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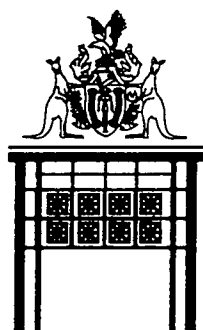
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THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Public Accounts Committee is a document of accountability to the Legislative Assembly, and provides a statement to other interested stakeholders on the Committee's role, structure, responsibilities and activities.

The Public Accounts Committee is required to report annually in accordance with Section 21A of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory. A summary of activities is also included within the Department of Legislative Assembly annual report for the same reporting year as required by Section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*.

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MEMBERS

Mrs Loraine Braham, MLA
(Chairman)

Mr John Bailey, MLA

Mr Peter Toyne, MLA

Mr Peter Adamson, MLA

Dr Richard Lim, MLA

SECRETARIAT

Jennifer Mollah
Secretary to the Committee (July 1996-Jan 1997)

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Secretary to the Committee (Feb 1997 - Jun 1997)

Judith Herring
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25 February 1998

The Hon. Loraine Braham, MLA
Speaker
GPO Box 3721
DARWIN NT 0800

Dear Madam Speaker,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21A of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, I have pleasure in submitting this Annual Report to you on the activities, staffing and operations of the Public Accounts Committee for the financial year ended 30 June 1997.

I advise that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that:

- (a) proper records of all transactions affecting the Public Accounts Committee are kept by the Department of Legislative Assembly and that provisions of the *Financial Management Act*, Treasury Regulations and the Treasurer's Directions have been observed; and
- (b) procedures within the Department are such as will at all times afford a proper control over expenditure and public property of the Public Accounts Committee.

Having regard to the provisions of the aforementioned legislation, I am not aware of any indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in or omission from the accounts and records of the Department of Legislative Assembly, that apply to the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Dunham'.

STEPHEN DUNHAM, MLA
CHAIRMAN

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CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

On behalf of the members of the Public Accounts Committee of the Seventh Assembly, I am pleased to present the Eleventh Annual Report of Activities for 1996-97.

Changes in membership to the Committee during the year saw Mr Rick Setter, Mr Philip Mitchell and Mr Brian Ede replaced by Mr Peter Adamson, Dr Richard Lim and Mr Peter Toyne.

The Committee was able to finalise the two inquiries into the provision of school education services and health services to Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory which had commenced during the previous reporting period.

The Committee maintains an ongoing brief to examine the reports of the Auditor-General laid before the Legislative Assembly. In pursuing this brief, Report No. 30 on the Auditor-General's Annual and Mid Year Reports 1993/94 and 1994/95 was tabled on 27 February 1997.

On behalf of Committee members I wish to acknowledge the continued support by the Committee Secretariat during the year.



STEPHEN DUNHAM, MLA
CHAIRMAN

PROFILE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Members of the Public Accounts Committee during the year were:

Mrs Loraine Braham, MLA

Appointed 27 June 1994
Appointed Chairman 28 November 1996
Country Liberal Party
Member for Braitling. First elected 1994
Deputy Chairman of Committees
Deputy Speaker

Mr Rick Setter, MLA - Chairman (25/8/94 - 28/11/96)

Appointed 17 May 1988
Appointed Chairman 25 August 1994
Discharged 28 November 1996
Country Liberal Party
Member for Jingili. First elected 1984.
Chairman of Committees.
Other Committees: Privileges; Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers
(Chairman); Standing Orders

Mr John Bailey, MLA

Appointed 4 December 1990
Australian Labor Party
Member for Wanguri. First elected 1989.
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Shadow Minister for TIO, Treasury; Education & Training; Youth and Young
Families
Other Committees: Constitutional Development; Environment

Mr Brian Ede, MLA

Reappointed 27 June 1994
Resigned 23 August 1996
Australian Labor Party
Member for Stuart. First elected 1983.

Mr Philip Mitchell, MLA

Appointed 15 August 1995
Discharged 28 November 1996
Country Liberal Party
Member for Millner. First elected 1994
Other Committees: Publications; Constitutional Development; Environment

Mr Peter Toyne, MLA

Appointed 9 October 1996
Australian Labor Party
Member for Stuart. First elected 1996.
Other Committees: Constitutional Development

Mr Peter Adamson, MLA

Appointed 28 November 1996
Country Liberal Party
Member for Casuarina. First elected 1994
Deputy Chairman of Committees
Other Committees: Privileges; Publications (Chairman); Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers; Environment; Use and Abuse of Alcohol by the Community

Dr Richard Lim, MLA

Appointed 28 November 1996
Country Liberal Party
Member for Greatorex. First elected 1994
Other Committees: House (Chairman); Environment (Chairman); Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers; Constitutional Development; Use and Abuse of Alcohol by the Community

CHARTER

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Northern Territory Public Accounts Committee was first established by temporary Standing Order 21A of the Legislative Assembly on 18 June 1986. The Committee's status was altered, by way of motion of the Chief Minister on 23 August 1988, from a Sessional Committee on a trial basis only to a Standing Committee of the Parliament.

As a Committee of the Assembly, its authority is derived from the *Northern Territory (Self Government) Act* (of the Commonwealth) and the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act* (of the Northern Territory).

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is required to report to the Legislative Assembly on an annual basis as well as providing specific reports from time to time to report its proceedings and evidence taken. (Refer Appendix 3 for previous reports of the Committee.)

ACTIVITIES 1996/97

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee is comprised of five (5) members, presently three (3) Government and two (2) Opposition members. At the conclusion of the 1996/97 financial year, the Committee members were:

- Mrs Loraine Braham, MLA - Chairman
- Mr John Bailey, MLA
- Mr Peter Toyne, MLA
- Mr Peter Adamson, MLA
- Dr Richard Lim, MLA

On 23 August 1996, the former Member for Stuart, Mr Brian Ede, MLA, resigned from the Legislative Assembly. On 9 October 1996 the Member for Stuart, Mr Peter Toyne, MLA, was appointed to the Committee.

On 28 November 1996, the Member for Jingili, Mr Rick Setter, MLA, and the Member for Millner, Mr Philip Mitchell, MLA, were discharged from further attendance on the Committee and the Member for Greatorex, Dr Richard Lim, MLA, and the Member for Casuarina, Mr Peter Adamson, MLA, were appointed in their stead.

Also on 28 November 1996, Mrs Loraine Braham, MLA, was appointed Chairman of the Committee by the Parliament.

MEETINGS

The Committee met on 21 occasions during the year. Details of these meetings are included on pages 10 to 11.

	Deliberative Meetings Attended	Deliberative Meetings held while Member
ADAMSON, Peter	6	6
BAILEY, John	21	21
BRAHAM, Loraine	21	21
EDE, Brian	2	2
LIM, Richard	6	6
MITCHELL, Phil	14	15
SETTER, Rick	15	15

REPORTS TABLED

The following reports were tabled before the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly during the 12 months to 30 June 1997:

Provision of School Education Services for Remote Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory - Report No. 27

On 21 August 1996, the Committee tabled its report on education services to remote Aboriginal communities. Hearings were held in Darwin, Alice Springs, Batchelor and 10 remote Aboriginal communities where various Northern Territory, Commonwealth Government and Aboriginal agencies provided evidence. At the 10 remote Aboriginal communities visited, school staff and local government bodies addressed the Committee.

The Committee received conclusive evidence during the Inquiry that students in remote Aboriginal communities are achieving very low standards in reading and mathematics when compared with students in urban schools. The Committee made 29 recommendations based on evidence received.

Provision of Health Services to Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory - Report No. 28

The report into the provision of health services to Aboriginal communities was tabled on 28 November 1996. Hearings were held in Darwin, Alice Springs, Batchelor and 10 remote Aboriginal communities where various Northern Territory, Commonwealth Government and Aboriginal agencies provided evidence. At the 10 remote Aboriginal communities visited, health staff and local government bodies addressed the Committee.

During the Inquiry, the Committee received evidence that the health of Aboriginal people was very poor when compared to non-Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory and indigenous people in other countries. The Committee made 54 recommendations based on evidence received.

Annual Report Year Ended 30 June 1996 - Report No. 29

This report was tabled on 28 November 1996 and reviewed the activities of the Committee over the previous 12 months.

Report on the Auditor-General's Annual and Mid Year Reports 1993/94 and 1994/95 - Report No. 30

On 27 February 1997, the Committee tabled this report in the Legislative Assembly. The matters raised in the Auditor-General's Reports which the Committee focussed on were property management; capacity of the NT Liquor Commission to collect additional revenue; and issues relating to a project grant by the International Project Management Unit of the

Department of Asian Relations and Ethnic Affairs and the need for adherence to strict administrative procedures.

Mr John Bailey and Mr Peter Toyne were signatories to a dissenting report on the subject of a project grant by the International Project Management Unit.

CURRENT INQUIRIES

Auditor-General's Annual & Mid Year Reports 1995/96 and 1997

Following a briefing from the Auditor-General's on his reports, the Committee agreed to pursue the issue of court fees and fines as recommended by the Auditor-General.

In May and June the Committee received briefings in Alice Springs from the Office of Courts Administration, Department of Housing and Local Government, Northern Territory Police, Territory Health Services, Power and Water Authority and Professor Richard Fox of Monash University.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND TRAINING

The Committee was represented at the following external conference during the year:

Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees Biennial Conference, 10-11 February 1997, Sydney

Mrs Loraine Braham, MLA, and Mr John Bailey, MLA, represented the Committee at the Biennial Conference.

AUSTRALASIAN COUNCIL OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (ACPAC)

The Fourth Biennial Conference of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees was hosted by the New South Wales Public Accounts Committee in Sydney from 10 February to 11 February 1997.

Topics discussed included:

- Accountability of Grants
- Minimum Independence requirements for Auditors-General
- Public Accounts Committee Guidelines



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Annual Report Awards

The Committee continues to provide support and sponsorship to the Northern Territory Public Sector Annual Report Awards co-sponsored by Panel Kerr Forster (Chartered Accountants) and the Northern Territory Division of Royal Institute of Public Administration Australia.

Mrs Loraine Braham, MLA, provided input into the adjudication process for the 1997 awards. These awards were announced in May 1997.

A total of 37 entries were received for the 1996 awards. The overall winner was the Northern Territory Tourist Commission. An award of excellence was presented to the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office, while the Department of Housing and Local Government and the Office of Aboriginal Development were both presented with an Award of Merit.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

No.	Date	Type of Meeting	Reference Organisation Represented	Witness
170	7.8.96	Deliberative		
171	14.8.96	Deliberative		
172	9.9.96	Deliberative		
	10.9.96	Deliberative		
	11.9.96	Deliberative		
173	20.9.96	Deliberative		
		Private Briefing	Auditor-General's Annual and Mid Year Reports 1993/94 and 1994/95 Office of the Auditor-General	Mr Iain Summers, Auditor-General Mr Ian Miller, Principal Auditor
174	11.10.96	Deliberative		
175	18.10.96	Deliberative		
176	30.10.96	Deliberative		
	31.10.96	Deliberative		
177	7.11.96	Deliberative		
	8.11.96	Private Briefing	Strategic Review of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office Office of the Auditor-General	Mr Iain Summers, Auditor-General
178	13.11.96	Deliberative		
	14.11.96	Deliberative		
179	21.11.96	Deliberative		
		Private Briefing	Strategic Review of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office Department of the Chief Minister	Mr Peter Conran, Secretary
		Private Briefing	Strategic Review of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office Office of the Auditor-General	Mr Iain Summers, Auditor-General
180	7.2.97	Deliberative		

Annual Report Year Ended 30 June 1997

<i>No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Meeting</i>	<i>Reference Organisation Represented</i>	<i>Witness</i>
181	17.2.97	Deliberative		
182	27.2.97	Deliberative Private Briefing	Auditor-General's Annual and Mid Year Reports 1995/96 and 1997 Office of the Auditor-General	Mr Iain Summers, Auditor-General
183	11.4.97	Deliberative Private Briefing	Strategic Review of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office Auditor-General's Office of the Australian Capital Territory	Mr Peter Hade, Assistant Auditor-General
184	1.5.97	Deliberative Private Hearing	Auditor-General's Annual and Mid Year Reports 1995/96 and 1997 Northern Territory Treasury	Mr Ken Clarke, Under Treasurer Mr Kevin Dent, Assistant Under Treasurer
185	3.6.97	Deliberative Public Hearing Public Hearing Public Hearing Public Hearing Public Hearing	Inquiry into Fines, Fees and Other Related Debts Office of Courts Administration Inquiry into Fines, Fees and Other Related Debts Department of Housing and Local Government Inquiry into Fines, Fees and Other Related Debts Northern Territory Police Inquiry into Fines, Fees and Other Related Debts Territory Health Services Inquiry into Fines, Fees and Other Related Debts Power and Water Authority	Mr John Flynn, Chief Executive Officer Mr Ron Hunter, Regional Director Mr Robin Bullock, Commander Southern Region Ms Sue Korner, A/Regional Director Ms Joyce Bowden, General Manager, Alice Springs Hospital Mr Chris Burrows, Finance Manager, Alice Springs Hospital Mr John Baskerville, Regional Director

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING



SECRETARIAT

Staffing for the Public Accounts Committee Secretariat is provided by the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee currently has a full-time secretary who is supported by an Administrative Assistant.

The Secretary, Mrs Jenny Mollah, proceeded on study leave to Indonesia for six months in February 1997 and Mr Terry Hanley, the Secretary to the Sessional Committee on the Use and Abuse of Alcohol in the Community, also took on the vacant position left by Mrs Mollah.

Staff as at 30 June 1997:

Secretary	-	Mr Terry Hanley
Administrative Assistant	-	Mrs Judy Herring

Parliamentary Hansard staff provide a transcribing and editing service for all Public Accounts Committee transcripts.

The Committee is appreciative of this service provided by Mr Paul Stewart, Editor of Debates, and his staff.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 1997

MEMBERS STATEMENT

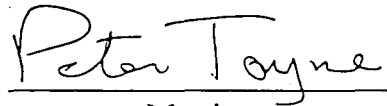
The accompanying financial statements have been based on proper accounts and records of the Department of Legislative Assembly and have been drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Public Accounts Committee for the financial year ended 30 June 1997.

In our opinion, the prescribed requirements in respect of the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material aspects, and we are not aware of any circumstances which would render the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

Dated at Darwin, Northern Territory, this 25 day of FEB 1998.



Chairman
Public Accounts Committee



Member
Public Accounts Committee

1995/96 EXPENSES BY STANDARD CLASSIFICATION

Actual 1996	Category of Cost Standard Classification	Actual 1997
89 618	PERSONNEL COSTS	92 633
-	Fringe Benefits Tax	1 744
-	Higher Duties	1 184
666	Leave Loading	413
51	Other Allowances	13
557	Overtime	206
6 639	Payroll Tax	6 466
1 072	Recreation Leave Fares	2 082
80 633	Salaries	80 525
117 060	OPERATIONAL COSTS	88 068
1 344	Advertising	1 828
675	Communications	3 215
48 088	Consultants Fees	-
2 152	Consumables/General Expenses	1 844
2 886	Document Production	22 581
1 383	Entertainment	-
12	Freight	-
-	Furniture and Fittings	-
2 328	General Equipment and Machines	1 934
45	Information Technology Services	21 379
2 450	Library Services	2 505
1 337	Office Requisites and Stationery	365
27 321	Official Duty Fares	23 521
12 177	Training and Study Expenses	1 091
2 690	Transport/Vehicles	357
12 172	Travelling Allowance	7 448
206 678	TOTAL EXPENSES	180 701

This is not an audited statement.

EMPLOYEES ENTITLEMENTS OUTSTANDING
as at 30 June 1997

1996	Entitlement	1997
-	Leave Loading	1 674
12 339	Recreation Leave	24 500
11 857	Long Service Leave	20 490
24 196	TOTAL	46 664

This is not an audited statement.

BASIS OF CALCULATIONS

1. Leave Loading
Entitlements are the value of actual leave loading.
2. Recreation Leave
Entitlements are calculated using employee's nominal designation and salary rate for days of credited leave.
3. Long Service Leave
Entitlements are calculated using employee's nominal designation and salary rate for years of service.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the reporting period ended 30 June 1997**

1. **Accounting Entity**

The Public Accounts Committee is a sub program of administration of the Department of the Legislative Assembly. The Agency is wholly funded by annual Parliamentary appropriations and maintains an on-going dependency on these appropriations.

2. **Significant Accounting Policies**

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Part 2, Section 5 of the Treasurer's Directions. The accounting records have been kept on a cash basis and reflect actual cash outflows during the financial year.

All amounts in the Committee's financial report are rounded to the nearest dollar and are expressed in Australian currency.

(b) Appropriation

Parliamentary appropriations have not been recognised as revenue during the reporting period.

(c) Authority

Payments have been made under the Authority of the *Appropriation Act* and the Authority of the Treasurer's Warrant.

(d) Funding

Funds for Committee activities are provided by the Department of Legislative Assembly. Provision of salary and administrative activities are appropriated by the Parliament to the Members' Services (Activity), Committees (Program) within the budget appropriated to the Department of Legislative Assembly. The Public Accounts Committee was one of twelve Standing, Sessional and Select Committees that received funds from this program. A notional budget is provided each year for these committees. The notional budget for the Public Accounts Committee was \$ 148 000 in 1996/97 (\$226 000 in 1995/96).

(e) Income Tax

The Public Accounts Committee as part of the administration of the Department of Legislative Assembly is a public authority within the meaning of Section 23(d) of the *Income Assessment Act* and its income is exempt under the provisions of that

Act. However, the Department of Legislative Assembly and the Public Accounts Committee is subject to Fringe Benefits Tax.

- (f) The Committee does not operate any Trust Accounts.
- (g) There were no material Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable or authorised Write-offs and Waivers as at 30 June 1997.
- (h) Committee Members' Remuneration

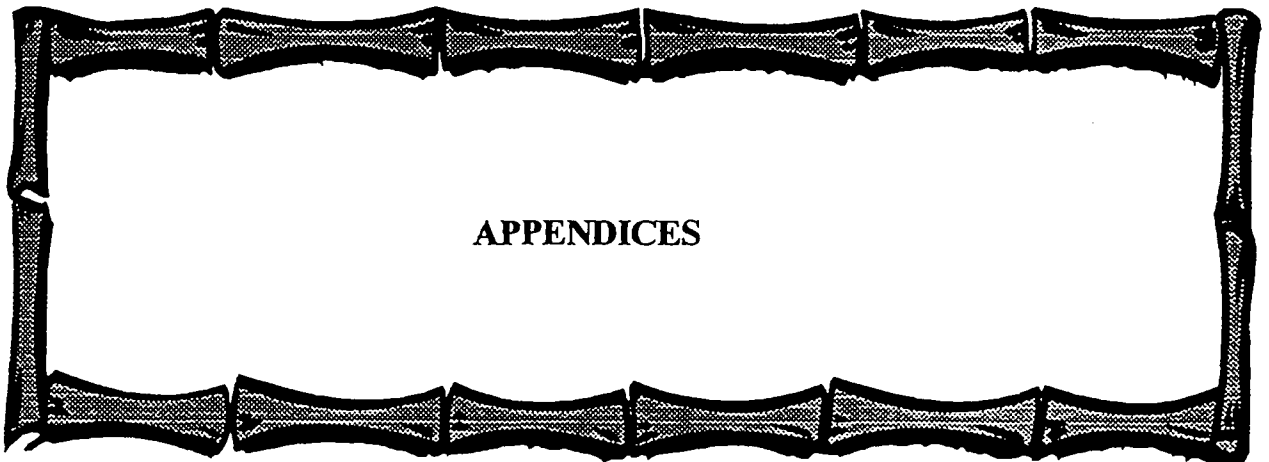
The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee receives an allowance for services as presiding officer of the Committee. In accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 1/96, effective 28 October 1996, this allowance was set at \$10 507 per annum.

This allowance is met directly from the Department of Legislative Assembly budget, Members Services Activity, Members Program. Other sitting members do not receive an allowance.

- (i) Services received at no cost from the Northern Territory Government/ Department of Legislative Assembly

The Committee as a sub program of the Department of Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory Government received the following services which have not been costed to the Committee:

- Rent of premises
- Electricity
- Briefings provided by employees of the Northern Territory Government
- Superannuation contributions
- Members' salary for sitting days
- Superannuation contributions in respect of employees' contributions
- Office cleaning
- Office security
- Payroll services and cheque production services provided by NT Treasury
- Accounting fees for services provided by Department of Legislative Assembly



APPENDICES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

STANDING ORDER 21A PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

- (1) A Standing Committee of Public Accounts to consist of five members shall be appointed at the commencement of each Assembly.
- (2) The duties of the Committee shall be -
 - (a) to examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Northern Territory and each statement and report transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor-General, pursuant to the *Financial Management Act*;
 - (b) to report to the Legislative Assembly with such comments as it thinks fit, any item or matters in or arising in connection with the receipt or disbursement of the moneys to which they relate, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of Parliament should be drawn;
 - (c) to report to the Legislative Assembly any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts or in the method of keeping them or in the method of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys;
 - (d) to inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly on any question in connection with the public accounts of the Territory -
 - (i) which is referred to it by a resolution of the Assembly; or
 - (ii) which is referred to it by the Administrator or a Minister; and
 - (e) to examine the reports of the Auditor-General laid before the Legislative Assembly with the accounts of a Public Authority of the Northern Territory (including any documents annexed or appended to those reports).
- (3) The Committee shall examine only those accounts of receipts and expenditure of the Northern Territory and reports of the Auditor-General for financial years commencing after 30 June 1986; provided that this shall not prevent the consideration by the Committee of matters included in reports of the Auditor-General for the year ending 30 June 1986 which have or may have a continuing effect on the form of the public accounts; the method of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys.
- (4) Prior to determining whether to undertake an inquiry into any matter which may have arisen in connection with the public accounts of the Territory, pursuant to paragraphs (2)(a) and (e), with the concurrence of the Committee, the Chairman is empowered to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant Department or Public Authority for a report on the matter.

Public Accounts Committee

- (5) The Committee shall take care not to inquire into any matters which are being examined by a Select Committee of the Assembly especially appointed to inquire into such matters and any question arising in connection therewith may be referred to the Assembly for determination.
- (6) The Committee shall elect a Government member as Chairman.
- (7) The Chairman of the Committee may, from time to time, appoint a Member of the Committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the Committee and the Member so appointed shall act as Chairman of the Committee at any time when there is no Chairman or when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.
- (8) In the event of any equality of voting, the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall have a casting vote.
- (9) The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the Committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee and two Members of a sub-committee shall constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (11) The Committee or any sub-committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, to meet and transact business in public or private session and to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly.
- (12) The Committee shall be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it and, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, a daily *Hansard* shall be published of such proceedings of the Committee as take place in public.
- (13) The Committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all Members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (14) The Committee shall report annually and shall have leave to report from time to time and to report its proceedings and evidence taken; and any Member of the Committee shall have power to add a protest or dissent to any Report.
- (15) Unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, all documents received by the Committee during its inquiry shall remain in the custody of the Assembly; provided that, on the application of a department or person, any document, if not likely to be further required, may, in the Speaker's discretion, be returned to the Department or person from whom it was obtained.
- (16) The Committee shall be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and shall be empowered, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the Committee.
- (17) The foregoing provisions of this Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

APPENDIX 2

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 8 October 1996

RESIGNATION OF THE FORMER MEMBER FOR STUART:

The Speaker advised Members that on Friday 23 August 1996, he had received the resignation of the former Member for Stuart, Mr Brian Richard Ede, submitted to him by letter, pursuant to section 18 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* (Paper 2688).

Wednesday 9 October 1996

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - VARIATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That membership of the Legislative Assembly Committees be varied as follows -

The Member for Stuart (Mr Toyne) be appointed as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Sessional Committee on Constitutional Development.

Question - put and passed.

Thursday 28 November 1996

ALTERATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:

The Chief Minister (Mr Stone) moved - That membership of the Public Accounts Committee be varied as follows:

1. The Member for Jingili (Mr Setter) be discharged from further attendance on the Committee and the Member for Greatorex (Dr Lim) be appointed in his stead;
2. The Member for Millner (Mr Mitchell) be discharged from further attendance on the Committee and the Member for Casuarina (Mr Adamson) be appointed in his stead; and
3. The Member for Braitling (Mrs Braham) be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

APPENDIX 3**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No.	Title	Date Tabled
1	Annual Report - Year Ended 30 June 1987	September 1987
2	Report on the Actual & Contingent Liabilities of the Northern Territory Government	November 1987
3	Report on the Auditor-General's Annual Reports 1985/86	May 1988
4	Report on Accelerated Year End Spending	May 1988
5	Annual Report - Year Ended 30 June 1988	August 1988
6	Report on Public Administration Recurrent Expenditure (Waste Watch)	October 1988
7	Report on the Auditor-General's Annual Reports 1986/87	May 1989
8	Report on Aero-Medical Contract	May 1989
9	Annual Report - Year Ended 30 June 1989	November 1989
10	Second Report on the Actual and Contingent Liabilities of the Northern Territory Government	February 1991
11	Annual Report - Year Ended 30 June 1990	February 1991
12	Report on the Auditor-General's Annual Reports 1987/88 and 1988/89	May 1991
13	Annual Report - Year Ended 30 June 1991	October 1991
14	Report on 1990 Election Costs	November 1991
15	Report on Biennial Conference of PAC - Darwin May 1991	November 1991
16	Report on the Auditor-General's Report 1989/90	May 1992
17	Annual Report Year Ended 30 June 1992	October 1992
18	Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees - Mid Term Meeting held Monday 20th July 1992	August 1993
19	Report on the Purchase, Operation and Sale of Dalway Pty Ltd	March 1993

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No.	Title	Date Tabled
20	Annual Report Year Ended 20 June 1993	August 1993
21	Report on the Auditor-General's Reports 1990/91 and 1991/92	June 1994
22	Annual Report Year Ended 30 June 1994	October 1994
23	Annual Report Year Ended 30 June 1995	October 1995
24	Report on the Auditor-General's Annual Report 1992-93	October 1995
25	Second Report on the Auditor-General's Annual Report 1992-93	November 1995
26	Internal Audit in the Northern Territory Public Sector	November 1995
27	Provision of School Education Services for Remote Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory	August 1996
28	Provision of Health Services to Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory	November 1996
29	Annual Report Year Ended 30 June 1996	November 1996
30	Report on the Auditor-General's Annual and Mid Year Reports 1993/94 and 1994/95	February 1997

APPENDIX 4**MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

MEMBER	PERIOD	STATUS
Adamson, Mr P F	28 November 1996 - *	Member
Bailey, Mr J D	4 Dec 1990 - 17 May 1994 27 Jun 1994 - *	Member Member
Braham, Mrs L M	27 Jun 1994 - 28 November 1996 28 November 1996 - *	Member Chairman
Burke, Mr D.G.	23 Aug 1994 - 15 Aug 1995	Member
Dondas, Mr N M	23 Aug 1988 - 10 Oct 1989	Member
Collins, Mr R L	20 Aug 1986 - 16 Feb 1987	Member
Ede, Mr B R	28 Apr 1987 - 23 Aug 1988 23 Aug 1988 - 5 Oct 1990 27 Jun 1994 - 23 August 1996	Member Member Member
Harris, Mr T	7 May 1987 - 17 May 1988	Member
Leo, Mr D M	18 Jun 1986 - 16 Feb 1987 28 Apr 1987 - 23 Aug 1988 23 Aug 1988 - 5 Oct 1990	Member Member Member
Lim, Dr R S H	28 November 1996 - *	Member
McCarthy, Mr T R	28 Apr 1987 - 7 May 1987 24 Aug 1993 - 17 May 1994	Member Member
Mitchell, Mr P.A.	15 Aug 1995 - 28 November 1996	Member
Palmer, Mr M J	18 Jun 1986 - 16 Feb 1987 28 Apr 1987 - 30 April 1987 30 April 1987 - 23 August 1988 23 Aug 1988 - 5 Oct 1990 4 Dec 1990 - 17 May 1994 27 June 1994 - 23 August 1994	Member Member Chairman Chairman Chairman Chairman
Parish, Mr K A	25 Feb 1992 - 17 May 1994	Member

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MEMBER	PERIOD	STATUS
Perron, Mr M B	18 Jun 1986 - 16 Feb 1987	Chairman
Poole, Mr E H	28 Apr 1987 - 17 May 1988	Member
	10 Oct 1989 - 5 Oct 1990	Member
	4 Dec 1990 - 4 Mar 1993	Member
Reed, Mr M A	17 May 1988 - 16 Aug 1988	Member
Setter, Mr R A	17 May 1988 - 23 Aug 1988	Member
	23 Aug 1988 - 5 Oct 1990	Member
	4 Dec 1990 - 17 May 1994	Member
	27 June 1994 - 25 Aug 1994	Member
	25 Aug 1995 - 28 November 1996	Chairman
Smith, Mr T E	18 Jun 1986 - 20 Aug 1986	Member
Stirling, Mr S J	4 Dec 1990 - 25 Feb 1992	Member
Toyne, Mr P H	28 November 1996 - *	Member
Tuxworth, Mr I L	18 Jun 1986 - 16 Feb 1987	Member
Vale, Mr R W S	4 Mar 1993 - 24 Aug 1993	Member

NOTES:

The Public Accounts Committee was established by provisional Standing Order 21A to operate on a trial basis as a Sessional Order on 18 June 1986.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Assembly on 23 August 1988, the status of the Public Accounts changed from a Provisional Standing Committee to a Standing Committee.

* Current Membership