



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

# **Information Manual**

## **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16 June 2016  
&  
Tuesday 21 – Thursday 23 June 2016**

**As at 14 June 2016**



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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Establishment and Authority of the Committees**

- 1.1.1 The Estimates Committee and the Government Owned Corporations (GOC) Committee were established by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 26 May 2016 (see Appendix A). That resolution provides the primary rules for the operation of the Committee.
- 1.1.2 The Committees are also empowered by, and subject to, applicable Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, subject to the resolution of 26 May 2016. In particular, Standing Orders 109 – 111 regarding questions, Chapter 16 and Standing Order 210 apply (Appendix B, C & D).
- 1.1.3 The Committees are also governed, and empowered by, the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act*.
- 1.1.4 On 26 May 2016, the Assembly referred the Budget Papers 2016-2017 together with the Appropriation (2016-2017) Bill 2016 to the Estimates Committee, and the activities, performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy, and Territory Generation, with reference to those corporations' Statements of Corporate Intent for 2016-17 to the Government Owned Corporations Committee, for inquiry and report.

### **1.2 Membership**

- 1.2.1 The Chair and membership of the Estimates and GOC committees are the same as for the Public Accounts Committee:

Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA, Member for Araluen (Chair)

Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson (Deputy Chair)

Mr Matthew Conlan, MLA, Member for Greatorex

Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri

Mr Westra van Holthe, MLA, Member for Katherine

- 1.2.2 Any Members of the Assembly may participate in the Committees' public hearings, although the number of participating Members cannot exceed six at any one time and a quorum remains three members of the Committee.

### **1.3 Method of Operation**

- 1.3.1 The Estimates Committee holds hearings where it may ask questions of the responsible Minister and Department about each output in the Budget.
- 1.3.2 The Minister or Speaker, is to attend the Committee's hearings at the scheduled time and should be accompanied by the agency officers that the Minister considers appropriate to assist the Minister answering questions on the Budget outputs under consideration.
- 1.3.3 At a hearing, questions relating to proposed expenditure and outputs are directed to the relevant Minister or Speaker. Members cannot initiate questions to agency officers. However, a Minister may refer line of questions to an agency officer and may intervene and take back the questions at any time.
- 1.3.4 The Committee shall issue a schedule setting out the dates of Ministers' appearances and the order in which budget outputs will be considered.
- 1.3.5 The GOC Committee operates in a similar manner, except that questions are put to the relevant Board Chair in the first instance, and there is no scheduled order for issues for questioning.

### **1.4 Matters Considered by Estimates Committee**

- 1.4.1 The Estimates Committee will consider the *Appropriation (2016-17) Bill 2016* and the following related Budget papers:
  - 1. Budget 2016-17, Budget Paper No. 1, Speech
  - 2. Budget 2016-17, Budget Paper No. 2, Budget Strategy and Outlook
  - 3. Budget 2016-17, Budget Paper No. 3, Agency Budget Statements
  - 4. Budget 2016-17, Budget Paper No. 4, The Infrastructure Program
  - 5. Budget 2016-17, Budget Overview
  - 6. Budget 2016-17, Regional Highlights
  - 7. Budget 2016-17, Northern Territory Economy Overview
  - 8. Budget 2016-17, Northern Territory Economy

### **1.5 Matters Considered by Government Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee**

- 1.5.1 The GOC Committee will consider activities, the performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy, and Territory Generation, with reference to those corporations' Statements of Corporate Intent for 2016-17.

## **2 ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS**

### **2.1 Order of Appearance by Ministers**

2.1.1 The Committee has agreed to the following indicative schedule for hearings:

#### **Tuesday, 14 June 2016**

8.30 am Hon Kezia Purick MLA

9.30 am Hon David Tollner MLA

6.00 pm close

#### **Wednesday, 15 June 2016**

8.30 am Hon Adam Giles MLA

5.00 pm close

#### **Thursday, 16 June 2016**

8.30 am Hon John Elferink MLA

4.00 pm Hon Gary Higgins MLA

11.30 pm close

#### **Tuesday, 21 June 2016**

8.30 am Hon Bess Price MLA

4.00 pm Hon Peter Styles MLA

11.30 pm close

#### **Wednesday, 22 June 2016**

8.30 am Hon Peter Chandler MLA

4.00 pm Close

#### **Thursday, 23 June 2016**

8.30 am Power and Water Corporation

10.30 am Jacana Energy

11.30 am Territory Generation

12.30 pm close

2.1.2 The Committee will issue a detailed schedule indicating the order each Budget output will be considered. Agencies should be prepared to support the relevant Minister whenever an output under their administration is scheduled for consideration. For example, the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice will need to be available at the time of the appearance of the Minister for Health when considering Health and Community Services Complaints Commission.

## **2.2 Committee Support**

2.2.1 The Department of the Legislative Assembly's Committee Office, under the Chair's direction, is responsible for administration and other operational matters for the Committee.

2.2.2 The Committee Office staff are available to assist all Members, and Ministerial and Agency officers on matters relating to the Estimates Committee process. The Committee Office can be contacted on 8946 1485 or [Estimates.LA@nt.gov.au](mailto:Estimates.LA@nt.gov.au).

## **2.3 Entry of Witnesses to Parliament House**

2.3.1 Entry will be through the main entrance to Parliament House, State Square. The direction through to the Litchfield Room on Level 3 will be signposted and assistance will be provided by front of house security staff in directing witnesses to the appropriate lift.

## **2.4 Lists of Witnesses**

2.4.1 Departmental contact lists should be provided to the Committee Secretary in advance of the Estimates Committee hearings. The list should contain the courtesy title, name and job title of each witness. Last minute changes to the published list must be advised to the Committee Secretariat by telephone on 8946 1485 or email to [Estimates.LA@nt.gov.au](mailto:Estimates.LA@nt.gov.au).

## **2.5 Appearing Before the Committee**

2.5.1 Witnesses will be seated at tables opposite the Committee and immediately in front of the gallery to give evidence.

2.5.2 Typically, the Minister will be accompanied by the relevant Chief Executive for the outputs under consideration. Other officers who might be required to give evidence may be seated at the table if space allows or may sit in the gallery and be called to the table if required. Up to six witnesses can comfortably sit at the table.



2.5.3 To assist accurate recording, witnesses should identify themselves before speaking, both when first introduced to the Committee and whenever re-entering the discussion.

2.5.4 Each microphone at the table can be turned on or off by pressing the button on its base.

## **2.6 Documents Provided by Witnesses**

2.6.1 If departments intend to provide any documents prior to or at the hearing they must supply at least eight copies unless otherwise agreed.

## **2.7 Facilities for Witnesses and Government Officers**

2.7.1 The Eley Room, which is opposite the Litchfield Room where the hearings will be held, will be available to witnesses and other Government officers as a waiting and communications room. The room will have:

- tea and coffee,
- television coverage of the hearing,
- computer, printer and phone,
- WiFi and cable access to the NT Government network.

2.7.2 Users of the Eley Room are reminded to keep noise to a minimum so as not to interfere with the hearing and to allow other users listening to proceedings to hear.

2.7.3 WiFi will be available in the Litchfield and Eley rooms for those set up to access the NT Government wireless network. Those intending to use WiFi will need to ensure their agency has given them appropriate access before attending the hearing. As they are on a separate network, Police, Education and Power and Water need to make prior arrangements to be able to gain access to their networks via Parliament House WiFi or cables.

## **2.8 Mobile Phones and Tablet Computers**

2.8.1 Mobile phones must be silent and no conversations should be conducted in or near the Litchfield Room. As noted above, the NT Government wireless network will be accessible.

## **2.9 Catering**

2.9.1 Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available to departmental officers in the Eley Room.

- 2.9.2 Department of Legislative Assembly Social Club soft drinks and chocolates will also be available for purchase.
- 2.9.3 The Speaker's Corner Cafe will be open from 7.30 am to 4.00 pm.
- 2.9.4 With advance notice, the cafe can also provide catering outside this time. For further details, menus and order forms call 8946 1439 or go to [http://karensheeldoncatering.com/speakers\\_corner\\_cafe](http://karensheeldoncatering.com/speakers_corner_cafe).
- 2.9.5 Self catering for functions is not permitted in Parliament House.

### **3 CONDUCT OF THE HEARINGS**

#### **3.1 Venue**

- 3.1.1 Estimates Committee public hearings are to be held in the Litchfield Room on Level 3 of Parliament House.

#### **3.2 Basic Procedures**

- 3.2.1 When the Estimates Committee considers proposed expenditure, the Chair shall declare the proposed expenditure open for examination and call for questions.
- 3.2.2 The Chair exercises a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.
- 3.2.3 Participating Members who are not Members of the Committee may not move motions or vote on any matters before the Committee.
- 3.2.4 The quorum of the Committee is three of the Members of the Committee.
- 3.2.5 Motions relating to the substance of the proposed expenditure are not moved during public hearings. Rather, they may be dealt with at deliberative meetings at which the Committee determines the contents of its report to the Legislative Assembly.
- 3.2.6 Committee Members may move motions on and debate procedural issues, such as deferral of items until later in the day's hearing. If any debate is likely on a procedural motion, the Committee will go into private session.

#### **3.3 Swearing of Witnesses**

- 3.3.1 Witnesses are **not** normally sworn prior to questioning.

### **3.4 Scope of Questions (Admissibility) and the Role of the Chair**

- 3.4.1 The Minister answering a question may call upon agency officers to provide relevant information. Officers may answer questions at the request of the Minister, but shall not be required to comment on policy matters.
- 3.4.2 Any questions going to the operations or financial positions of the departments and agencies which seek funds in the estimates are relevant questions for the purpose of Estimates hearings. While the scope of relevance is broad and latitude in questioning allowed, Standing Orders 109-111 and the need for relevance do apply. In particular, questions must be relevant to the output under consideration at the time, and once passed an output will not normally be revisited.
- 3.4.3 It can be expected that the discussion will range from items of detail to broad policy matters. As a general guide, the Chair will normally leave it to the Minister in attendance to raise any objection to the scope or relevance of questioning.
- 3.4.4 In allocating the call, the Chair shall maintain the order as detailed in her opening address.
- 3.4.5 If a dispute by a Member as to the admissibility of a question does arise, the Chair will give a ruling. If any objection is made to a ruling of the Chair, such objection must be taken at once and stated in writing. The relevant proceeding will then be deferred and the objection will be referred to the Speaker for a ruling.

### **3.5 Recording of Proceedings (Hansard)**

- 3.5.1 The Estimates Committee hearing will be recorded and transcribed by *Hansard*.
- 3.5.2 Transcripts of the hearings will be available through the Parliament's website within around 3 hours of the end of the hearing at <http://notes.nt.gov.au/lant/hansard/hansardd.nsf?OpenDatabase>. Progress of the Estimates hearings can also be followed on Twitter. The Northern Territory Legislative Assembly can be found at <https://twitter.com/LegAssemblyNT> or via @LegAssemblyNT.
- 3.5.3 Members of the Assembly requiring a Hansard rush should use the same procedures and forms as for Assembly Hansard rushes

### **3.6 Broadcasting and Media Access**

- 3.6.1 The hearings will be broadcast within Parliament House and on the Internet unless the Committee orders otherwise. The webcast will be available from <http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/about-parliament/broadcast/broadcast.shtml>.

3.6.2 The Assembly has authorised the broadcast of the hearings, subject to the same conditions which apply to the sittings of the Assembly (see Appendix E) and as determined by the Committee.

3.6.3 Media will have access to the public galleries. An audio feed will be available from the media outlet panel at the back of the Litchfield Room and video will be available through the Chamber broadcast room off the Main Hall on level 2.

### **3.7 Material Received at Hearings**

3.7.1 Documents may be presented to the Committee during their hearings. Unless the Committee orders otherwise, documents presented to it are deemed to be made public.

### **3.8 Confidential Documents**

3.8.1 The Committee may resolve to treat a document presented to it as confidential. However, the Committee or the Assembly may, at a later time, order the publication of a document originally presented on a confidential basis.

3.8.2 Any requests for confidentiality should be made very clear to the Committee and witnesses are to be made aware of the conditions above.

### **3.9 Written Questions**

3.9.1 The Assembly has made no provision for written questions in relation to the Estimates or GOC committees. Members can continue to submit written questions under Standing Orders 113-114 in the usual manner.

### **3.10 Questions Taken on Notice**

3.10.1 At the Minister's or Speaker's discretion, questions asked at hearings may be taken 'on notice' and subsequently answered in writing.

3.10.2 The Chair will ensure that the terms of a question on notice are clarified and will allocate the question a number.

3.10.3 After the production of the transcript for the hearing, the Committee Secretary will put the questions in the Estimates Committee's Questions and Answers Taken on Notice database on the Committee's webpage at <http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliamentary-business/committees/estimates/inquiries.shtml>.

- 3.10.4 There is no prescribed format for answers to Questions taken on notice. However, a suggested template is attached at Appendix F and is also available on the Committee's webpage.
- 3.10.5 The suggested procedure for agencies to use when providing Ministers with draft answers to Questions taken on notice is to prepare a ministerial briefing with a letter to the Chair of the Estimates Committee attaching the answers.
- 3.10.6 Unless the Committee orders an earlier date, answers to questions on notice must be provided to the Committee Secretariat by **7 July 2016**.
- 3.10.7 Electronic copies of the answers should be forwarded to the Committee Secretariat at Estimates.LA@nt.gov.au.

### **3.11 In-Camera Hearings**

- 3.11.1 All hearings of the Committee are open to the public unless the Committee orders otherwise.
- 3.11.2 If an answer to a question includes information of a confidential nature, the witness may ask that the evidence be taken *in camera* and give reasons for that request. The Committee will then decide whether to close that part of the hearing to the public.

### **3.12 Other Matters**

- 3.12.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Assembly's resolution establishing the Committee, the general rules applying to Assembly committees apply. Please refer to the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory *Committee Manual* for further information.<sup>1</sup>

## **4 AFTER THE HEARING**

### **4.1 Distribution of Hansard**

- 4.1.1 The *Hansard* report of the hearings will be published in a similar manner to the *Hansard* report of the Parliamentary sittings.
- 4.1.2 An electronic copy of the daily transcript will be posted on the Parliament's website within approximately three hours after the end of each day's proceedings.
- 4.1.3 Agency officers and ministerial staff wishing to be informed when the transcript will be available should contact Hansard on telephone 8946 1400.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliamentary-business/committees/Committee Manual Practice and Procedures.pdf](http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliamentary-business/committees/Committee_Manual_Practice_and_Procedures.pdf)

## **4.2 Corrections to Hansard**

- 4.2.1 Ministers and Agency officers who give evidence are required to submit any corrections directly to *Hansard* within seven days of the hearing by sending material electronically to: [melissa.johnson@nt.gov.au](mailto:melissa.johnson@nt.gov.au). Hard copy material should be addressed to Editor of Debates, Parliament House, via internal mail or posted to GPO Box 3721, Darwin, NT, 0801.

## **4.3 Tabling of Report in the Assembly**

- 4.3.1 The Committees' reports are to contain any resolutions or expressions of opinion of the Committee and be presented to the Assembly when it sits on Thursday, 23 June 2016. The Assembly will then debate the question "that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2016-2017) Bill be agreed to, and the Estimates Committee's report be noted."
- 4.3.2 The maximum time for this debate is 5 hours, with Ministers and Shadow Ministers limited to 20 minutes each and other Members limited to 10 minutes each.

**APPENDIX A: TERMS OF REFERENCE, ESTIMATES COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Resolution of 26 May 2016:

The Legislative Assembly resolves that:

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

1. There be appointed an Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the Committee) for the purposes of examining and reporting on the estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation (2016-2017) Bill and related budget documents.
2. The Appropriation (2016-2017) Bill (the Bill) and related budget documents be referred to the Committee.
3. The Committee may not vote on but may examine and report on the proposed expenditure contained in the Bill by no later than 23 June 2016.
4. The Committee shall examine the proposed expenditure contained in the Bill by portfolio units in accordance with the schedule to be published by the Committee and that the proposed expenditure be considered on an output by output basis for each portfolio unit.

**B. MEMBERSHIP**

5. The membership of the Committee shall consist of the membership of the Public Accounts Committee, subject to changes resulting from a Chair naming a Member.
6. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Public Accounts Committee shall be the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee. The Deputy Chair will act as the Chair during the absence of the Chair during a meeting or during a vacancy in the position of Chair.
7. Members of the Assembly who are not members of the Committee may participate in public hearings of the Committee, provided that at any time participating Members are limited to six members comprising the Chair, two Government Members, and three Non-Government Members.
8. Members of the Assembly who are not members of the Committee may not vote on any matters before the Committee.
9. The Committee may proceed with business despite a vacancy in its membership.

**C. HEARING TIMES**

10. Unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, the Committee shall hold hearings on the following days:
  - (a) Tuesday, 14 June 2016;
  - (b) Wednesday, 15 June 2016;
  - (c) Thursday, 16 June 2016;
  - (d) Tuesday, 21 June 2016; and
  - (e) Wednesday, 22 June 2016.
11. The Committee shall publish a schedule of the times allotted for hearing from Ministers and the Speaker.

12. The maximum time of the appearance of each of the Chief Minister and the Treasurer shall be 8 hours, and for each other Minister and the Speaker shall be 7 hours; and the maximum total time for hearings shall be 56 hours.

#### **D. HEARING PROCEDURE**

13. All hearings of the Committee are open to the public unless the Committee orders otherwise.
14. The Committee will consider proposed expenditure by outputs, following procedures agreed to by the Committee in accordance with the other provisions of this Order and Standing Orders.
15. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, the Minister or the Speaker may make an opening statement lasting up to five minutes, which may be extended with the leave of the Committee.
16. Members of the Committee may ask for explanations from a Minister or the Speaker relating to proposed expenditure and outputs.
17. Questions should be directed to the Minister or the Speaker in the first instance. Ministers or the Speaker may defer to the Chief Executive (who may defer to another officer) who may then be directly questioned on subsequent questions on the same subject, unless the Minister or Speaker chooses to take the questions.
18. Officers shall not be required to comment on policy matters, including giving an opinion.
19. All questions should conform to Standing Order 109 and answers will be concise and directly relevant to the question asked.

#### **E. QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT HEARINGS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

20. The Minister or the Speaker may advise the Committee that an answer to a question or part of a question will be provided later to the Committee. At that time the Chair shall note the question or that part of the question taken on notice and any clarification required. The text of questions on notice will be placed on the Estimates questions on notice database.
21. A Minister or the Speaker may also give the Committee additional information about an answer given by them or on their behalf.
22. The answer or additional information is to be written and given to the First Clerk Assistant by 7 July 2016, or other earlier time decided by the Committee, and the Chair may present it to the Assembly in accordance with Standing Order 200 by 8 July 2016. Additional information or answers so received are deemed to be documents presented to the Committee (see paragraph 24).

#### **F. HANSARD REPORT AND OTHER TABLED DOCUMENTS**

23. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is authorised to publish a transcript of the Committee proceedings, whether or not it has been edited, as soon as practicable.
24. Evidence taken in public by the Committee and documents presented to the Committee are deemed to be authorised for publication by the Committee, unless the Committee orders otherwise.

#### **G. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS**

25. Sound and vision of the hearings of the Committee may be broadcast and re-broadcast, subject to the same conditions which apply to the sittings of the Assembly and as determined by the Committee.



## **H. DISORDER**

26. At a hearing of the Committee, the Chair may, after a warning, order any Member of the Assembly whose conduct, in the opinion of the Chair, continues to be disorderly or disruptive to withdraw from the Committee for a period of 1 hour.
27. A Member ordered to withdraw by the Chair must immediately withdraw for the stated period.
28. If a Member persistently disrupts the business of the Committee, the Chair may name the Member and:
  - (a) If the Member named is a member of the Committee, suspend the sittings until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker; or
  - (b) If the Member named is not a member of the Committee, order that the Member withdraw from the sittings of the Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker.
29. On the naming of a Member:
  - (a) The Chair shall advise the Speaker of the Naming of a Member as soon as practicable.
  - (b) If the Member named was a member of the Committee, the Speaker shall declare that the Member named is no longer a member of the Committee and give notice to that effect to the Member, Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Chair of the Committee and:
    - (i) if the named Member was a Government Member, ask the Chief Minister to nominate a Government Member to the Committee or,
    - (ii) if the Member was an Opposition Member, ask the Leader of the Opposition to nominate an Opposition Member to the Committee.
  - (c) Any such change to the Estimates Committee membership also applies to the Government Owned Corporations Committee but does not affect the membership of the Public Accounts Committee.
  - (d) If the Member named was not a member of the Committee, the Speaker shall declare that the Member may no longer participate in the proceedings of the Committee and give notice to that effect to the Member, Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Chair of the Committee.
30. If any objection is taken to a ruling or decision of the Chair:
  - (a) the objection must be taken at once and stated in writing;
  - (b) the Chair, as soon as practicable, shall advise the Speaker who shall make a ruling on the matter; and
  - (c) the Committee may continue to meet but not further examine the matter then under consideration and which is the subject of the objection.

## **I. REPORT OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

31. A report of the Committee will be presented by the Chair to the Assembly and the report shall contain any resolution or expression of opinion of the Committee.
32. When the report of the Committee is presented the Assembly shall immediately consider the question:

that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2016-2017) Bill stand as part of the Bill, and the reports of the Estimates Committee and the Government Owned Corporations Committee be noted.
33. The following time limits shall apply to the debate on the Committee's report:
  - Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Ministers: 20 minutes;

- Any other Member: 10 minutes;
  - The maximum period for consideration shall be 5 hours.
34. When the question on the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2016-2017) Bill is agreed to, the following question is proposed and put immediately:
- that the remainder of the Bill stand as part of the Bill.
35. When the Bill has been agreed to by the Assembly, the third reading may be taken into consideration immediately.
36. This resolution shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing and Sessional Orders.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

1. There be appointed a Government Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee (the Committee) for the purpose of examining and reporting on the activities, performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy, and Territory Generation, with reference to those corporations' Statements of Corporate Intent for 2016-17.

### **B. MEMBERSHIP**

2. The members, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Government Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee shall be the same as the Estimates Committee. The Deputy Chair will act as the Chair during the absence of the Chair during a meeting or during a vacancy in the position of Chair.
3. Members of the Assembly who are not members of the Committee may participate in public hearings of the Committee, provided that at any time participating Members are limited to six members comprising the Chair, two Government Members, two Opposition Members and one Independent Member.
4. Members of the Assembly who are not members of the Committee may not vote on any matters before the Committee.

### **C. HEARING TIMES**

5. Unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, the Committee shall hold hearings on Thursday, 23 June 2016. The Committee's hearings shall conclude by 12 noon on 23 June 2016.

### **D. HEARING PROCEDURE**

6. All hearings of the Committee are open to the public unless the Committee orders otherwise.
7. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, a Board Chair may make an opening statement lasting up to five minutes, which may be extended with the leave of the Committee.
8. Members may ask questions relating to the activities, performance, practices and financial management of the relevant corporation.
9. Questions shall be directed to the Board Chair in the first instance. The Board Chair may refer a question to an officer, who may then be directly questioned on subsequent questions on the same subject, unless the Board Chair chooses to take the questions.

10. Officers shall not be required to comment on policy matters, including giving an opinion.
11. All questions should conform to Standing Order 109 and answers will be concise and directly relevant to the question asked.

**E. QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT HEARINGS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

12. A Board Chair may advise the Committee that an answer to a question or part of a question will be provided later to the Committee. At that time the Chair shall note the question or that part of the question taken on notice and any clarification required. The text of questions on notice will be placed on the Estimates questions on notice database.
13. A Board Chairman may give the Committee additional information about an answer given by them or on their behalf.
14. The answer or additional information is to be written and given to the First Clerk Assistant by 7 July 2016, or other earlier time decided by the Committee, and the Chair may present it to the Assembly in accordance with Standing Order 200 by 8 July 2016. Additional information or answers so received are deemed to be documents presented to the Committee (see paragraph 16).

**F. HANSARD REPORT AND OTHER TABLED DOCUMENTS**

15. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is authorised to publish a transcript of the Committee proceedings, whether or not it has been edited, as soon as practicable.
16. Evidence taken in public by the Committee and documents presented to the Committee are deemed to be authorised for publication by the Committee, unless the Committee orders otherwise.

**G. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS**

17. Sound and vision of the hearings of the Committee may be broadcast and re-broadcast, subject to the same conditions which apply to the sittings of the Assembly and as determined by the Committee.

**H. DISORDER**

18. At a hearing of the Committee, the Chair may, after a warning, order any Member of the Assembly whose conduct, in the opinion of the Chair, continues to be disorderly or disruptive to withdraw from the Committee for a period of 1 hour.
19. A member ordered to withdraw by the Chair must immediately withdraw for the stated period.
20. If a Member persistently disrupts the business of the Committee, the Chair may name the Member and:
  - (a) If the Member named is a member of the Committee, suspend the sittings until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker; or
  - (b) If the Member named is not a member of the Committee, order that the Member withdraw from the sittings of the Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker.
21. On the naming of a Member:
  - (a) The Chair shall advise the Speaker of the Naming of a Member as soon as practicable.
  - (b) If the Member named was a member of the Committee, the Speaker shall declare that the Member named is no longer a member of the Committee and

give notice to that effect to the Member, Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Chair of the Committee and:

- (i) if the named Member was a Government Member, ask the Chief Minister to nominate a Government Member to the Committee or,
  - (ii) if the Member was an Opposition Member, ask the Leader of the Opposition to nominate an Opposition Member to the Committee.
- (c) Any such membership change to the Government Owned Corporations Committee also affects the Estimates Committee but does not affect the membership of the Public Accounts Committee.
- (d) If the Member named was not a member of the Committee, the Speaker shall declare that the Member may no longer participate in the proceedings of the Committee and give notice to that effect to the Member, Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Chair of the Committee.
22. If any objection is taken to a ruling of the Chair:
- (a) the objection must be taken at once and stated in writing;
  - (b) the Chair, as soon as practicable, shall advise the Speaker who shall make a ruling on the matter; and
  - (c) the Committee may continue to meet but not further examine the matter then under consideration and which is the subject of the objection.

#### **I. REPORT OF GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

23. A report of the Committee will be presented by the Chair, together with the report of the Estimates Committee, to the Assembly and the report shall contain any resolution or expression of opinion of the Committee.
24. When the report of the Committee is presented it shall be considered together with the Report of the Estimates Committee.
25. This resolution shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing and Sessional Orders.

**APPENDIX B: STANDING ORDERS 109, 110 & 111 - QUESTIONS**

**109. MANNER AND FORM OF QUESTIONS**

The following rules apply to questions:

- (1) Questions cannot be debated.
- (2) Questions should not contain:
  - (a) statements of facts or names of persons unless they are strictly necessary to render the question intelligible and can be authenticated;
  - (b) arguments
  - (c) inferences
  - (d) imputations
  - (e) insults
  - (f) hypothetical matter.
- (3) Questions should not ask Ministers:
  - (a) for an expression of opinion
  - (b) to announce new policy of the government, but may seek an explanation regarding the policy of the government and its application
  - (c) for a legal opinion.
- (4) Questions should not refer to proceedings in committee not reported to the Assembly.
- (5) Questions may not be asked which reflect on or are critical of the character or conduct of those persons whose conduct may be challenged only on a substantive motion and questions critical of the character or conduct of other persons must be asked in writing.

**110. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

- (1) Answers will be concise and directly relevant to the question asked.
- (2) No answer will exceed three minutes.

**111. REPEATING QUESTIONS ALREADY ANSWERED**

A question which has been answered cannot be asked again during the same Question Time period.

**APPENDIX C: STANDING ORDERS CHAPTER 16 – COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**179. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Assembly may appoint committees by motion moved on notice and Members will be appointed to or discharged from a committee by motion moved on notice.

**180. APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEES**

A motion to appoint a Select Committee must specify the day for the reporting of the committee's proceedings to the Assembly. The Member chairing the committee will present the final report of the committee on or before that day, unless the Assembly grants an extension of time.

**181. MEMBERSHIP WHEN ASSEMBLY NOT MEETING**

If the Assembly is not meeting, the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member may nominate the appointment or discharge of a Member of a committee in writing to the Speaker. The change in membership must take effect from the time the Speaker receives the nomination. At the next meeting, the Speaker will report the change to the Assembly.

**182. SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER ON COMMITTEES**

The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall only be appointed to a committee if a Standing or other order requires the appointment, or if they consent.

**183. MEMBER WITH PECUNIARY INTEREST NOT TO SIT ON INQUIRY**

No Member may sit on a committee if that Member has a particular direct pecuniary interest in a matter under inquiry by the committee. If the eligibility of a Member to sit on a committee is challenged, the committee may report the matter to the Assembly for resolution.

**184. QUORUM**

- (1) A quorum for a committee is three Members, unless the Assembly orders otherwise. If at any time a quorum is not present, the Member chairing will suspend the proceedings until a quorum is present, or will adjourn the committee.
- (2) If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting of a committee, any Member present may depart after recording their name with the Secretary, who will convene a meeting for another time.

**185. CONVENING MEETINGS**

Notice of meetings will be given by the Secretary for the committee:

- (1) If there is no Chair of the committee, at the direction of the Clerk
- (2) pursuant to resolution of the committee
- (3) at the direction of the Chair of the committee, or
- (4) upon request by a majority of the committee.

**186. COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- (1) Each committee will have a Chair and a Deputy Chair
- (2) The Deputy Chair will act as the Chair during the absence of the Chair during a meeting or during a vacancy in the position of Chair.

- (3) The Member chairing a meeting will have both a deliberative and a casting vote.
- (4) If the position of Chair or Deputy Chair is vacant, the committee will elect a Member by ballot to fill the vacancy before conducting further business.
- (5) If neither the Chair nor Deputy Chair is present at a meeting, the Members present will elect another Member to act as Chair at the meeting.

#### **187. Subcommittees**

- (1) A committee may appoint subcommittees of three or more of its Members and may refer to a subcommittee any matter which the committee may examine.
- (2) A committee will appoint the Chair of each subcommittee, who will have a deliberative and a casting vote. If the Chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee, the Members of the subcommittee present will elect another Member of that subcommittee to act as Chair at the meeting.
- (3) A quorum of a subcommittee is two of its Members.
- (4) Members who are not Members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of the subcommittee but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.

#### **188. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS AND DOCUMENTS**

- (1) The Secretary records the proceedings of the committee or subcommittee in the Minutes of Proceedings. The minutes are then confirmed by the committee or subcommittee and then signed by the Member chairing.
- (2) Documents presented to the committee or subcommittee shall be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.
- (3) The Speaker may permit any person to examine and take extracts from evidence submitted to, or documents and records of, committees of the former legislative Council, and/or the Legislative Assembly, which are in the custody of the Legislative Assembly and which have been in its custody for a least 5 years: provided that such evidence was not taken in camera or that such documents and records are not of a confidential or restricted nature; and the Speaker reports to the Assembly each disclosure of evidence and or documents and records permitted taken and the name of the person or persons to whom disclosure has been made.

#### **189. PROCEEDINGS AND MEETINGS OF A COMMITTEE**

- (1) A committee or subcommittee may conduct proceedings using any means approved by the Assembly and in the following manner:
  - (a) in private meeting
  - (b) by hearing witnesses, either in public or in private
  - (c) in the form of any other meeting, discussion or inspection conducted under the practice of committees of the Assembly.
- (2) A committee may conduct proceedings using audio-visual or audio links with members of the committee or witnesses not present in one place. If audio-visual or audio link is used, committee members and witnesses must be able to speak to and hear each other at the same time regardless of location.
- (3) A committee or subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any time or place as it sees fit, except that it will not meet during meetings of the Assembly except by order of the Assembly.

### **190. POWER TO CALL FOR WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS**

- (1) A committee or subcommittee may call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (2) The Member chairing a committee or subcommittee shall direct the Secretary of the committee or subcommittee to invite or summon witnesses pursuant to Standing Order 202 and section 18 of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act* and to request or require documents to be produced as determined by the committee or subcommittee.

### **191. POWER TO MAKE USE OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEES**

A committee or subcommittee may consider and make use of the evidence and records of similar committees appointed during previous Assemblies.

### **192. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES**

- (1) The examination of witnesses before a committee shall be conducted by the Members of the committee in accordance with procedures agreed to by the committee and subject to the rules of the Assembly.
- (2) The examination of witnesses shall be recorded in a transcript of evidence.

### **193. ADMISSION TO HEARINGS**

- (1) When a committee is examining witnesses, visitors may be admitted but must withdraw if requested by the Member chairing the committee or any member of the Committee and must withdraw when the committee is deliberating.
- (2) A Member of the Assembly, although not a member of a committee, may participate in the committee's public sessions and question witnesses, unless the committee orders otherwise, but may not vote and must withdraw when the committee is deliberating or taking evidence in camera.

### **274. PUBLICATION OF EVIDENCE**

- (1) A committee or subcommittee may authorise publication of evidence given before it or documents presented to it.
- (2) A committee's or subcommittee's evidence, documents, proceedings and reports may not be disclosed or published to a person (other than a Member of the committee or a parliamentary employee assigned to the committee) unless they have been:
  - (a) reported to the Assembly, or
  - (b) authorised by the Assembly, the committee or the subcommittee.
- (3) A committee may resolve to:
  - (a) publish media releases, discussion papers or other documents or preliminary findings
  - (b) divulge evidence, documents, proceedings or reports on a confidential basis to persons for comment.
- (4) A committee may resolve to authorise a Member of the committee to give public briefings on matters related to an inquiry. An authorised Member may not disclose evidence, documents, proceedings or reports which have not been authorised for publication. The committee determines the limits of the authorisation.
- (5) Evidence taken by, documents presented to, minutes of proceedings and reports of a committee that have not been reported to the Assembly may not, unless



authorised by the Assembly or the committee, be disclosed or published by any Member of such committee or by any other person.

#### **195. POWER TO REPORT FROM TIME TO TIME**

A committee may report to the Assembly from time to time.

#### **196. DRAFT REPORT CONSIDERED**

- (1) The Chair of a committee will prepare a draft report and present it to the committee at a meeting convened for report consideration.
- (2) The report may be considered at once if copies have been circulated in advance to each member of the committee. The report will be considered paragraph by paragraph. When consideration of the chapters of the report is completed, the appendices are then considered in order.
- (3) After the draft report has been considered, the whole or any paragraph may be reconsidered and amended.
- (4) A Member objecting to any portion of the report may vote against it or move an amendment when the particular paragraph or appendix is under consideration.
- (5) A Member protesting about the report or dissenting from all or part of it may add a protest or dissenting report from the main report.

#### **197. ALTERNATIVE DRAFT**

If any Member, other than the Member chairing the committee, submits a draft report to the committee, the committee shall first decide upon with which report will proceed.

#### **198. ADOPTION OF REPORT**

When a committee has settled consideration of a draft report it will adopt the report.

#### **199. ENDORSEMENT OF REPORT AND PAPERS**

- (1) Every report of a committee will be signed by the Member chairing the committee;
- (2) Any papers laid before the committee will be endorsed by the Secretary of the committee;
- (3) Any protest or dissenting report shall be signed by the Member or Members dissenting.

#### **200. TABLING OF REPORT**

- (1) A Member of a committee will table the committee's report together with the minutes of proceedings in the Assembly.
- (2) The Member tabling a report may make a Tabling Statement.
- (3) Upon tabling of a report and the conclusion of any tabling statement, any Member may move, without notice, "that the report be noted" or "that the report be adopted."
- (4) If the Assembly is not meeting, the Chair of the committee may send the report to the Speaker or Deputy Speaker if the Speaker is unavailable. When the Speaker or Deputy Speaker receives the report its publication is deemed to be authorised by the Assembly. A Member of the committee must then table the report in the Assembly as soon as possible.

#### **201. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (1) On the tabling of a report from a committee, which recommends that action be taken by the government, the Clerk is to refer the report to the relevant Minister(s), who must within six months of a report being tabled, report to the

- Assembly what action, if any, the Government proposes to take in relation to each recommendation of the committee.
- (2) If at the time at which the Minister seeks to report to the Assembly, the Assembly is not meeting, a Minister may present the response to the Clerk.
  - (3) A response presented to the Clerk is:
    - (a) on presentation, and for all purposes, deemed to have been tabled and its publication authorised by the Assembly
    - (b) reported to the Assembly at its next meeting.
  - (4) If a Government response to a committee report has not been tabled within six months of the report being tabled, the relevant Minister (or Minister representing the Minister) will:
    - (a) present to the Assembly at the next available opportunity a signed statement stating the reasons for the delay in presentation of the response
    - (b) make themselves available to appear at the next reasonably available opportunity following a request by the relevant committee to answer its questions on that statement.
  - (5) The Speaker is to provide a report to the Assembly twice each year on the status of government responses to committee reports.
    - (a) on presentation, and for all purposes, deemed to have been tabled and its publication authorised by the Assembly

**APPENDIX D: STANDING ORDER 210 – PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES FOR THE PROTECTION OF WITNESSES**

Unless otherwise ordered the following procedures will be followed by Committees of the Assembly when dealing with witnesses and prospective witnesses:

- (1) a witness will be invited to attend a Committee meeting to give evidence: A witness will be summoned to appear (whether or not the witness was previously invited to appear) only where the Committee has made a decision that the circumstances warrant the issue of a summons.
- (2) where the Committee desires that a witness produce documents relevant to the Committee's inquiry, the witness will be invited to do so, and an order that documents be produced will be made (whether or not an invitation to produce documents has previously been made) only where the Committee has made a decision that the circumstances warrant such an order.
- (3) a witness will be given reasonable notice of a meeting at which the witness is to appear, and supplied with a copy of the Committee's terms of reference, a statement of the matters expected to be dealt with during the witness's appearance, and a copy of these procedures: where appropriate, a witness may be supplied with a transcript of relevant evidence already taken.
- (4) a witness will be given an opportunity to make a submission in writing before appearing to give oral evidence.
- (5) reasonable opportunity must be available for a witness to raise any matters of concern to the witness relating to the witness's submission or the evidence the witness is to give before the witness appears at a meeting.
- (6) a witness will have reasonable access to any documents that the witness has produced to the Committee.
- (7) a witness will be offered, before giving evidence, the opportunity to make application, before or during the hearing of the witness's evidence, for any or all of the witness's evidence to be heard in private session, and will be invited to give reasons for any such application. If the application is not granted, the witness will be notified of reasons for that decision.
- (8) the Committee may table in the Assembly or publish evidence given in private session after consideration of the circumstances and deliberating that the circumstances are so extraordinary as to warrant such disclosure. Before giving any evidence in private session, a witness will be informed that it is within the power of the Committee to authorise publication of such evidence and that the Assembly also has the power to order the production and publication of such evidence.
- (9) a Member, in a protest or dissent added to a report, may not disclose evidence taken in camera unless so authorised by the Committee.
- (10) should the Committee consider it essential that evidence given or information received in private session is published or that it is essential that such evidence or information be included in the Committee's report the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee must make every effort to discuss the matter with the relevant witness in an effort to minimise any potential damage to the witness which may flow from that publication or usage.
- (11) the Chairman will take care to ensure that all questions put to witnesses are relevant to the Committee's inquiry and that the information sought by those questions is necessary for the purpose of that inquiry. Where a Member of the Committee requests discussion of a ruling of the Chairman on this matter, the Committee will deliberate in private session and determine whether any question which is the subject of the ruling is to be permitted.

- (12) where a witness objects to answering any question put to the witness on any ground, including the ground that the question is not relevant or that the answer may incriminate the witness, the witness will be invited to state the ground upon which objection to answering the question is taken. Unless the Committee determines immediately that the question should not be pressed, the Committee will then consider in private session whether it will insist upon an answer to the question, having regard to the relevance of the question to the Committee's inquiry and the importance to the inquiry of the information sought by the question: If the Committee determines that it requires an answer to the question, the witness will be informed of that determination and the reasons for the determination, and will be required to answer the question only in private session, unless the Committee determines that it is essential to the Committee's inquiry that the question be answered in public session; and where a witness declines to answer a question to which the Committee has required an answer, the Committee will report the facts to the Assembly.
- (13) where a Committee has reason to believe that evidence about to be given may reflect adversely on a person, the Committee will give consideration to hearing that evidence in private session.
- (14) where a witness gives evidence reflecting adversely on a person and the Committee is not satisfied that that evidence is relevant to the Committee's inquiry, the Committee will give consideration to expunging that evidence from the transcript of evidence, and to forbidding the publication of that evidence.
- (15) where evidence is given which reflects adversely on a person and action of the kind referred to in paragraph (14) is not taken in respect of the evidence, the Committee will provide reasonable opportunity for that person to have access to that evidence and to respond to that evidence by written submission and appearance before the Committee.
- (16) a witness may make application to be accompanied by counsel and to consult counsel in the course of a meeting at which the witness appears. In considering such an application, the Committee will have regard to the need for the witness to be accompanied by counsel to ensure the proper protection of the witness. If an application is not granted, the witness will be notified of reasons for that decision.
- (17) a witness accompanied by counsel will be given reasonable opportunity to consult counsel during a meeting at which the witness appears.
- (18) an officer of a department of the Territory or of the Commonwealth may not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy and be given reasonable opportunity to refer questions asked of the officer to superior officers or to a Minister.
- (19) reasonable opportunity will be afforded to witnesses to make corrections of errors of transcription in the transcript of their evidence and to put before the Committee additional material supplementary to their evidence and
- (20) where the Committee has any reason to believe that any person has been improperly influenced in respect of evidence which may be given before the Committee, or has been subjected to or threatened with any penalty or injury in respect of any evidence given, the Committee will take all reasonable steps to ascertain the facts of the matter: Where the Committee considers that the facts disclose that a person may have been improperly influenced or subjected to or threatened with penalty or injury in respect of evidence which may be or has been given before the Committee, the Committee will report the facts and its conclusions to the Assembly.

**APPENDIX E: ORDERS & DETERMINATION REGARDING BROADCASTING**

**Standing Order 228 – *Broadcasting of Assembly and Committee Proceedings***

Unless otherwise ordered the Assembly authorises the broadcast, rebroadcast and televising of all or portions of the debates or proceedings of the Assembly or a committee for the purposes of section 23 of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act* in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) Recordings and broadcasts of the Assembly may be made only from the Legislative Assembly system, unless otherwise approved by the Speaker or his or her delegate and in accordance with guidelines determined by the Speaker from time to time.
- (2) Recording and broadcast of sound and vision of committee proceedings are subject to any conditions or restrictions agreed to by that committee.
- (3) Broadcasts of excerpts will be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and will not be used for:
  - (a) political party advertising or election campaigns
  - (b) satire or ridicule or
  - (c) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.
- (4) Reports of proceedings will be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
- (5) Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast only if the withdrawal is also reported.
- (6) Excerpts must be placed in context. Commentators should identify Members by name.
- (7) Events or activity in the galleries are not part of the proceedings and excerpts in relation to such events may not be used.
- (8) Where the audio excerpts of the proceeding are used on television, their use may be that of audio over still frames or overlay material.
- (9) The Speaker is empowered from time to time to make and publish rules and guidelines in a *Speaker's Determination* which may limit, and /or provide guidance about the reporting of proceedings and the conduct and behaviour of media representatives. Such rules and guidelines will be tabled in the Assembly and made available on the Assembly website.

## **Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory Speaker's Determination No DLA05 of 2016: Media Coverage Of Parliamentary Proceedings**

I, KEZIA DORCAS TIBISAY PURICK, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, hereby determine the following conditions for the broadcasting, rebroadcasting and televising of proceedings of the Assembly and its committees:

### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 All individuals working for media organisations to cover proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory must be accredited by the Speaker or the Speaker's delegate.
- 1.2 Accreditation may be granted by the Speaker or Speaker's delegate upon receipt of a written request from the Editor/Chief of Staff on behalf of a licensed electronic or print media organisation and may include requests for individual accreditation for nominated staff members of that organisation.
- 1.3 A licensed electronic or print media organisation may seek enduring accreditation for itself and/or nominated staff members by the method outlined in 1.3 above;
- 1.4 An accredited media organisation may seek to vary individual accreditation by making the relevant request to the Speaker in writing;
- 1.5 By requesting and being granted accreditation, a media organisation and/or staff member representing an organisation implicitly undertakes to observe and comply with the conditions set out in this Determination;
- 1.6 The Speaker or Speaker's delegate may at any time revoke accreditation for any media organisation or any individual working for a media organisation.

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 '**accredited media organisation or personnel**' means an organisation or an individual working for that organisation, each of whom have been authorised by the Speaker or the Speaker's delegate as a Media/Press Gallery Member and who may carry out coverage of the Assembly's proceedings pursuant to the conditions of this Determination;
- 2.2 '**Assembly's Proceedings**' means the business transacted by the Legislative Assembly on designated sitting days, and the public hearings of the Estimates Committee and Government-Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee proceedings;
- 2.3 '**cover**' means take notes or record by electronic means the Assembly's proceedings subject to the limitations contained in this Determination. Coverage includes still and video photographic recordings and sound for electronic and print media and includes web cast of the Assembly's proceedings on the Legislative Assembly web site;
- 2.4 '**electronic media**' means licensed television and radio broadcasters and Internet-based news media;
- 2.5 '**enduring accreditation**' means authority to cover the Assembly's proceedings pursuant to the conditions of this Determination for the life of that Assembly. That is, from the first time the Assembly convenes following a General Election until that Assembly is prorogued prior to the next General Election;

- 2.6 **'galleries'** means all galleries, both public and press/media, surrounding the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly;
- 2.7 **'print media'** means licensed publications, including newspapers and magazines;
- 2.8 **'record'** means to take notes or use electronic means to capture the Assembly's proceedings subject to the limitations contained in this Determination. 'Record' includes still and video photographic vision and sound for electronic and print media and includes capturing the web cast of the Assembly's proceedings from the Legislative Assembly web site.

### **3. CONDITIONS OF RECORDING AND BROADCASTING OF THE ASSEMBLY'S PROCEEDINGS**

- 3.1 Directions of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or Acting Deputy Speaker on the floor of the Chamber must be observed at all times;
- 3.2 Recording of a Member who has the call will be no closer than a head-and-shoulders shot of the Member concerned;
- 3.3 Under no circumstances shall a recording be made of papers on a Member's desk, material on a Member's computer screen or any Member who does not have the call of the Speaker;
- 3.4 The only exception to Conditions 3.2 and 3.3 above is for wide shots of the entire Chamber that do not encroach on any Member's privacy, papers on the Member's desk or images on the Member's computer screen;
- 3.5 No record of the Assembly's proceedings taken by electronic or print media organisations gathered in any way contrary to these conditions may be broadcast or printed.

### **4. CONDUCT OF ACCREDITED MEDIA PERSONNEL**

- 4.1 Electronic instruments such as mobile telephones, pagers and modems must be switched off whilst media personnel are in the Chamber or galleries.
- 4.2 Laptop and iPad computers are not permitted in the galleries at any time when the Assembly is sitting.
- 4.3 Any media personnel who wish to broadcast from the gallery using social media must seek the prior approval of the Speaker;
- 4.4 Media personnel will observe silence whilst in the galleries and avoid any conduct that would draw attention to the galleries;
- 4.5 An appropriate dress standard will be maintained whilst covering events in the Chamber;
- 4.6 No media personnel will signal or otherwise communicate (this includes text messaging) with camera operators on the floor of the Chamber;
- 4.7 Unacceptable conduct in the galleries includes draping items over the rail, standing in the doorway, conversing aloud and eating or drinking;
- 4.8 Accredited media personnel will be provided with access to Parliament House. The Director of Security should be contacted to arrange access;
- 4.9 Accredited media personnel may not enter party rooms on Level 2 or the corridors adjacent to the Chamber on Level 2, nor may they enter the dining areas, Members and Guests Lounge or CPA Lounge on Level 4 without the prior approval of the Speaker;

4.10 Media conferences and interviews are not permitted in the public areas of Parliament House.

This authorisation does not extend to broadcast or re-broadcast by any third party, or to pooled/shared footage or unauthorised material provided by a third party.

## **5. DIRECT BROADCAST AND RE-BROADCAST OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNET WEB STREAM**

5.1 Direct broadcast and re-broadcast of all parliamentary proceedings from the Internet web stream is authorised:

- (a) through the Northern Territory Government Intranet/Internet web cast network; and
- (b) through the in-house Master Antenna Television (MAT) system;

5.2 Direct broadcast and re-broadcast of proceedings from the Internet web stream is authorised to an approved broadcaster subject to the conditions set out in this Determination.

## **6. PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

6.1 Failure to comply with the conditions set out in this Determination may result in accreditation being withdrawn immediately by the Speaker or the imposition of other penalties by the House Committee.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of DECEMBER 2015

KEZIA DORCAS TIBISAY PURICK  
Speaker



**APPENDIX F:        TEMPLATE FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE  
Question Taken on Notice**

**Date:**

**Output:**

**Subject:**

**From:**

**To:**

**Agency:**

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**Number:**

**Question:**

**Answer:**