



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Annual Report 2018-2019

September 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

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

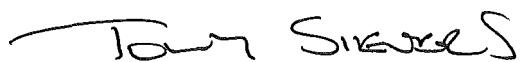
The Committee noted the tabling of the Gaming Control Amendment Bill 2018

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.

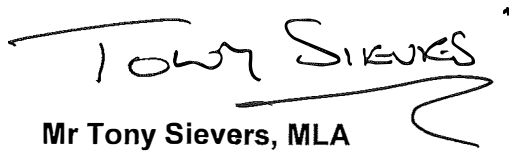
Mr Collins proposed to provide a re-draft of the proposed amendment 101A Default decisions for the Committee to consider.

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*

Question put and passed.

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

1.00 pm, Thursday, 23 August 2018
Litchfield Room

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

Apologies: Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 17 of 15 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS REFERRED

The Committee reviewed stakeholder lists for the call for submissions and agreed to provide the secretariat with names of any additional stakeholders by close of business Friday 24 August 2018. Stakeholder lists were approved for the following Bills:

- Agents and Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2018;
- Training and Skills Development Amendment Bill 2018;
- Water Act and Water Regulations Amendment Bill 2018;
- Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act Bill 2018; and

The Committee agreed that:

The Chair write to responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer with regard to the above Bills.

3. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 September 2018

Meeting closed at 12.13 pm

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

1.00 pm, Thursday, 20 September 2018

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair), - Yes
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair) Yes
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 18 of 23 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That, for inquiries where multiple copies of proforma submissions are received, the Committee adopt the practice of only publishing one example of each type of proforma submission with the number of submissions received noted in brackets.

Question put and passed.

Mr Lawrence moved and Mr Collins seconded:

That the Committee authorise the publication of submissions received other than those that requested confidentiality.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT STEPS FOR BILLS REFERRED IN AUGUST

Revised Bill Inquiry Plan

The Committee agreed to adopt the revised Bill Inquiry plan subject to comment from Members who were not present at the meeting. Comments to be emailed to secretariat by COB 21 September 2018.

Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

The Committee agreed to hold a public briefing with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on 3 October 2018, subject to availability of members.

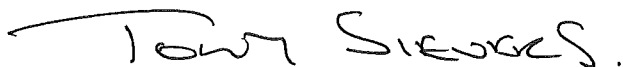
4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Collins noted that he would be an apology for the meeting proposed for 25 October 2018.

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 October 2018 (public briefing)

Meeting closed at 11.25 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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

3.00 pm Wednesday, 3 October 2018
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair) Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair) Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Sasha Lynch

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

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

- Ms Joanne Townsend, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Christine Long, Executive Director, Water Resources
- Mr Ian Smith, Director, Legislation Reform

Briefing suspended at 3.49 pm

The Committee met in private.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 19 of 20 September 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Costa moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The secretariat provide draft questions through the Minister requesting a written response from the Department of Health.

Question put and passed.

5. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mr Guyula moved and Mr Collins seconded:

That papers tabled by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at the public briefing be authorised for publication subject to agreement of the department.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed that the Secretariat identify options for next steps after reviewing the submission provided by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the transcript of the public briefing.

6. TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for tabling in the October Assembly Meeting period.

Question put and passed.

7. AGENTS AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Guyula seconded that:

That the Committee write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice seeking her Department's advice on questions 1 to 3 as set out in the briefing note.

Question put and passed.

8. NEXT MEETING

TBA

Meeting closed at 4.04 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

1.00 pm, Thursday, 1 November 2018
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Sasha Lynch, Acting Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 20 of 3 October 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to ask them to clarify their reasons for requesting confidentiality for the submission they provided to the Committee at the public briefing held on 3 October 2018.

3. TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Secretariat to circulate draft report prior to next meeting.

4. AGENTS AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Resolution

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report Inquiry into the Agents and Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 9 November 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

5. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Secretariat to circulate draft report prior to next meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS

Mr Higgins suggested that Ministers be asked to provide the Committee with their response (or draft response) to the petition before the Committee decides whether to recommend the petition be debated.

Petition No. 25

Resolution

That the Committee write to the Clerk recommending that the Assembly not debate Petition No. 25.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of Petition Nos. 26 and 29 until the February sittings.

7. BILL REFERRALS

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 65)

Secretariat to circulate list of stakeholders for Committee to review prior to sending submission invitations.

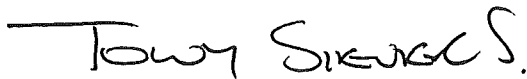
Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 66)

The Committee agreed there was no need to circulate a list of stakeholders with respect to the Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 November

Meeting closed at 1.28 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

12.00 pm, Tuesday 20 November 2018

Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy

Apologies: Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 21 of 1 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. AGENTS AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee approve publication of the Attorney-General's response to the Committee's questions on the Agents and Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

4. TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee approve publication of the Minister for Health's response to the Committee's questions on the Tobacco Control Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee adopt the report Inquiry into the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

5. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That the Committee publish the Submission from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources subject to the following:

- Attachment 2 'Submitter Comments – DENR Response' is not published
- Attachment 4 'Implementation Policy – DENR/DPIR' is published as a draft

Question put and passed.

6. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

It was agreed that the Chair and Deputy speak to the Treasurer regarding whether the Bill should be re-introduced and report back to the Committee.

7. LICENSED SURVEYORS AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

That the Committee draft a 'No Issues Report' for the Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that lunch would be provided at meetings held at 12.00 pm but not 1.00 pm

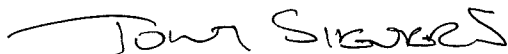
9. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 23 November 2018 (confirm availability for 12.00 pm)

and

1.00 pm Thursday, 29 November 2018

Meeting closed at 12.32



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

12.00 pm, Friday, 23 November 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
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 22 of 20 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for tabling in the November Assembly Meeting period subject to confirmation from Mr Higgins by 9.00 am Monday, 26 November 2018.

Question put and passed.

4. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee prepare a 'No Issues' report for the inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING

1.00 pm, Thursday, 29 November 2018

Meeting closed at 12.05 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. 24

1.00 pm, Thursday, 29 November 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 Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
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. 23 of 23 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft No Issues report for the Inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be presented to the Speaker on 4 December 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 12 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. LICENSED SURVEYORS AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft No Issues report for the Inquiry into the Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018 to be presented to the Speaker on 4 December 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 12 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. BILLS REFERRED DURING NOVEMBER SITTINGS

Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee:

- a) Call for submissions to its inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be received by 14 December 2018.
- a) Write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a contact officer in relation to the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018

Mr Costa requested that AMSANT be included on the stakeholder submission list for the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Liquor Amendment Bill 2018

The Committee agreed to wait until submissions had been received before deciding on whether a public briefing was required.

Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

The Committee agreed to wait until submissions had been received before deciding on whether a public briefing was required.

The Committee asked the Secretary to email draft stakeholder lists for all Bills referred in the November sittings to Members for review and return by end of the 29th November 2018.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee:

- a) Call for submissions to its inquiry into the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018, the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018 and the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be received by 30 January 2019.
- b) Write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a contact officer in relation to the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018, the Minister for Health requesting a contact officer in relation to the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018, and the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a contact officer for the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Petitions

The Committee asked the Secretary to check whether the Committee is required to review additional information to that supplied when a petition is referred.

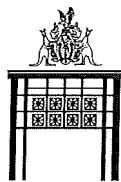
6. NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 1.10 pm.



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

10.00 am, Tuesday 5 February 2019
Ormiston Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair) Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Ms Kate Worden to the Committee and thanked Mr Collins for his work on the Committee.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Costa nominated himself for Deputy Chair of the Committee. Ms Worden seconded the nomination.

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 24 of 29 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

5. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the Attorney-General's response to the Committee's written questions on the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018* be adopted for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 12 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting a response to a question on proposed Section 5 of the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

7. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The Committee agreed to the Secretary making a tentative booking for a public hearing on the Liquor Amendment Bill, pending a review and analysis of submissions to be provided at the next meeting on 14 February 2018.

8. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

The Committee agreed to the Secretary making a tentative booking for a public hearing or briefing on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill, to be held on same day as the tentative public hearing for the Liquor Amendment Bill, pending a review and analysis of submissions to be provided at the next meeting on 14 February 2018.

9. PETITIONS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 26.

Question put and passed.

Mr Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 29.

Question put and passed.

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 30.

Question put and passed.

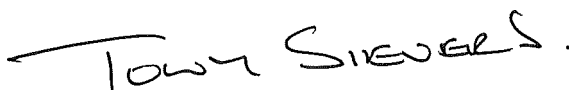
Mr Guyula moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 31.

Question put and passed.

10. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm Thursday, 14 February 2018.
Meeting closed at 10.29



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

12.00 pm, Thursday 14 February 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy

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

1. WELCOME

2. SALLY GEARIN – PRESENTATION OF LEGAL ADVICE ON LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 25 of 5 February 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.
2. The Committee authorises publication of the response from Minister Fyles to written question on the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

5. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018, with no recommendations required.

Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

1. That the Committee write to the Attorney-General requesting a written response to questions on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018, by 21 February 2019.
2. That if further clarification is required after receiving the Attorney-General's response, the Committee hold a public briefing with the Department on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018, on the 25 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

1. That the Committee write to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a written response to questions on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, by 21 February 2019.
2. That if further clarification is required after receiving the Minister's response, the Committee hold a public briefing with the Department on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, on the 25 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

8. BILLS REFERRED IN THE FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

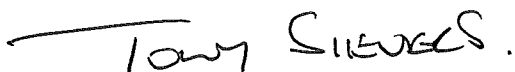
1. That the Committee call for submissions on its inquiries into Bills referred during the February sittings to be received by Monday 11 March 2019.
2. That the Committee write to Minister Manison and Minister Lawler requesting a contact officer for the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2019 and the Water Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

9. NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

Meeting closed at 12.30



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

10.30 pm, Monday 4 March 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson

Apologies: Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy

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

1. WELCOME

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources:

- Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Rod Applegate, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Mr James Pratt, Executive Director, Onshore Gas Development

The public briefing concluded at 11.15 am.

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 26 of 14 February 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. That the Committee authorises the publication of the written responses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources to questions on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018.

2. That the Committee authorises the publication of submissions received
Question put and passed.

5. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Costa moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Ms Worden requested that a note be inserted on the 'Committee Members' page of the inquiry report that she did not participate in the deliberative process for the medical Services Amendment Bill inquiry.

6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The Committee agreed to review this Bill out of session.

7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Ms Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

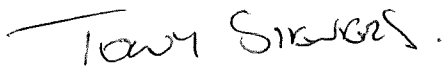
That a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

8. NEXT MEETING

Friday 8 March 2019 at 10.30 am

Meeting closed at 11.35 am



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Economic Policy Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

10.30 pm, Friday 8 March 2019

Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair) Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
Apologies:	Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 27 of 4 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.
2. The Committee authorises the publication of the written responses from the Attorney-General to questions on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

3. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Worden seconded:

That the Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018 be amended to include Option 1, as presented in Paragraph 3.32 of the draft and that Option 2 be removed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded:

That the Committee adopt the amended Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018 for tabling in the Assembly on 12 March 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 for tabling in the Assembly on 12 March 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Higgins noted his concern that when the Committee's reports on Bills propose significant recommendations there may not be sufficient time for stakeholders to express their views on the recommendations before they are considered by the Assembly and the Bill is passed.

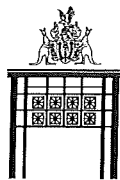
5. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 March 2019 at 12.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.40 am



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

10.00 am, Friday, 22 March 2019
Teleconference

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Gary Higgins MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 28 of 8 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee does not authorise publication of the submission to the Water Amendment Bill 2019, received from Katherine Marchment.

Question put and passed.

3. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.
2. That the Committee write to the Treasurer requesting a written response to questions from the Committee.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and M Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Department requesting that representatives be assigned to appear before the Committee at a public briefing to be held on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. BILLS REFERRED IN MARCH SITTINGS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred to the Committee during the March sittings, to be received by 17 April 2019.
2. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting contact officers in relation to the Bills.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 April 2019 - public briefing on Water Amendment Bill 2019 and deliberative meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.10 am

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

9.00 am, Wednesday 3 April 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
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1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

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

- Ms Joanne Townsend, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Chris Shaw, Executive Director, Onshore Gas Reform

The public briefing concluded at 9.55 am.

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Mrs Lia Finocchiaro to the Committee and thanked Mr Higgins for his contribution to the Committee over the last 18 months.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 29 of 21 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

5. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the responses to written questions regarding the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2019 received from the Department of Treasury and Finance on 28 March 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee requested that further clarification be sought from the Minister regarding the following:

- The rationale for using pension age as the main factor for limiting the amount of time a person can receive loss of earning capacity (LOEC) benefits (e.g. was this informed by average length of time on LOEC benefits, the aggregated average benefits paid out for LOEC, driver risk by age)
- How entitlements to loss of earning benefits vary by the following age groups – 45, 64, 67, 75 and 80.

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee write to Minister requesting further clarification regarding provisions in the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee requested that further information be obtained regarding the process for finalising the Code of Practice.

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

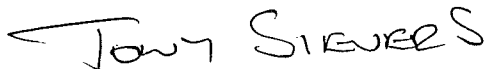
The Committee write to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources requesting a response to written questions on the Water Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

11.30 am, Wednesday 17 April 2019,

Meeting closed at 10.20 am



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

11.30 am, Wednesday, 17 April 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 30 of 3 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the submission received.

Question put and passed.

3. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden noted that there appeared to be an error in the answer provided by the Department to question 1b of the Responses to Written Questions, with Table 1 stating that a person aged 64 would only receive LOEC benefits until pension age. The Committee agreed that the Department's second set of Responses to Written Questions should not be published until this apparent error has been clarified with the Department and corrected if necessary.

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden noted that Minister Lawler's letter did not provide clear agreement for the Committee to publish the Department's written responses to questions on the Committee's webpage. The Committee agreed that publication of the responses would not be authorised until Mr Sievers had followed this up with the Minister.

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Water Amendment Bill 2019, subject to no objection being received from Mrs Finocchiaro or Mr Costa, via email by 12.00 pm Thursday 18 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Guyula stated that he would submit a dissenting report and would provide this report to the Committee on a date agreed with the Committee Secretary but before the report is due to be tabled in the Assembly on 7 May 2019.

5. BILLS REFERRED IN MARCH SITTINGS

The secretary provided a brief review of the three submissions on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019 received to date.

6. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am 30 April 2019

Meeting closed at 11.57

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

10.30 am, Tuesday, 30 April 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 31 of 17 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Neither Mrs Finocchiaro nor Mr Costa forwarded an email raising objections to the resolution adopting the report on the Water Amendment Bill 2019 and this report is now adopted. Mr Guyula submitted a dissenting report on the Water Amendment Bill 2019.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of written responses on the Water Amendment Bill 2019 from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources received 12 April 2019.
2. The Committee authorises the publication of written responses on the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill from the Department of Treasury and Finance received 8 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

5. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

6. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

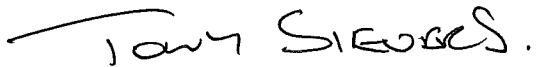
The Committee authorises publication of the submission received from the Electoral Commissioner subject to his agreement.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 May 2019 at either 12.45 or 1.00 pm (to be confirmed) and Thursday 16 May 2019 at 12.45 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.44 am

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

12.45 pm, Thursday, 9 May 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 32 of 30 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CARE AND PROTECTION

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister for Territory Families requesting responses to written questions by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

Secretary to identify tentative time for public hearing with interested parties and Territory Families.

3. WATER LEGISLATION MISC AMENDMENTS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister for Department of Environment and Natural Resources requesting responses to written questions by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

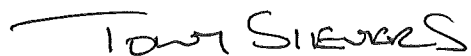
The Committee write to the Chief Minister requesting responses to written questions by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

12.45 pm, 16 May 2019

Meeting closed at 12.53

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

12.45 pm, Thursday, 16 May 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 33 of 9 May 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the written responses from Territory Families.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee hold a public hearing on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill on Tuesday 21 May 2019 from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to invite the following witnesses to the public hearing:

- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Law Society NT
- Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
- Danila Dilba Health Service
- Mr Guyula and Mr Costa to provide the secretary with names of other witnesses
- Territory Families

4. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the written responses from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put and passed.

5. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of the written responses to questions from the Department of the Chief Minister.
2. The Committee write to the Department enquiring whether the Government has the power to extend the Electoral Commissioner's term of appointment for an appropriately short period to deal with matters such as the appointment otherwise concluding four months before an election, as may occur in the 2024 election.

6. BILLS REFERRED IN MAY SITTINGS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that the Committee:

1. Call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the May sittings to be received by Friday 14 June 2019.
2. Write to responsible Ministers requesting contact officers for Bills referred during the May sittings.

Question put and passed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

12.00 – 2.00 pm Monday 20 May 2019

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

12.00 pm, Monday, 20 May 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Hemp Industry Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources:

- Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive
- Dr Warren Hunt, Manager, Agricultural Policy & Analysis
- Mr Peter Zeroni, Director, Policy and Legislation

Tabled Papers

- TP1-1: Hemp Industry Bill 2019, Opening Statement to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee, Public Briefing, 20 May 2019.
- TP1-2: List of stakeholders consulted during development of the Hemp Industry Bill 2019.
- TP1-3: Hemp Industry Bill 2019, Fact Sheet, Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice:

- Jenni Daniel-Yee, Director, Legal Policy
- Douglas Burns, Senior Policy Lawyer

3. PUBLIC BRIEFING
Liquor Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice:

- Bronwyn Haack, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of the Chief Minister:

- Giovina D'Alessandro, Executive Director, Alcohol Review Implementation Team
- Ryan Neve, Director of Communications

Tabled Papers

TP1-1: Liquor Bill 2019 - PowerPoint presentation slides

TP1-2: Liquor Bill 2019: Liquor licence application process – Issuing a licence or authority – Part 3 Division 3

TP1-3: Liquor Bill 2019: Liquor licence complaints process – Part 7 Division 3

TP1-4: Overview of the Changes to Search, Seizure and Forfeiture under the Liquor Bill 2019 – Parts 10 and 12

4. NEXT MEETING

8.30 am, Tuesday 21 May 2019, public hearing on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 2.21 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

8.30 am, Tuesday, 21 May 2019
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers MLA Ms Kate Worden MLA Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

- Clara Mills, Managing Solicitor, Civil Law

Law Society NT

- Russell Goldflam, Policy Officer

Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit

- Anna Potter, Legal Practitioner

Danila Dilba Health Service

- Joy McLaughlin, Senior Policy Officer, Strategy and Reform
- Jackson Bursill, Policy Officer

Tabled Paper

TP1-1: Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT, "Listening and hearing are two different things", Aboriginal community voices on proposed Child Protection and Youth Justice reforms in the Northern Territory, Report on Community and Service Provider Workshops 2018.

Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission

- Jaquie Palavra, Managing Solicitor, Family Law Section

Private Individual

- Rose Lanybalanyba

Territory Families

- Seranie Gamble, Director, Strategy and Policy
- Luke Twyford, Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance
- Jeanette Kerr, Deputy CEO, Families and Regional Services
- Joy Simpson, Senior Practice Leader

Territory Families took questions on notice from Ms Kate Worden, Mrs Lia Finocchiaro and Mr Sievers, with these to be confirmed through the Hansard transcript. Territory Families also agreed to provide written responses to written questions that were not able to be asked during the public hearing due to lack of time but with which they had been previously provided.

2. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am to 12.30 pm, Deliberative Meeting - Monday 27 May 2019

Meeting closed at 1.30 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

10.30 am, Monday, 27 May 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, 1st Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of the following Meetings be confirmed.

- Meeting No. 34 – 16 May 2019
- Meeting No. 35 – 20 May 2019
- Meeting No. 36 – 21 May 2019

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of documents tabled at Meetings No. 35 and 36 and of the paper provided after Meeting No. 36 by Jaquie Palavra, NT Legal Aid Commission.

Question put and passed.

Secretary to confirm that Ms Palavra is happy to have the paper published.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

4. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

5. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

6. **INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**
Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.
7. **NEXT MEETING**
Friday 7 June 2.00 pm
Meeting closed at 11.44 am

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

2.00 pm, Friday, 7 June 2019

Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 37 of 27 May 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Water Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee chose a tentative date of Thursday 4 July 2019 to hold a public hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019. Mr Costa will be on leave during July 2019. The secretary is to confirm the proposed date with Mrs Finocchiaro and Mr Guyula.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 20 June 2019

Meeting closed at 2.08 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

12.00 pm, Thursday, 20 June 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 38 of 7 June 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to publish the second submission from police on the Liquor Bill 2019 but not the first submission they provided.

3. LIQUOR BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Liquor Bill 2019 once these have been reviewed and finalised.

Question put and passed

4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 once these have been reviewed and finalised

Question put and passed

5. HEMP INDUSTRY BILL

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee prepare a No Issues report on the Hemp Industry Bill 2019.

Question put and passed

6. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed to:

- Call for submissions on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019
- Invite staff from the Chief Minister's Department to attend a public briefing on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 on Wednesday 3 July 2019.

Secretariat to send out list of stakeholders to Committee members.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed to adopt the revised bill inquiry plan and the dates set out below for meetings, public hearings and briefings.

- Deliberative Meeting to review submissions and public briefing on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 – Wednesday 3 July 2019, 12.30 – 2.30 pm
- Public Hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019 – Wednesday 10 July 2019 – times to be determined after consideration of submissions.
- Deliberative Meeting to consider evidence on Bills referred in the May sittings - Thursday 18 July, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.
- Deliberative Meeting to adopt reports, Tuesday 30 July 2019, 1.00 pm

8. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing on Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019, Wednesday 3 July 2019, 12.30 – 2.30 pm

Meeting closed at 12.34



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair