



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Public Accounts Committee

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **Public Accounts Committee Annual Report 2015-16**

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June 2016



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 35**

12 noon, Tuesday, 25 August 2015  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale  
Mr Nathan Barrett, MLA, Member for Blain  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson
- Guest:** Ms Julie Crisp, Auditor-General
- Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Lauren Copley Orrock, Administration/Research Officer
- Apologies:** Mr Matt Conlan, MLA, Member for Greatorex

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**1. BRIEFING FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

The following witnesses provided a briefing to the committee in relation to repairs and maintenance contracts and NPARIH housing:

- Ms Leah Clifford, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Jim Bamber, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Philip Luck, Executive Director Contract Implementation

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Manison moved and Mr Barrett seconded,  
That the Minutes of Meeting Number 34 be confirmed.  
Question – put and passed.

**3. PAC ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms Finocchiaro moved and Mr Barrett seconded,  
That the PAC Annual Report be adopted.  
Question – put and passed.

**4. FUTURE HEARING ON PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

The Committee discussed comments to the Committee Secretary from the Under Treasurer regarding the early stage of development of the Accounting Standard on service performance information reporting and the lack of involvement of the Chief Minister's Department. The Committee agreed to the Auditor-General discussing the committee's interest in performance reporting with John Coleman from the Department of the Chief Minister.

**5. GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Health seeking a written submission on the progress of its Grants Management System.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on 15 September 2015

Meeting closed at 13.10

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting No. 36

12 noon, Tuesday, 15 September 2015  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale  
Mr Nathan Barrett, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Mr Francis Kurrupuwu, MLA, Member for Arafura  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson
- Guest:** Ms Julie Crisp, Auditor-General
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**1. PERFORMANCE REPORTING PRIVATE BRIEFING**

The following officials appeared before the Committee in relation to Performance Reporting:

Department of the Chief Minister

Ms Rachel Bacon, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Department of Treasury and Finance

Mr David Braines-Mead, Deputy Under Treasurer;

Mr Dwayne McInnis, Senior Director Financial Management; and

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Manison moved and Mr Wood seconded,

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 35 be confirmed.

Question – put and passed.

**3. AUDITOR-GENERAL BRIEFING**

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on the findings of the August 2015 Report to the Legislative Assembly.

**4. INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING**

The Committee agreed that the Terms of Reference, although referring to “all matters relating to the funding of rugby league facilities in Darwin”, are otherwise directed at the decision to fund the redevelopment of Richardson Park and the inquiry is to focus on a review of that

decision. The Committee discussed the most appropriate means of gathering evidence given the more limited intended scope of the inquiry.

The Committee noted that the Terms of Reference provide that "the hearings would be public" and discussed the potential for witnesses to wish to give evidence in camera. The Committee agreed that the Chair and Mr Wood would discuss an amendment to the Terms of Reference to allow hearing confidential matters in camera to be moved in the Assembly.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held as soon as convenient following the resolution of amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Meeting closed at 13.50.

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 37**

10.00 am, Monday, 19 October 2015  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

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**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The Secretary called for nominations for Chairman.

Ms Fyles proposed Mrs Lambley be Chair of the Public Accounts Committee. Mr Wood seconded the proposal.

There being no other Member proposed to be Chair, the Secretary declared Mrs Lambley elected as Chair of the Committee.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Manison moved and Ms Fyles seconded,

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 36 be confirmed.

Question – put and passed.

**3. 2016 ACPAC MID-TERM MEETING**

The Committee discuss options for the time and location for hosting the ACPAC Mid-Term Meeting. The Committee suggested the week beginning 10 May 2016 might be a suitable date and asked the secretariat to provide comparative costing for holding the meeting in either Darwin or Alice Springs.

#### 4. INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING

The Committee agreed to advertise calls for submissions in the NT News, as well as inviting the following government departments to make a submission:

- Department of Treasury and Finance
- Department of the Chief Minister
- Department of Education
- Department of Infrastructure
- Department of Sport and Recreation

It was also agreed that the following organisations would be invited to make submissions to the inquiry:

- AFL NT
- NRL (National)
- NRL NT
- Northern Territory Rugby League (NTRL)
- Football NT
- Touch NT

The Committee will be holding half-day public hearings from midday 11 to midday 12 November 2015.

The Committee asked the secretariat to arrange a visit to Richardson Park and Ludmilla Primary School on Tuesday 20 October 2015.

The Committee agreed to issue a media release calling for submissions and noting the planned visit to Richardson Park and Ludmilla Primary School.

#### 5. PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The Committee agreed to put together a discussion paper for the Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition before taking it to parliament early next year.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed to write to the Leader of Government Business seeking government members for the PAC.

The Chair requested that Members give consideration to proposals for the Committee's work plan for 2016.

#### 7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be on 11 November 2015

Meeting closed at 11.23.



**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 38**

1:00 pm, Monday, 19 October 2015  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Daniel Thomas, Clerk's Associate

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**1. INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING**

The Committee discussed the proceedings for the Public Hearing and Public Forum for the Inquiry into Rugby League Funding. The Committee noted that the Chief Minister and the Treasurer declined an invitation to attend and that the Department of the Chief Minister was unable to provide the requested documents by Monday 9 November 2015. The requested documents were provided late on Tuesday 10 November 2015.

The Committee agreed to table an Interim Report for the Inquiry on Tuesday 17 November 2015 in the Legislative Assembly.

**2. OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be on 12 November 2015

Meeting closed at 1:25 pm.

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**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**  
**Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting No. 39

8:30 am, Thursday, 12 November 2015  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

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1. **PUBLIC HEARING INTO INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Northern Territory Government and Department of Sport and Recreation

Hon Gary Higgins MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation

Mr Ian Ford, Acting Chief Executive of Department of Sport and Recreation

The witnesses withdrew.

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

Department of Education

Mr Ken Davies, Chief Executive

***Question Taken on Notice***

How much is the consultancy costing the Department of Education?

***Question Taken on Notice***

Ms FYLES: There was a letter sent home to parents of students at Ludmilla school. Were you involved in the preparation of that letter?

Mr DAVIES: The letter – I do not have ...

Ms FYLES: From the principal.

Mr DAVIES: From the principal? No, I was not.

Ms FYLES: Would it have come from the department or are you not sure of that detail?

Mr DAVIES: We could have worked with the principal on the wording in that, definitely, member for Nightcliff. Again, I could take that on notice and check and let you know.

The witness withdrew.

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

Department of the Chief Minister

Mr John Coleman, Chief Executive

The witness withdrew.

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

NRL Northern Territory and NRL

Jaymes Boland-Rudder, Head of Government Relations and Campaign Management  
NRL

John Mitchell, General Manager NRL Northern Territory

Nigel Roy, Operations Manager NRL Northern Territory

The witnesses withdrew.

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment

Mr Rod Applegate, Chief Executive

The witness withdrew.

The public hearing closed at 12.00 pm.

## **2. INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING**

The Committee discussed the hearings, its evidence and any recommendations. The Committee discussed the following in relation to the decision to upgrade Richardson Park the:

- That the timeframe for the project needs to be less rigid
- That extensive ongoing consultation occur with key stakeholders, including local residents
- That the economic viability of the project be analysed (including the recurrent cost to the government), and
- That due diligence standards be considered and met, including ongoing project review procedures.

The Committee agreed to table the Report for the Inquiry on Tuesday 17 November 2015 in the Legislative Assembly and to schedule a meeting for 8 am that day to adopt the report.

## **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

### Work Agenda

The Committee discussed its proposed activities for the final stages of the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly. The Committee agreed to invite the relevant Chief Executives to a hearing on a day to be determined early next year to discuss the following issues:

- Palmerston Hospital, in particular the milestones and conditions in funding agreements between the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth

- Correctional industries, in particular the effect of competition on private industry and jobs in small and mid-size towns in the Northern Territory and whether there is compliance with government policy, and
- The grants for repairs and maintenance on homelands in the Northern Territory.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be on 16 November 2015.

Meeting closed at 12:45 pm.



**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 40**

1:00 pm, Monday, 16 November 2015  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff (by telephone)  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Daniel Thomas, Clerk's Associate  
Elise Dyer, Senior Committee Researcher

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**1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Manison moved, and Mr Wood seconded:

That the Minutes for meetings 37, 38 and 39 be adopted, subject to the following changes to Minutes 39:

- Item 3 under 'Work Agenda', that 'Sentence with a Job' be removed and that "The success of the Homelands / Outstation Fund policy" be replaced with "The grants for repairs and maintenance on outstations in the Northern Territory".

Questions put and passed.

**3. INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING**

The Committee discussed the progress of the Report, and agreed that the Report was close to finalised.

The Committee discussed incorporating into the Report:

- Key Findings summary
- Reference to the need for the stadium to fit within a broader strategic plan for sport such as the Department of Sport and Recreation Sports Master Plan
- Explicit reference or recommendations regarding the relevant aspects of any cost benefit analysis (and comparative site analysis)

- Complete lack of consultation prior to the decision to upgrade Richardson Park
- Further emphasis on the apparent haste and commitment to the August 2016 deadline
- Specific recommendations in relation to those costs excluded (and not factored) into the tender and \$20 million allocation
- The ongoing costs and management structure, and whether there will be recurrent costs for the NT Government

The Committee proposed the report be amended in light of that discussion for consideration at its next meeting.

#### 4. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be on 17 November 2015 at 8:00 am.

Meeting closed at 14:15 pm.



**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Public Accounts Committee  
Minutes of Proceedings  
Meeting No. 41

8 am, Tuesday, 17 November 2015  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff (by telephone)  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Wood moved, and Ms Manison seconded:

That the Minutes for meeting 41 be accepted.

Questions put and passed.

**2. WORK PROGRAM**

The Committee agreed to hold its hearings into Palmerston Hospital, Correctional Industries and Homelands in the first week in February on a day to be determined by the Chair.

**3. INQUIRY INTO RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDING**

Mrs Lambley moved, and Ms Manison seconded:

That the Committee adopt the draft report.

Questions put and passed.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be at noon on Tuesday, 1 December 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.20 am.

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Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA  
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee.**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 42**

12 noon, Tuesday, 1 December 2015  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

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Lauren Copley Orrock, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL**

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on the qualification of audits of the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Wood moved and Ms Manison seconded,  
That the Minutes of Meeting Number 41 be confirmed.  
Question – put and passed.

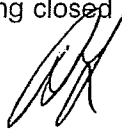
**3. 2016 ACPAC MID-TERM MEETING**

The Committee agreed to host the 2016 ACPAC Mid-Term Meeting in Alice Springs between 27-28 April 2016.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

Public hearings to be held on 4 February 2016.

Meeting closed at 1.05pm

  
**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**  
**Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting No. 43

8.30 am, Thursday, 4 February 2016  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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**1. PALMERSTON HOSPITAL PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to construction and funding of the Palmerston Hospital:

Office of Major Projects, Infrastructure and Investment – Department of the Chief Minister

Ms Anne Tan, Acting Coordinator-General

Department of Infrastructure

Mr David McHugh, Chief Executive

Mr Glen Brady, Senior Project Manager

Department of Health

Professor Len Notaras, Chief Executive

Mr Michael Kalimnios, Chief Operating Officer, Top End Health Services

Mr Adam Walding, Senior Director Capital and Facilities

Mr McHugh took a question on notice regarding the cost of headworks.

Ms Tan took a question on notice regarding payments and milestones under the agreement with the Commonwealth.

Professor Notaras took a question on notice regarding the Biannual Project Status Report for the Palmerston Regional Hospital.

Mr McHugh took a question on notice regarding payment milestones.

The witnesses withdrew.

## **2. CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to the operation of Correctional Industries:

### NT Correctional Services

Mr Mark Payne, Commissioner

Mr Rob Steer, Executive Director Correctional Operations

Mr Tim Cross, Director, NT Correctional Industries

Mr Payne took a question on notice regarding procurement.

Mr Payne tabled a letter to the First Clerk Assistant regarding the briefing.

The witnesses withdrew.

## **3. HOMELAND GRANTS PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to the management of grants for repairs and maintenance of housing on homelands within the Northern Territory:

### Department of Local Government and Community Services

Mr Mike Chiodo, Chief Executive

Ms Noelene Swanson, Deputy Chief Executive

Mr Darren Johnson, Director of Homelands, Outstations and Town Camps

Mr Chiodo tabled a paper on the Homeland Extra Allowance.

Mr Chiodo took a question on notice regarding the Homelands Extra Allowance.

Mr Chiodo took a question on notice regarding housing upgrades.

The witnesses withdrew.

## **4. LATITUDE TRAVEL PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to the use of Latitude Travel:

### Department of the Chief Minister

Mr John Coleman, Chief Executive Officer

Mr David Ryan, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director Corporate Services

Mr Coleman took a question on notice regarding terms of reference for the travel audit.

Mr Coleman took a question on notice regarding non-compliance.

Mr Coleman took a question on notice regarding travel policies.

Mr Coleman took a question on notice regarding services provided by Latitude Travel.

The witnesses withdrew

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee agreed to hold a follow up hearing in April with the Office of Major Projects, Infrastructure and Investment from the Department of the Chief Minister, Department of

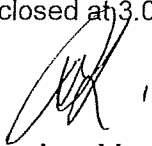
Infrastructure and the Department of Health regarding the progress of the Palmerston Hospital, and with the Department of Correctional Services regarding Correctional Industries.

Thursday, 14 April was agreed as the date for the follow-up hearings.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Visit to Darwin Correctional Centre on 5 February 2016.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.



**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 44**

11 am, Friday, 5 February 2016  
Darwin Correctional Centre

**Present:** Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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**1. VISIT TO CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES AT THE DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE**

The Correctional Services Commissioner and staff of the Department of Correctional Services showed the Committee the Correctional Industries facilities at the Darwin Correction Centre.

**2. NEXT MEETING**

Visit to Alice Springs Correctional Centre on 16 February 2016.

Meeting closed at 1 pm.

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**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**  
**Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 45**

10.30 am, Tuesday, 16 February 2016  
Alice Springs Correctional Centre  
and Araluen Electorate Office

**Present:** Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee

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**1. VISIT TO CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES AT THE ALICE SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE**

The Correctional Services Commissioner and staff of the Department of Correctional Services showed the Committee the Correctional Industries facilities at the Alice Springs Correction Centre.

The Committee suspended its meeting at 1.30 pm and resumed at 2.30 pm for a deliberative meeting at the Araluen Electorate Office.

**2. INQUIRY INTO TOWN CAMPS**

The Committee agreed:

To inquire into the repair and maintenance of housing on town camps in the Northern Territory, with particular regard to the:

- a) timeliness of completing repairs
- b) cost of repairs
- c) consistency, accessibility and efficiency of administrative arrangements

To conduct this inquiry, the Committee agreed to:

call for submissions by 15 March 2016,

write to town camp housing organisations, contract service providers, and the departments of Housing and Local Government and Community Services seeking submissions,

ask the departments of Housing and Local Government and Community Services to brief the Committee on the management of town camps on Monday, 29 February 2015, and

advertise the call for submissions in the NT News, Alice Springs Centralian Advocate, Tennant and District Times and the Katherine Times.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

29 February 2016.

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting No. 46

10.00 am, Wednesday, 2 March 2016  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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**1. INQUIRY INTO HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN CAMPS PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to its inquiry into housing repairs and maintenance of Town Camps:

Department of Local Government and Community Services

Mr Mike Chiodo, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Noelene Swanson, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Department of Housing

Ms Leah Clifford, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Jim Bamber, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr Bamber took a question on notice regarding contract expenditure.

Ms Clifford took a question on notice regarding rent collection.

Ms Clifford took a question on notice regarding the value of contracts.

Mr Chiodo tabled a Remote Contracting Policy.

Ms Clifford took a question on notice regarding triennial reviews under a sublease.

Ms Clifford took a question on notice regarding house builds.

Mr Bamber took a question on notice regarding Aboriginal employment reporting.

The witnesses withdrew

**2. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL**

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on the findings of her February 2016 report.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

15 March 2016

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
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Meeting No. 47

12 noon, Tuesday 15 March 2016  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Lauren Copley-Orrock, Administrative/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Fyles moved and Mr Wood seconded,

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 be confirmed.

Question – put and passed.

**2. OUTSTANDING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – LATITUDE TRAVEL**

The Committee resolved that the Chair write to the Department of the Chief Minister requesting the answers to outstanding questions on notice regarding Latitude Travel, should the Secretariat not receive the answers by Friday 18 March 2016.

**3. PUBLICATION OF QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Ms Manison moved and Ms Fyles seconded

That the following answers to questions taken on notice from the 4 February 2016 public hearing be published:

Palmerston Hospital

Question No. 1

Question No. 2

Question No. 3

Question No. 4

Correctional Industries

Question No. 1

Question – put and passed.

**4. PUBLICATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

Ms Fyles moved and Mrs Lambley seconded

That Submissions 1, 2 and 3 to its inquiry into Town Camp Housing be published.

Question – put and passed.

**5. ANNUAL REPORTING**

The Committee resolved to write to Chief Executive Officers of the departments of Health, Housing, the Chief Minister, Education, Infrastructure, and Transport to provide feedback and seek further information regarding the departments' compliance with annual reporting standards.

**6. 2016 ACPAC MID-TERM MEETING ATTENDANCE**

All Committee Members indicated their attendance at the 2016 ACPAC Mid-Term Meeting in Alice Springs on 27-28 April 2016.

**7. 2016 ESTIMATES ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee agreed to write to the Leader of Government Business to seek clarification of the arrangements for the 2016 Estimates process.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON TOWN CAMPS**

The Committee resolved to confirm witnesses for the upcoming hearing on 11 April 2016 in relation to its inquiry into Town Camps out of session via email.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearings 11 April 2016

Meeting closed at 12.22 pm.

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting No. 48

8.15 am, Monday, 11 April 2016  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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**1. PUBLICATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

Mr Wood moved:

That the Committee authorises the publication of the Submissions 4 to 6 and 8 to 11 to its inquiry into Town Camp Housing.

Question – put and passed.

**2. PUBLICATION OF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Ms Manison moved:

That the Committee authorises the publication of the following answers to questions taken on notice from the 4 February 2016 public hearing:

Homeland Grants

Questions 1 & 2

Latitude Travel

Questions 1, 2, 3 & 4

That the Committee authorises the publication of the answers to questions taken on notice by the Department of Housing at the hearing on town camps on 2 March 2016.

Question – put and passed.

**3. TOWN CAMPS PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation

Mr Colin Tidswell, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Jeffrey Guilas, Accountant

Mr John Adams, Works Manager

The witnesses withdrew

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

Aboriginal Development Foundation Inc.

Mr Bernard Valadian, General Manager

The witness withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee via videoconference:

Kalano Community Association Inc.

Mr Graham Castine, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Alan Mole, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Ms Adrianna Weetra, Housing Manager

The witnesses withdrew

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

Tangentyere Council

Mr Walter Shaw, Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew

The following witness appeared before the Committee via videoconference:

Zodiac Business Services

Ms Mellissa Young, Director

The witness withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee via videoconference:

Ingkerreke Commercial

Mr Callum Mathison, Chief Executive Officer

Louise Wellington, Marketing Manager

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Central Australian Affordable Housing Company

Ms Sally Langton, Chief Executive Officer

Mr David Avery, Chairperson

The witnesses withdrew

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation

Ms Pat Brahim, Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (via videoconference)

Ms Lauren Macaulay, Social Justice Legal Officer

Ms Katie Gordon, Welfare Rights Legal Officer

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

Ms Priscilla Collins, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lauren Walker, Deputy Manager and Senior Solicitor – Civil Sector

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Department of Housing

Ms Leah Clifford, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Jim Bamber, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr Phil Luck, Executive Director

Department of Local Government and Community Services

Mr Mike Chiodo, Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Noelene Swanson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

The witnesses agreed to take further questions on notice.

The witnesses withdrew

#### **4. PALMERSTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to construction and funding of the Palmerston Hospital:

Department of Health

Mr Michael Kalimnios, Chief Operating Officer, Top End Health Services

Mr Adam Walding, Senior Director Capital and Facilities

Department of Infrastructure

Mr David McHugh, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Glen Brady, Project Director

Office of Major Projects, Infrastructure and Investment

Ms Anne Tan, Acting Coordinator General

Mr Brett Brogan

Mr McHugh showed a video simulation of the Palmerston Regional Hospital and tabled photos of the construction, road intersection and simulated completed building.

Mr Walding took a question on notice.

The witnesses withdrew

**5. CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PUBLIC HEARING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee in relation to the operation of Correctional Industries:

Department of Correctional Services

Mr Mark Payne, Commissioner

Mr Rob Steer, Deputy Commissioner

The witnesses withdrew

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee agreed to formalise written question on notice for the Department of Housing and Department of Local Government and Community Services at the next meeting on 19 April 2016.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

12 noon, Tuesday, 19 April 2016

Meeting closed at 4.56pm

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting No. 49**

12 noon, Tuesday  
12 noon, Tuesday, 19 April 2016  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson
- Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
- Guest:** Ms Julie Crisp, Auditor-General

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**1. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S UPDATE**

The Auditor-General, Ms Julie Crisp, provided an update on the audit program.

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chairman.

Ms Manison proposed Mr Wood be Deputy Chair of the Public Accounts Committee. Mrs Lambley seconded the proposal.

There being no other Member proposed to be Deputy Chair, the Chair declared Mr Wood elected as Deputy Chair of the Committee.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Manison moved and Mr Wood seconded

That the minutes No. 47 and No. 48 be confirmed.

Question – put and passed.

**4. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

Mr Wood moved and Ms Manison seconded

That the Committee write to the Chief Executives of Department of Housing and Department of Local Government and Community Services regarding additional questions in relation to their inquiry into housing repairs and maintenance on town camps.

Question – put and passed.

**5. ESTIMATES PREPARATION**

Ms Manison indicated she would circulate the Opposition's time suggestions for Ministers' appearances by the end of the week.

**6. REPORT – INQUIRY INTO HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ON TOWN CAMPS**

The Committee agreed to meet at 9.30 am on Monday, 16 May 2016, to consider the draft report.

**7. IPAA ANNUAL REPORTING AWARDS**

Ms Manison moved and Mr Wood seconded

That the Chair present the IPAA Annual Reporting Awards as business of the Committee.

Question – put and passed.

**8. ACPAC MID-TERM MEETING**

The Committee agreed that the recommended dress for the ACPAC Mid-term Meeting would be smart casual.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

ACPAC Mid-Term Meeting 27-28 April 2016

Meeting closed at 12.54 pm

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

**Chair**



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

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**Meeting No. 50**

12 noon, Friday, 20 May 2016  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Lauren Copley-Orrrock, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Fyles moved and Mr Wood seconded  
That the minutes No.49 be confirmed.  
Question – put and passed.

**2. TOWN CAMPS DRAFT REPORT**

Ms Manison moved and Mr Wood seconded  
That the Report on Repairs and Maintenance of Housing on Town Camps be adopted,  
subject to any amendments emailed through by midday Monday, 23 May 2016 and  
agreed to by Committee Members.  
Question – put and passed.  
The Committee proposed that the report be tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday, 24 May 2016,  
after Question Time.

**3. PUBLICATION OF WRITTEN ANSWERS**

Ms Manison moved and Ms Fyles seconded  
That the Committee authorise the publication of answers to written questions received by  
the Department of Housing and Department of Local Government and Community  
Services.  
Question – put and passed.

**4. PUBLICATION OF ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Ms Manison moved and Ms Fyles seconded

That the Committee authorise the publication of the answer to the question taken on notice from the Department of Health on 11 April 2016.

Question – put and passed.

**5. ANNUAL REPORTING**

The Committee agreed to write to the following departments seeking their responses to the Committee's letter of 11 April 2016 by Friday, 27 May 2016:

- Department of the Chief Minister
- Department of Education
- Department of Housing
- Department of Infrastructure
- Department of Transport

**6. 2016 ESTIMATES & GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

The Committee discussed arrangements for the Estimates and Government Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee hearings.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

12.30 pm, Thursday, 26 May 2016

Meeting closed at 12.54 pm

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**

Chair





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**Meeting No. 51**

12.30, Thursday, 26 May 2016  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs, Robyn Lambley, MLA, Chair, Member for Araluen  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Nelson  
Mr Matt Conlan, MLA, Member for Greatorex  
Ms Natasha Fyles, MLA, Member for Nightcliff  
Ms Nicole Manison, MLA, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Willem Westra van Holthe, MLA, Member for Katherine

**Staff:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Secretary of the Committee  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Lauren Copley-Orrrock, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed Mr Conlan and Mr Westra van Holthe to the Committee.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Fyles moved and Ms Manison seconded

That the minutes No.50 be confirmed.

Question – put and passed.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT**

Ms Manison moved and Ms Fyles seconded

That the Committee authorises the publication of responses to the Committee's letters to the departments of the Chief Minister, Education, Housing, Infrastructure and Transport regarding Annual reporting compliance.

Question – put and passed.

**4. PAC ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee will meet during the Estimates period to consider its Annual Report.

**5. POWER AND WATER ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee agreed to write to the Shareholder Minister for Power and Water in relation to why the 2014-15 Annual Report has not been tabled.

Meeting closed at 12.33 pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RL'.

**Mrs Robyn Lambley, MLA**  
Chair