



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Public Accounts Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Annual Report

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

2.30 pm, Friday, 6 August 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via videoconference)
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen (via teleconference)
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF MEETING 7: 10 JUNE 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 7, 10 June 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

3. COMMENT ON PROPOSED REVIEWER OF AUDIT OFFICE

The committee discussed the proposed reviewer of the Auditor-General's Office.

The Member for Araluen expressed the view the Committee was not given adequate material or information to make a decision to support or not to support this applicant, having been given the preferred applicant's resume but no selection criteria or other supporting or comparative documentation.

Mr Monaghan moved, and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Committee supports the appointment of Mr Enrico Raphael De Santi to undertake the strategic review of the Auditor-General's Office pursuant to the Audit Act and asks the Chair to advise the Chief Minister accordingly.

Question put.

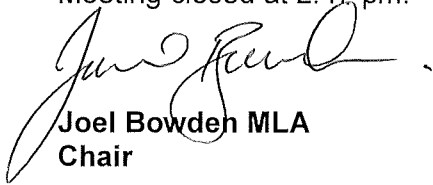
The Committee divided — Ayes: Mr Bowden, Mr Monaghan, Mr Costa, Mr Yan; Noes: Mrs Lambley.

Motion agreed to.

4. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am 13 August 2021.

Meeting closed at 2.47 pm.

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Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

10.30 pm, Friday, 13 August 2021
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
	Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee noted submissions received to date and discussed plans for the inquiry, including community visits.

A draft plan for the next steps of the inquiry will be developed out of session having regard to the submissions received.

Mr Guyula withdrew from the meeting.

2. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S JUNE REPORT

Ms Julie Crisp, the Auditor General from the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office briefed the Committee on her June Report.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 8: 6 AUGUST 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 8, 6 August 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

5. PAC ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

The Committee adopts the report.

Question put and passed.

6. PETITIONS

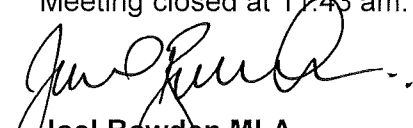
The Committee agree to write to the Minister for Education to follow up on the Committee's letter regarding Petition No. 1.

The Committee agreed to write to the Member for Brennan to seek further information on Petition No. 8.

7. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am, 20 August 2021.

Meeting closed at 11.43 am.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

10.30am, 3 September 2021
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via teleconference)
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)
- Mr Yingia Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka (via videoconference)
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF MEETING 9: 13 AUGUST 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 9, 13 August 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

3. PUBLICATION OF LOCAL DECISION MAKING SUBMISSIONS

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Committee publish submissions 1 to 23 to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting the name and position title of the person adversely referred to in Submission 3, and personal information in all submissions such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Submission 1 - Central Desert Regional Council

Submission 2 - Jeff Hulcombe

Submission 3 - Njanjma Aboriginal Corporation

Submission 4 - Northern Territory PHN

Submission 5 - Martin Schahinger

Submission 6 - Green River Aboriginal Corporation

Submission 7 - MacDonnell Regional Council

Submission 8 - Local Government Association

Submission 9 - Country Liberal Party

Submission 10 - Australian Red Cross

- Submission 11 - Yolngu Nations Assembly
- Submission 12 - Barkly Regional Council
- Submission 13 - East Arnhem Regional Council
- Submission 14 - Ingkerreke Services
- Submission 15 - Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation
- Submission 16 - Peter Holt
- Submission 17 - NT Treaty Commission
- Submission 18 - Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Submission 19 - Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation
- Submission 20 - Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory
- Submission 21 - Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
- Submission 22 - concerned Australians
- Submission 23 - Empowered Communities

Question put and passed.

4. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The committee discussed the submissions received and next steps for its inquiry.

The Committee agreed to write to the Northern, Central and Tiwi Land Councils noting submissions had not been received from them and seeking their input into the inquiry.

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on 16 and 17 September 2021 and invite the attendance of the departments of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Attorney-General and Justice, Health, Education and Territory Families, House and Community services; and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT, National Indigenous Australians Agency, NT Treaty Commission, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Northern Land Council and Tiwi Land Council.

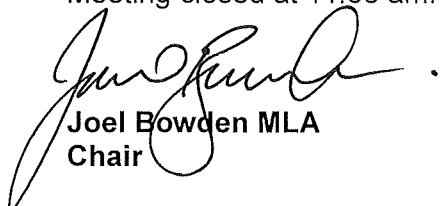
The committee agreed to hold a one day public hearing in Banyala. The proposed date is 1 October 2021. Mr Guyula agreed to liaise with local communities and determine availability of community members.

The committee also agreed to hold a public hearing in Alice Springs and visit nearby communities in the week beginning 4 October 2021.

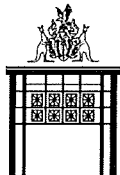
5. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am 23 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 11.05 am.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

10.00am, 16 September 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF MEETING 10: 3 SEPTEMBER 2021

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 10, 3 September 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That the Committee authorise publication of Submission 24 from the Northern Territory Government to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting any personal information

Question put and passed.

3. HEARING FORMAT

The proposed hearing format was noted.

4. REVISED DATE FOR VISIT TO BANIYALA

The Committee agreed to the rescheduled date for the visit to Baniyala of 13 October 2021.

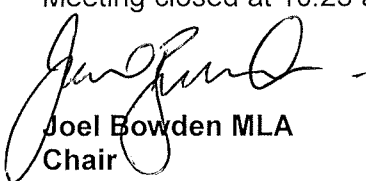
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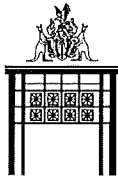
The Committee agreed to conduct hearings and site visits in Alice Springs from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 October 2021.

6. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing: Thursday, 10.30 am 16 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 10.25 am.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

10.30am, 16 September 2021

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Bridgette Bellenger: General Manager, Territory Regional Growth

Bo Carne: Director, Local Decision Making and Director, Aboriginal Interpreter Service

Ms Bellenger undertook to provide the Committee with details of the progress of Local Decision Making across the Territory.

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Gemma Lake: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Leanne Liddle: Director Aboriginal Justice Unit

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of Health

Dr Frank Daly: Chief Executive

Rus Nasir: Acting Director, Aboriginal Health Policy

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of Education

Aderyn Chatterton: Executive Director, Youth Engagement and Partnerships

Paper Tabled: Local Engagement and Decision Making (LEaD) Committees & Community Led Schools

The witness withdrew.

Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Ken Davies PSM: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing: Friday, 10.15 am 17 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 3.23 pm.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

10.15am, 17 September 2021

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Apologies Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Dr Jo Ann Beckwith: Senior Policy Adviser

The witness withdrew.

National Indigenous Australians Agency

Ben Mudaliar: Regional Manager

Tom Dyer: Senior Adviser

Fleur Hill: Regional Manager

The witnesses withdrew.

NT Treaty Commission

Ursula Raymond: Deputy Treaty Commissioner

Steve Rossingh: Director

Paper Tabled: Treaty Discussion Paper, June 30 2020

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am 24 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 12.07 pm


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

10.30am, 24 September 2021
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston (via teleconference)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via teleconference)
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)
- Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer
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1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The Committee confirmed the proposed itinerary for committee travel to Alice Springs, Kintore and Mutitjulu (4-6 October 2021) and Baniyala (13 October). Committee Secretary to circulate finalised itinerary following confirmation of hearing witnesses, charter flights and community meeting arrangements.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting numbers 11 of 16 September 2021, 12 of 16 September 2021 and 13 of 17 September 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Publication of Tabled Papers

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of papers tabled by the Department of Education and the NT Treaty Commission during the public hearings held on 16 and 17 September 2021

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that

The Committee authorise publication of Submissions 25 and 26 to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting any personal information in the submissions such as person addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Member for Braitling to clarify the Committee's role in relation to petitions referred to it and any subsequent debate in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee write to the Member for Brennan thanking her for the additional information provided regarding Petition No. 8 and outlining the Committee's role in relation to petitions referred to it by the Assembly.

Question put and passed

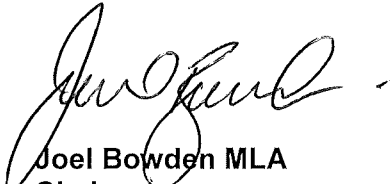
5. PETITIONS

The committee noted the current petitions. Committee Secretary to circulate a copy of Submission No. 10 for discussion at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

Pre-hearing Deliberative: 8.30 am, Monday 4 October 2021 – Spinifex Room, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs.

Meeting Closed at 11.28 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

8.45 am, Monday, 4 October 2021
Spinifex Room, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting 14 of 24 September 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee write to Minister Moss and invite representatives from the Department of Education to brief the Committee on the status of the review of priority enrolment areas for schools in Alice Springs and anticipated outcomes at its next meeting scheduled for Friday 29 October 2021.

Question put and passed

3. PETITIONS

The committee noted the current petitions. The Committee Secretary undertook to circulate the tabled copy of petition 10 to members for further discussion at its next meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 9.15 am

4. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The Committee reconvened at 9.30 am and heard from the following witnesses:

Tangentyere Council

Dr Anna Flouris: Executive Officer, Strategic Development
Michael Klerck: Social Policy and Research Manager

The witnesses withdrew.

Ingkerreke Services Aboriginal Corporation

Skye Thompson: Chief Executive Officer
Kathy McConnell: Senior Administration Officer

The witnesses withdrew.

Central Desert Regional Council

Diane Hood: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

MacDonnell Regional Council

Jeff MacLeod: Chief Executive Officer
Roxanne Kenny: President

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Brendan Blandford: Regional Executive Director, Central Australia

The witness withdrew.

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

Donna Ah Chee: Chief Executive Officer
Dr John Boffa: Chief Medical Officer, Public Health

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee adjourned at 1.15 pm

5. SITE VISIT – TANGENTYERE COUNCIL AND TOWN CAMPS

The Committee reconvened at 2.00 pm at the Tangentyere Council Office. The Committee met with the following representatives of the Tangentyere Council and Local Decision Making Subcommittee before undertaking a short tour of a number of town camps.

Walter Shaw: Chief Executive Officer

Geoff Shaw: President, Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation and President, Mt Nancy town Camp

Eileen Hoosan: Vice President, Mt Nancy town camp

Baydon Kantjira: President, Little Sisters town camp

Benedict Stevens: Vice President, Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation and President Hidden Valley town camp

Maxine Carlton: President Charles Creek town camp

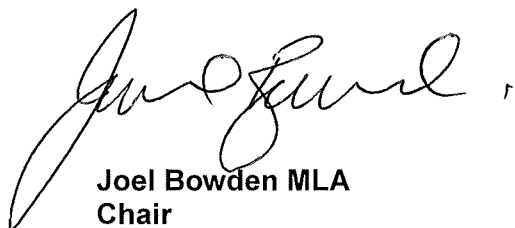
Dr Anna Flouris: Executive Officer, Strategic Development

Michael Klerck: Social Policy and Research Manager

6. NEXT MEETING

Kintore Community Visit: Tuesday 5 October 2021 as per circulated itinerary.

Meeting Closed at 4.30 pm



**Joel Bowden MLA
Chair**

29 October 2021



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

10.00 am, Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation - Kintore

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
	Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. INQUIRY INTO LOCAL DECISION MAKING

At the invitation of the Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, the Committee undertook a site visit to the community of Kintore.

- Kevin Wrigley: Chief Executive Officer, Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation gave Committee members a tour of facilities in the Kintore Community.
- The Committee met with the following members of the Pintupi Homelands Health Service Board of Directors:
Monica Robinson: Chair
Joe Young
Lorraine Scobie
Giselle Barku
Maureen Wheeler
Gerrard Giles
- The Committee participated in a community forum hosted by the Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation.
- Committee members undertook a site visit to the Ngutjul outstation.

2. NEXT MEETING

Baniyala Community Visit: Wednesday 13 October 2021 as per circulated itinerary.

Meeting Closed at 3.00 pm

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair

29 October 2021

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

10.30 am, 29 October 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Apologies Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Acting Deputy Clerk
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The Committee discussed options for further travel and hearings in relation to its Inquiry into Local Decision Making and agreed to write to the CEOs of the Tiwi and Anindilyakwa Land Councils to advise them of the Committee's intention to visit in the first quarter of 2022. It was further agreed that the Committee would defer travel to Banyala until the new year.

2. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

Ms Julie Crisp, the Auditor-General from the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office briefed the Committee on her August Report.

3. BRIEFING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr Paul Nyhuis: Acting Executive Director, School Improvement and Leadership (South), and Mr Paul van Holsteyn: Acting Senior Director, School Improvement and Leadership Central Region, briefed the Committee on the review of Alice Springs School Priority Enrolment Areas.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 15, 4 October 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 16, 5 October 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission 27 to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting any personal information in the submission such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

6. PETITIONS

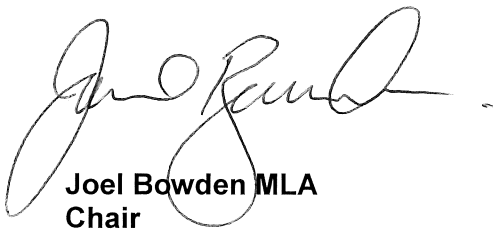
The Committee agreed to write to the Member for Braitling regarding Petition No. 1 and provide an update on the Alice Springs School Priority Enrolment Areas Review.

The Committee noted Petition No. 10 and did not recommend it for debate.

7. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am, 3 December 2021.

Meeting closed at 12.09 pm.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

10.30 am, 3 December 2021

Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, Acting Deputy Clerk Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

Auditor-General, Ms Julie Crisp, briefed the Committee on her November 2021 Report.

2. BRIEFING NOTE

Outsourcing to Labour Hire Contractors and Private Organisations

The Committee agreed to forward the proposed questions to all agency Chief Executive Officers for response by Friday 4 February 2022.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 15, 4 October 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission 28 from the National Indigenous Australians Agency and associated attachment to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making redacting any personal information in the submission such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

5. PETITIONS

Noted

6. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am, 18 February 2022.

Meeting closed at 11.28 am

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Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

10.30 am, 18 February 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston (via videoconference)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via videoconference)
Mr Yingiya mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. INQUIRY INTO LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Mr Costa moved and Mr Monaghan seconded that:

Due to restrictions on travel to remote communities as a consequence of COVID-19 and the wet season, the Committee defer further activity in relation to its inquiry into Local Decision Making until July 2022, and place a notification to this effect on the Committee's website.

Question put and passed.

Mr Yan moved and Mr Monaghan seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the correction to information received from the Department of Health regarding evidence provided to the Committee at its public hearing into Local Decision Making on 16 September 2021, and insert an explanatory footnote in the transcript with a link to the corrected information.

Question put and passed.

Mr Guyula withdrew from the meeting.

2. BRIEFING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr Paul van Holsteyn: Senior Director, Education Central briefed the Committee on the outcomes of the review of priority school enrolment zones in Alice Springs.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 18, of 3 December 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

5. OUTSOURCING AND LABOUR HIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that the Committee:

1. Write to all agencies thanking them for their responses and advising them that the Committee is currently considering whether to hold public hearings on the matter.
2. Provide the Department of Health and the Department of Education an extension of time to 31 May 2022 to produce the outstanding information as requested by the Committee.
3. Where applicable, request agencies to advise the Committee by 18 March 2022 as to the percentage of the total value of labour hire contracts paid for the period 1/11/2020 to 31/10/21 that relate to the supplier margin, administrative fees and any other associated expenses paid to labour hire companies.

Questions put and passed.

6. 2021 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF AUDIT OFFICE

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee note the brief regarding the Strategic Review of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office.

Question put and passed.

7. PETITIONS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

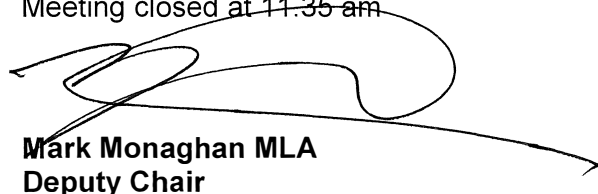
Pursuant to Sessional Order 12(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 1: *Redesign the unfair priority school enrolment zones in Alice Springs.*

Question put and passed (Mr Monaghan abstained from voting)

8. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 25 March 2022.

Meeting closed at 11.35 am



Mark Monaghan MLA
Deputy Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

10.30 am, 1 April 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Apologies:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Substitution:	Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly for Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Secretariat:	Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

Ms Julie Crisp briefed the Committee on her March 2022 Report to the Legislative Assembly.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 19, of 18 February 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

Mr Yan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

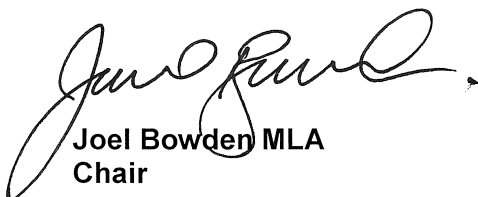
The Committee grant the Power and Water Corporation an extension of time until 27 May 2022 to provide the additional information requested regarding costs associated with labour hire arrangements for the period 1/11/2020 to 31/10/2021 and advise the CEO accordingly.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 13 May 2022.

Meeting closed at 11.32 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

10.30 am, 2 September 2022
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER FOR FANNIE BAY TO COMMITTEE

Mr Bowden welcomed Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay, who was appointed to the Committee effective as of 2 September 2022 to replace Member for Fong Lim, Hon Mark Monaghan MLA who was discharged from the Committee as of 22 August 2022.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Following discharge of the Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim, Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, from the Committee on 22 August 2022, the Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair. Mr Costa accepted the nomination and Mr Potter seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair.

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee confirmed that it would travel to the following communities as part of its inquiry into the Local Decision Making:

- Tiwi Islands – Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2022
- Yirrkala and Groote Eylandt – Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2022

Secretariat to arrange travel and advise Members accordingly.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 21 of 29 July and No. 22 of 22 August 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

6. OUTSOURCING AND LABOUR HIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Briefing Noted.

7. CHAIR'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2021-22* to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 6 September 2022 pursuant to SO200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 October 2022.

Question put and passed.

8. PETITIONS

The Committee considered petitions 13 – 18 and agreed:

- a) Petition 13: note Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 14: write to the Minister for Local Government and request a response to the petition.
- c) Petition 15: write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and request a response to the petition.
- d) Petition 16: write to the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing and request clarification regarding the Government's decision in relation to recalling the \$12m grant for the Darwin Turf Club Grandstand.
- e) Petition 17: write to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and request a response to the petition.
- f) Petition 18: write to the Minister for Disabilities and the CEO of Darwin City Council regarding their actions and considerations in relation to disability access.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2022 – Tiwi Islands.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair