

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Chief Minister:

**Opposition Status**

1. In terms of determining opposition in the NT Parliament, what is a “viable alternative government” and who and how is it decided what party or aligned group of members is a “viable alternative government”?
2. What is the process of determining a “viable alternative government” in the NT Parliament?
3. Who is responsible for determining a “viable alternative government” in the NT Parliament?
4. What measures are taken to ensure that the decision who and what is deemed a “viable alternative government” in the NT Parliament is clear, democratic and fair?
5. Explain why an opposition or government cannot be formed by a group of aligned members, with common policies and visions in the NT government?
6. Under what circumstances could a group of aligned members (independents and party members) form an opposition or government in the NT parliament?

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**Answer:**

Refer to Written Question 447 for answers.