10		9-1 Mr Wood	Drainage Works from the Holtze (Palmerston) hospital to Mitchell Creek	Yes
2-11		9-1 Mr Wood	Car park Upgrade Howard Springs Nature Park	Yes
2-12		9-1 Mr Wood	Construction of and Upgrades to Health Centres	Yes
2-13		9-1 Mr Higgins	Alpurrurulam Morgue	No
2-14		9-1 Mr Higgins	Truck Central Sewerage System	No
2-15		9-2 Mr Higgins	Revote Project List	No
2-16		10-1 Mr Wood	Infrastructure Connection Berrimah North	No
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### **Tabled Papers**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Title</b>
2-5	Opening Statement	Answer to QON 2-9
2-6	Opening Statement	Answer to QON 2-10
2-7	9-1	Answer to QON 2-11
2-8	9-1	Answer to QON 2-12

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 17.30 until 13 June 2018 at 8.00.



**Ms Selena Uibo MLA**  
**Chair**





# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2018 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 4

#### Day No. 2 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

#### Participating Members

Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

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#### 1. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Chief Minister

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Julie Crisp	Auditor-General	Auditor-General's Office

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Iain Loganathan	Electoral Commissioner	NT Electoral Commission

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3-1	4-1	Mr Higgins	ICT Expenditure	No

Hearing concluded.

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Peter Shoyer	Ombudsman	OmbudsmanNT

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jodie Ryan	Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister
Maria Mohr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister
Andrew Cowan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 and 12.30

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3-2	7-2	Ms Uibo	Budget for First Circles Leadership program	No
3-3	9-1	Mr Higgins	Reduction in staffing – Alice Springs and Tennant Creek	No
3-4	9-1	Mr Higgins	Government agreement with Unions NT	No
3-5	9-1	Mr Higgins	Increased advertising costs	No
3-6	9-1	Mr Higgins	ICT Expenditure	No
3-7	9-1	Mr Higgins	Bullying Claims	No

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
3-1	7-2	The Barunga Agreement
3-2	7-2	Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation- NT Government Multi Agency Partnership

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Reece P Kershaw APM	Commissioner for Police and Chief Executive Officer of Fire and Emergency Services	Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Michael Willis	Executive Director, Operational Support Directorate	Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Mark Spain	Acting Executive Director, Northern Territory Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3-8	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police force separations	Yes
3-9	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of police officers by rank	No
3-10	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Nightcliff Police Station tender	No
3-11	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Budget expectation for overtime	No
3-12	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police Engagement Officers	No
3-13	12-1	Mrs Lambley	Number of police suspended	No
3-14	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of arrests made for breach of bail	No

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3-15	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of police officers assigned to Palmerston, Casuarina and Darwin	No
3-16	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of people taken into protective custody	No
3-17	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of times police used arrest powers	No
3-18	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of flight hours provided to Government Ministers by NT Police	No
3-19	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Amount spent on police prosecutors in financial year 2017-18	No
3-20	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Amount spent on prisoner escorts	No
3-21	12-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police officers assigned to traffic units	No
3-22	12-1	Mr Wood	Number of vehicles seized for hooning	No

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 16.30 until 14 June 2018 at 8.00.



**Ms Selena Uibo MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2018 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 5

#### Day No. 3 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Thursday 14 June 2018

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett (substituting for Mr Higgins)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

#### Participating Members

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

#### Member Substitution

In accordance with a letter from the Government Whip to the Speaker received 14 June 2018, Mrs Finocchiaro substituted for Mr Higgins for the examination of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and the Minister for Health.

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## 1. Hon Natasha Fyles: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Meredith Day	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Craig Smyth	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Jacqueline Dowling	Chief Finance Officer	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Jenni Daniel-Yee	Acting Executive Director, Legal Services	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Rob Steer	Acting Commissioner, Northern Territory Correctional Services	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Leanne Liddle	Director Aboriginal Justice Unit	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Ros Chenoweth	Director of the Crime Victims Services Unit	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Chris Cox	Executive Director, Courts and Tribunals	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Sally Sievers	Commissioner	Anti-Discrimination Commission
Brenda Monaghan	Commissioner	Information and Public Interest Disclosures
Colleen Gwynne	Commissioner	Office of the Children's Commissioner NT
Sally Ozolins	Deputy Director-General (Operations)	Licensing NT

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 and 12.30

Hearing resumed.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4-1	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Litigation on regulation of liquor outlet floor space	No
4-2	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Unfilled solicitor positions in SFNT	No
4-3	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of administrative law actions faced by the Northern Territory Government	No
4-4	2-1	Mr Wood	Custodial services budget	No
4-5	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Costs associated with hospital transfers of prisoners	No
4-6	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of prisoners in VET or other skills programs	No
4-7	6-1	Mr Wood	Reporting of amounts from pubs and clubs from poker machines	No

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Natasha Fyles: Minister for Health

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Professor Catherine Stoddart	Chief Executive Officer	Health
Nick Good	Chief Financial Officer	Health
Dr Maggie Jamieson	Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Health Policy and Strategy	Health
Michael Kalimnios	Chief Operating Officer, Top End Health Service	Health
Sue Korner	Chief Operating Officer, Central Australia Health Service	Health
Xavier Schoben	Acting Director Public Health	Health
Dr Hugh Heggie	Chief Health Officer	Health
Dr Len Notaras	Executive Director, National Critical Care and Response Centre	Health

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4-8	8-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost breakdown for new health clinics	No
4-9	8-1	Ms Selena Uibo	Budget breakdown for implementation of the NT Renal Strategy	No
4-10	8-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breakdown of people receiving renal dialysis	No
4-11	8-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost comparison for renal care by location	No
4-12	9-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost to provide flu shots to eligible at-risk children	No
4-13	9-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Budget for therapeutic services for AOD across the Territory	No
4-14	10-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	12 week residential rehabilitation program	No
4-15	10-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Budget for disability equipment	No
4-16	10-2	Ms Selena Uibo	Budget for mental health services for remote Territorians	No
4-17	13-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Medical misdiagnosis complaints	No

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4-18	13-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Fees associated with meetings of the Clinical Senate	No

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
4-1	9-2	Summary of AOD Youth Grants Awarded 2017-18

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Hon Gerald McCarthy MLA: Minister for Housing and Community Development

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jamie Chalker	Chief Executive Officer	Housing and Community Development
Jim Bamber	Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Housing Services, Local Government and Community Development)	Housing and Community Development
Dwayne McInnes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Remote Program Delivery Office and Community Services)	Housing and Community Development
Karen Elligett	Executive Director Corporate Services	Housing and Community Development
Ken Tinkham	Chief Financial Officer	Housing and Community Development
Lee Williams	Acting Executive Director Local Government and Community Development	Housing and Community Development

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 18.30 and 19.00

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5-1	1-1	Mr Higgins	Businesses that have won work through the stimulus package	No
5-2	1-1	Mr Higgins	Masterplan for using Territory housing properties as emergency women's shelters	No
5-3	1-1	Mr Higgins	Housing properties transferred to non-government organisations	No
5-4	1-1	Mr Higgins	Expenditure on repairs and maintenance of NT Housing stock in Moulden	Yes
5-5	1-2	Mr Higgins	Remote housing project in Amanbidji	Yes
5-6	1-2	Mr Higgins	Companies involved in Room to Breathe program	No
5-7	1-2	Mr Higgins	Room to Breathe work packages	No
5-8	1-2	Mr Higgins	Appointment of contractors for Room to Breathe program	Yes
5-9	1-2	Mr Higgins	Utilisation of government owned dwelling in Wadeye for visiting officers	No
5-10	1-2	Mr Higgins	Business contracts for government employee housing/upgrades in communities	No
5-11	1-2	Mr Wood	Room to Breathe program	No

Hearing concluded.

#### 4. Hon Gerald McCarthy MLA: Minister for Public Employment

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Craig Allen	Commissioner	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Robert Czar	Chief Financial Officer	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5-12	6-1	Mr Higgins	Percentage of public servants employed on fixed term contracts	No
5-13	6-1	Mr Higgins	Indigenous people employed under Special Measures	No
5-14	6-1	Mr Higgins	Public servants seconded to NGO's	No

##### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
5-1	Opening Statement	Opening Statement OCPE

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 22.30 until 18 June 2018 at 8.00.



**Ms Selena Uibo MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2018 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 6

#### Day No. 4 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Monday 18 June 2018

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Selena Uiibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

#### Participating Members

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Ms Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

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#### 1. Hon Ken Vowles MLA: Minister for Primary Industry and Resources

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Alister Trier	Chief Executive	Primary Industry and Resources
Rod Applegate	Deputy Chief Executive Resources	Primary Industry and Resources
Ian Curnow	General Manager Fisheries and Product Integrity	Primary Industry and Resources
Karen Simpson	Chief Financial Officer	Primary Industry and Resources
Phil Hausler	Executive Director Plant Industries	Primary Industry and Resources

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended between 12.00 and 12.30

Hearing resumed.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6-1	1-1	Mr Wood	Funding for Aboriginal support for Wagait Land Trust	Yes
6-2	1-2	Mr Higgins	Plant industries development programs	Yes
6-3	2-1	Mr Wood	Biological control options for mango leaf hopper	Yes
6-4	3-1	Mr Higgins	Amateur Fishermen's Association of the Northern Territory (AFANT) infrastructure grant	No
6-5	5-1	Mr Higgins	Streamlining of mineral exploration licenses	Yes
6-6	5-2	Mr Higgins	Lawyers acting on behalf of the Government	Yes
6-7	5-3	Mr Higgins	Expenditure on legacy mines	No



### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
6-1	1-1	Department of Primary Industry and Resources Strategic Plan 2018-2022
6-2	1-1	Answer to QON 6-1
6-3	1-2	Answer to QON 6-2
6-4	2-1	Answer to QON 6-3
6-5	5-2	Answer to QON 6-5
6-6	5-3	Answer to QON 6-6

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Ken Vowles MLA: Minister for the Arafura Games

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Michael Tennant	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Tourism and Culture
Andrew Hopper	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Tourism and Culture
Tim Watsford	General Manager	NT Major Events Company

Hearing commenced.

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
6-7	Opening Statement	Opening Statement – Minister for Arafura Games

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 15.00 until 19 June 2018 at 8.00.



**Ms Selena Uibo MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2018 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 7

#### Day No. 5 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Tuesday 19 June 2018

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Selena Uiibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett (substituting for Mr Higgins)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

#### Participating Members

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

#### Member Substitution

In accordance with a letter from the Government Whip to the Speaker received 14 June 2018, Mrs Finocchiaro substituted for Mr Higgins for the examination of the Minister for Education.

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### 1. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Environment and Natural Resources

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dr Benedict Scamبارy	Chief Executive Officer	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Alan Buckingham	Director Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Che Walsh	Director of Policy and Governance	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Joanne Townsend	Chief Executive Officer	Environment and Natural Resources
Cynthia Loganathan	Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Services	Environment and Natural Resources
Paul Purdon	Executive Director, Environment Protection, Environment Division	Environment and Natural Resources
Christine Long	Executive Director, Water Resources Division	Environment and Natural Resources

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dr Alaric Fisher	Executive Director, Flora and Fauna Division	Environment and Natural Resources
Luis Da Rocha	Acting Executive Director, Rangelands Division	Environment and Natural Resources
Collene Bremner	Executive Director, Bushfires NT	Environment and Natural Resources

Hearing commenced.

**Deliberative meeting:** The hearing was suspended at 8.50 and the Committee moved to the Ormiston Room to hold a deliberative meeting. Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mr Higgins, Mr Kirby, Mrs Lambley, Mr Wood and Mrs Worden attended.

Mr Higgins tabled TP7.2 (Legal Advice) and moved, and Ms Nelson seconded, that the paper be kept confidential to allow the Minister opportunity to advise whether she considered its publication was in the public interest.

Question put and passed.

**Hearing resumed:** The Committee returned to the Litchfield Room and the hearing resumed at 9.00.

**Hearing suspended:** Mr Higgins moved, and Ms Nelson seconded, that the name of a poison referred to by Mr Higgins be removed from the Hansard record.

Question put and passed.

Hearing resumed.

**Hearing suspended:** Mr Higgins moved that, in addition to removing his reference to the name of a poison from the public record, the Committee forbid the publication of that part of the proceeding.

Question put and passed

Hearing resumed.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 and 12.30.

Hearing resumed.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7-1	3-2	Mr Wood	Sagittaria plant eradication	Yes
7-2	3-2	Mr Wood	Cost of Darwin River cabomba investigation	Yes
7-3	3-2	Mr Wood	Neem trees on the Victoria River	Yes
7-4	3-3	Mr Wood	Mimosa die back on Melaleuca Station	Yes
7-5	3-3	Mr Higgins	Exceptional water usage for bush fires	Yes
7-6	4-1	Mr Wood	Environment grant to the Motor Trades Association	No

## Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
7-1	Opening Statement	Letters regarding Pastoral Land Legislation Amendment Bill
7-2	Opening Statement	Confidential
7-3	3-2	Sea Level Rise and Saltwater Intrusion Modelling on the Lower Mary River

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Tourism and Culture

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Michael Tennant	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Tourism and Culture
Andrew Hopper	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Tourism and Culture
Susan Kirkman	Executive Director Strategic Services	Tourism and Culture
Phillip Leslie	Executive Director Community Participation Sport and the Arts	Tourism and Culture
Mark Ashley	Executive Director Parks, Wildlife and Heritage	Tourism and Culture
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Tourism and Culture

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7-7	Opening Statement	Mr Higgins	KPIs for turbo-charging the tourism initiative	No
7-8	Opening Statement	Mr Higgins	Breakdown of predicted increase in tourism numbers	No
7-9	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Advertising budget promoting consultation for National Aboriginal Art Gallery	Yes
7-10	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Budget for coffee for consultation process	Yes
7-11	7-1	Mr Higgins	Breakdown of budget for tourism from China and India	No
7-12	7-1	Mr Wood	Information signs on World War II Airstrips	Yes
7-13	7-1	Mr Wood	Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award	Yes
7-14	7-1	Mr Wood	Grant to Top Croc	Yes
7-15	7-1	Mr Mills	Public liability insurance at motor sports events	No
7-16	7-1	Mr Wood	Visitor numbers for Northern Territory parks	No

Hearing concluded.

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

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Vicki Baylis	Chief Executive	Education
Marion Guppy	Deputy Chief Executive, School Education	Education
Jasmine Aldenhoven	Executive Director Corporate Services	Education
Brett Roach	Chief Financial Officer	Education
Tricia Wake	Acting General Manager, Early Childhood and Education Care	Education
Adam Walding	Acting Senior Director, Planning and Infrastructure	Education
Maree Garrigan	Acting Executive Director, School Support Services	Education
Tony Considine	General manager, Indigenous Education Review Implementation	Education

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 18.30 and 19.00.

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8-1	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Children accessing approved child care centres	Yes
8-2	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Children starting school with developmental delays	Yes
8-3	1-2	Mr Guyula	Budget figures for schools in Nhulunbuy region	No

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8-4	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Truancy Officers- location and student engagement	No
8-5	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of students in water safety life skills program	Yes
8-6	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Budget and student achievement - water safety life skills program	Yes
8-7	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Teacher recruitment numbers and origin	No
8-8	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of bullied students	No
8-9	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Student suspensions or expulsions for substance abuse	No
8-10	1-3	Mr Wood		No

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
8-1	Opening Statement	2018-19 Estimates Minister for Education Opening Statement
8-2	1-1	Answer to QON 8-2
8-3	1-3	Education NT Strategy 2018-22 Action Plan
8-4	1-3	Answer to QON 8-1
8-5	1-3	Answer to QON 8-5
8-6	1-3	Answer to QON 8-6

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 21.00 until 20 June 2018 at 8.00.



**Ms Selena Uiibo MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2018 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 8

#### Day No. 6 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Wednesday 20 June 2018

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett (substituting for Mr Higgins)  
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

#### Participating Members

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member Namatjira

#### Member Substitution

In accordance with letters from the Government Whip to the Speaker received on 14 and 18 June 2018, Mrs Finocchiaro substituted for Mr Higgins for the examination of the Minister for Territory Families, the Government Owned Corporations and the deliberative meeting of the Committee following the hearings.

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### 1. Hon Dale Wakefield MLA: Minister for Territory Families

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ken Davies	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families
Jeanette Kerr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Operations	Territory Families
Nicole Hurwood	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Organisational Services	Territory Families
Luke Twyford	Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance	Territory Families
Kim Charles	Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families
Brent Warren	General Manager, Families and Regional Services	Territory Families
Sasha Robinson	Executive Director, Youth Justice	Territory Families
Janet Anderson	Chief Coordinator, Reform Management Office	Territory Families
Danyelle Jarvis	Senior Director Programs and Engagement	Territory Families

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 and 12.30.

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9-1	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Departmental staff secondment details	Yes
9-2	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Departmental court applications	Yes
9-3	1-2	Mr Wood	Recommendations of the "Growing Them Strong, Together" report	Yes
9-4	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Departmental staff resignations	Yes
9-5	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Stress leave taken by case workers	Yes
9-6	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Complaints from and about foster carers	Yes
9-7	1-4	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of youth diversions	Yes
9-8	1-4	Mr Wood	Electronic monitoring devices	Yes
9-9	1-4	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police call outs to bail accommodation	Yes
9-10	1-4	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth Outreach and Re-engagement Officer Separations	Yes

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
9-1		1-4 Youth Diversion Infrastructure Site Study
9-2	Opening Statement	Answer to QON 9-1
9-3		1-2 Answer to QON 9-2
9-4		1-2 Answer to QON 9-3
9-5		1-2 Answer to QON 9-4
9-6		1-3 Answer to QON 9-5
9-7		1-4 Answer to QON 9-6
9-8		1-4 Answer to QON 9-9
9-9		1-4 Answer to QON 9-10
9-10		1-4 Answer to QON 9-8

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Power and Water Corporation

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
John Langoulant AO	Board Chair	Power and Water Corporation
Michael Thompson	Chief Executive	Power and Water Corporation
Neil Siford	Chief Financial Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Djuna Pollard	Executive General Manager, Power Networks	Power and Water Corporation
John Pudney	Executive Manager, Water Services	Power and Water Corporation
David Coucill	General Manager, Regions and Remote	Power and Water Corporation
Malcolm Conway	General Manager, System Control	Power and Water Corporation

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
10-1	Mr Kirby	Service worker numbers since structural separation	No
10-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Installation cost of photovoltaic system at Daly River	No
10-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Solar Set-Up Program	No

Hearing concluded.

### 3. Jacana Energy

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Noel Faulkner	Chairman	Jacana Energy
Stuart Pearce	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Jacana Energy
Rod Williams	Chief Financial Officer	Jacana Energy
David Walker	Operations Manager	Jacana Energy

Hearing commenced.

**Hearing suspended:** Mrs Finocchiaro, moved and Mr Wood seconded, that the answer to Question on notice 11.2 regarding modelling to costs of solar power be kept in confidence.

Question put and passed.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
11-1	Mrs Worden	New Jacana power bill	No
11-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Impact of renewable energy target	No
11-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Recruitment costs	No
11-4	Mrs Finocchiaro	Wrongful disconnections	No

#### Tabled Papers

No.	Title
11-1	Jacana Energy – Overview of Performance

Hearing concluded.

### 4. Territory Generation

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dennis Bree	Board Chair	Territory Generation
Tim Duignan	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Generation
Maria Walters	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Territory Generation

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 19.30.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room

### 5. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mr Mills moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings 2 to 7 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

### 6. Consideration of Draft Report

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Committee adopt the *2018 Estimates Committee Report*.

Question put and passed.



## **7. Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed at 19.45.

**Ms Selena Uiho MLA**  
**Chair**