



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Public Accounts Committee

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

**Inquiry into Taxi Licensing and  
Subleasing**

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November 2017



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

**Public Accounts Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 4**

12 noon, Monday, 27 February 2017

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan (by telephone)
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula, MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
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**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr Guyula was an apology due to a flight delay.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Mills seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 3 be confirmed, subject to correction of the apologies.

Question put and passed.

**3. ACPAC CONFERENCE**

As Mr Guyula could no longer attend the ACPAC conference, Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Kirby seconded:

That Mr Sievers represent the Committee at the ACPAC Conference in Brisbane on 19-21 April 2017 in the place of Mr Guyula, subject to his availability.

Question put and passed.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted.

**5. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The Committee agreed to:

1. Name its reference on the taxi industry as "Inquiry into Taxi Licensing and Subleasing" to better reflect the scope of the inquiry.
2. Accept any request from the author of a submission to keep the submission confidential and to amend the draft media release, advertisement and letter calling for submissions accordingly.

3. Call for submissions by 14 April 2017 and advertise this call, subject to 2 above, by:
  - a. issuing the media release at Attachment A
  - b. Placing the advertisement at Attachment B in the NT News, Centralian Advocate, Katherine Times and Tennant & District Times.
  - c. writing to the stakeholders identified in the terms of the letter at Attachment C
  - d. asking the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to distribute the call for submissions to taxi drivers.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearing, 21 March 2017.

Meeting closed at 12.34



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA**  
Chair



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

**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 5**

12.06pm, Tuesday, 21 March 2017

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula, MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

**Apologies:** Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
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Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr Kirby was an apology.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING- PALMERSTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUDIT**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive, **Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**
- Mr Brett Brogan, General Manager Infrastructure Investment and Contracts, **Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**
- Mr Glen Brady, Project Director, **Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**
- Mr Michael Tennant, Chief Executive, **Department of Trade, Business and Innovation**
- Ms Anne Tan, General Manager, Strategic Infrastructure and Projects, **Department of Trade, Business and Innovation**
- Mr Jason Robertson, Director Strategic Infrastructure, Strategic Infrastructure and Projects, **Department of Trade, Business and Innovation**
- Mr Michael Kalimnios, Chief Operating Officer, Top End Health Service, **Department of Health**

Mr Tennant took a question on notice regarding risk management and procurement protocols.

Mr Kalimnios took a question on notice regarding fitout and commission costs.

Mr Andrew Kirkman tabled a Project Status Report for Palmerston Regional Hospital, dated 17 March 2017.

The witnesses withdrew at 1.23pm.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 4 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted.

**5. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

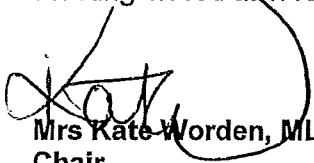
The Committee agreed to keep confidential the received material forwarded by the Chair on 13 March 2017.

The Committee agreed to ask the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics for up to date information on operator contact details.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

9 May 2017

Meeting closed at 1.40pm

  
Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair



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**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 6**

12.05pm, Tuesday, 9 May 2017

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula, MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mrs Julie Crisp, NT Auditor General

**Apologies:**

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. BRIEFING FROM AUDITOR GENERAL**

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on her March 2017 report to the Assembly and discussed the Committee's previous hearing on major projects.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 5 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Committee authorises the publication of the transcript of the Public Hearing of 21 March 2017 and the answers to the questions on notice by Mr Tennant and Mr Kalimnios.

Question put and passed.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted and submissions were accepted.

**5. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

Mr Guyula moved and Mr Kirby seconded:

That the Committee agrees to

- a) keep all submissions confidential at this stage

- b) extend the due date for submissions to 2 June 2017
- c) write to all taxi drivers and licence holders to invite submissions to the inquiry, and approve the flyer seeking comment,
- d) request the Chief Executive of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to provide it with copies of all legal advice the Department has regarding the lawfulness of subleasing taxi licences under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act* and of all records relating to the cancellation of licences under the Act where subleasing was a formal reason for the cancellation,
- e) invite the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to a private briefing.

Question put and passed.

**6. ACPAC CONFERENCE**

Mrs Worden reported back the Committee.

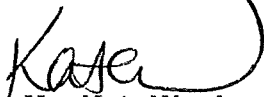
**7. NATIONAL INTEGRITY 2017 CONFERENCE**

Mr Mills reported back to the Committee.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting closed at 13.24



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
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**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 7**

1.04pm, Tuesday, 30 May 2017

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula, MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy
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**1. PRIVATE BRIEFING- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Mr Simon Saunders, Executive Director Transport Safety & Services, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Mr Alex Rae, Director Passenger Transport, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Mr Greg Turner, Acting Manager Commercial Passenger Vehicle, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

The witnesses withdrew at 2.55 pm.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 6 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted.

**4. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The Committee discussed the evidence received to date and agreed to the preparation of an options paper on how to address the issues identified regarding taxi licence allocation and subleasing.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be convened by the Chair.

Meeting closed at 3.05 pm



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair**



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**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 8**  
11.35am, Wednesday, 7 June 2017

Via teleconference

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula, MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

**Apologies:** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
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Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MEETING**

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 7 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted and submissions were accepted and are to be continued to be kept confidential.

Mr Mills moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

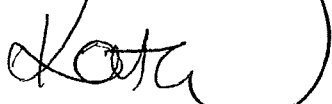
That the Committee:

- Write today to those making the submissions alleging corruption:
  - Thanking them for the submission and noting the Committee will consider the issues raised in its inquiry
  - Advising that the Committee plans to refer the allegations raised to the Public Interest Disclosures Commissioner, without identifying the source of the allegation, as the appropriate body for investigating criminal conduct, and encouraging them to contact the Office of the Commission to provide any details of such allegations.
  - Reassuring them that their personal information will not be disclosed and that their submission remains privileged

- o On 8 June 2017 refer the allegations of corruption in submissions [REDACTED], [REDACTED] to the Public Interest Disclosures Commissioner, without identifying the source of the allegation.

Question put and passed.

5. **NEXT MEETING**  
Friday 16 June 2017  
Meeting closed at 11.50am

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**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA**  
Chair



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

**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 9**

2.45pm, Friday, 16 June 2017

Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett
- Apologies:** Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula, MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy
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**1. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted.

**2. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

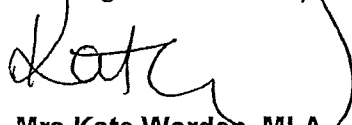
The Analysis of Submissions and Options Paper were considered.

The Committee agreed to hold public hearings in Darwin on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and in Alice Springs on the 20 July 2017. The Committee also agreed to invite drivers' associations, companies and fleet networks to be witnesses at the public hearings, with the Secretariat to circulate a proposed list of witnesses for confirmation by email.

**3. NEXT MEETING**

Public Hearings - 18 July 2017 in Darwin and 20 July 2017 in Alice Springs.

Meeting closed at 3.45pm

  
**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA**  
Chair



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13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 10**

12pm, Thursday, 6 July 2017

Via teleconference

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Apologies:**

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MEETING**

**2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS 8 AND 9**

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 8 and 9 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted and submissions were accepted.

**5. PUBLICATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Wood seconded:

That the Committee authorises the publication of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics submission to the inquiry into taxi licensing and subleasing excluding appendices D and F which remains confidential and include a note to Appendix E, Policy 5.20 Authority to Allocate Licences Under Certain Conditions, advising that the Policy was only in place during the 2015 Commercial Passenger Industry Review and was withdrawn following the completion of the review in February 2016.

Question put and passed.

**6. COMPLAINT FROM [REDACTED]**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee asks the Chair of the Committee to write to:

- (1) the Speaker to seek precedence under Standing Order 229 to move a motion to refer [REDACTED] complaint to the Privileges Committee for investigation
- (2) [REDACTED] to advise that the Committee has written to the Speaker to seek precedence for a motion to refer the complaint to the Privileges Committee for investigation and proposes to write to [REDACTED] to advise him a complaint has been made and the importance of not intimidating or punishing witnesses, subject to consideration of any objection [REDACTED] may raise
- (3) subject to no objection being raised by [REDACTED] advising that:
  - (a) the Committee has received a complaint alleging [REDACTED]
  - (b) punishing a person for giving evidence to a committee of the Legislative Assembly is a breach of the privileges of the Assembly, for which the Legislative Assembly may impose a sentence of imprisonment for up to 6 months or a fine up to \$5,000 for a person or \$25,000 for a corporation under section 25 of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act*, and is also an offence under section 20 of that Act for which a court may impose a maximum penalty of 40 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months for a natural person or 215 penalty units for a corporation
  - (c) the Committee is seeking precedence for a motion to be moved in the next meeting of the Assembly to refer this complaint to the Committee of Privileges to investigate whether the Assembly's privileges have been breached
  - (d) the PAC is not able to investigate whether the complaint is justified but is seeking to have it referred to the Privileges Committee as it has the role of investigating such matters
  - (e) if, as alleged, [REDACTED] could be considered to aggravate its seriousness.

**7. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The Committee agreed that the Deputy Chair would be the media spokesperson in the Chair's absence during the following week.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 20 July 2017  
Meeting closed at 12.35pm

  
Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair



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

**Public Accounts Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 11**

11.00 AM, Thursday, 20 July 2017

Central Australia Development Office, 55 Todd Mall, Alice Springs

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett (Via teleconference)  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech, Mr McConnell and Ms Wakefield were apologies.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Colin Dawson, Manager, **Combined Cabs Pty Ltd (T/A Alice Springs Taxis)**
- Mr George Cooke, **Combined Cabs Pty Ltd (T/A Alice Springs Taxis)**
- Mr Stephen Patullo, **Combined Cabs Pty Ltd (T/A Alice Springs Taxis)**
- Mr Lynn Polglase, **Combined Cabs Pty Ltd (T/A Alice Springs Taxis)**

The witnesses withdrew

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr George Jacob, President, **Alice Springs Drivers Association**
- Mr Jaspreet Singh, Public Officer, **Alice Springs Drivers Association**
- Mr Amrit Sra, **Alice Springs Drivers Association**

Jaspreet Singh tabled a list of Alice Springs taxi plate owners and lessees.

George Jacob tabled a letter confirming successful application Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) Operator Accreditation.

Jaspreet Singh tabled a Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act Certificate of Accreditation.

The witnesses withdrew.

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Shakeel Husain, Taxi Driver
- Mr Shiju George, Taxi Driver

The witnesses withdrew.

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Samih Habib, Taxi Owner

The witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.54 pm and the meeting continued in private.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 10 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

24 July 2017.

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair**



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

**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 12**

9.06 AM, Monday, 24 July 2017

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin (Via teleconference)  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
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**1. PUBLIC HEARING- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Kuldeep Singh
- Mr Kamal Khattrra

The witnesses withdrew

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Terry Pachos, Director, **Blue Taxis Pty Ltd**

The witness withdrew.

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Khalid Nadeem, Director, **B&A Dispatch Services Pty Ltd T/A Darwin Radio Taxis**

The witness withdrew.

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- Dr Ali Rkein, President, **NT Taxi Council**

The witness withdrew.

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- Mr Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive, **Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**
- Mr Alex Rae, Director Passenger Transport, **Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**
- Mr Greg Turner, Acting Manager Commercial Passenger Vehicle, **Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**

The witnesses withdrew at 12.20 pm.

Meeting closed at 12.20 pm



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
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**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 13**  
12.12 PM, Tuesday, 15 August 2017  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett (via teleconference)  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson

**Apologies** Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
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**1. PRIVATE HEARING- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The following witness appeared before the Committee:

- [REDACTED]

The witness withdrew at 12.55 pm.

**2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS 11 AND 12**

Mr Mills moved and Mrs Lia Finocchiaro seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Numbers 11 and 12 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Sieves seconded that:

The correspondence be noted and submissions accepted.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to consider the letter from Mr Wood at its next meeting.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee agreed to consider the draft Annual Report at its next meeting.

**5. INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Mills seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the transcripts of the public hearings held on 20 July 2017 and 24 July 2017.

Question put and passed.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

12 noon, Tuesday, 22 August 2017

Meeting closed at 1.03 pm

  
**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA**  
**Chair**



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**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 14**  
12.00 PM, Tuesday, 22 August 2017  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin
- Apologies** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
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**1. MINUTES OF MEETING 13**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 13 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the correspondence and accepted the submissions.

**3. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS**

Mr Mills moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Committee authorises the Chair to provide the following documents to the Privileges Committee on a confidential basis, apart from item 1(g) which is provided as a published transcript:

1. All submissions and other information that [REDACTED] has provided to the PAC in relation to its inquiry into taxi licensing and subleasing or his complaint to the PAC.
  - a. [REDACTED]
  - b. [REDACTED]
  - c. [REDACTED]
  - d. 7a. CONFIDENTIAL emailed complaint received 4 July 2017.EML
  - e. 7b. Emailed complaint received 4 July 2017 cc'd to others.msg

- f. 10. Email from [REDACTED] to PAC, dated 6 July 2017.msg
- g. TRANSCRIPT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MONDAY 24 JULY 2017 FINAL.pdf (published 16/8/17).
- 2. All correspondence between [REDACTED] and the PAC
  - a) Submission Acknowledgement [REDACTED]
  - b) Submission Acknowledgement [REDACTED]
  - c) Email to [REDACTED]
  - d) Signed Letter to [REDACTED] from Russell Keith, dated 7 June 2017.PDF
  - e) 6. Submission Acknowledgement [REDACTED]
  - f) 9. Letter [REDACTED] Complaint Acknowledgement, dated 5 July 2017
  - g) 13. Letter from the Public Accounts Committee to [REDACTED] dated 6 July 2017
  - h) 14. Email correspondence between [REDACTED] and Keith, dated 7 July 2017
  - i) 16. Email response to [REDACTED] dated 11 July 2017
  - j) 18. Email from [REDACTED]
  - k) 20. Email to [REDACTED] dated 14 August 2017
  - l) 21. Email to [REDACTED] dated 15 August 2017.
- 3. All correspondence between [REDACTED] and the PAC
  - a. 15. Signe [REDACTED] regarding complaint, sent 10 July 2017.
- 4. Any other information relevant to [REDACTED] complaint.
  - a. 5. Correspondence from [REDACTED]
  - b. [REDACTED]
  - c. PAC complaint context statement by A McCall, dated 5 July 2017
  - d. 8. Email from [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] dated 5 July 2017
  - e. 11. Signed Letter to Speaker from Chair, dated 6 July 2017
  - f. 12. Acknowledgement from Madam Speaker to Chair, dated 6 July 2017
  - g. 17. CONFIDENTIAL Letter from Speaker to Chair, dated 13 July 2017.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee:

- a) adopts the report
- b) endorses the draft media release.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAM

The Committee agreed to defer the decision of its work program.

**6. PRIVATE HEARING- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

The witness withdrew at 1.15 pm.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

12 noon, Tuesday, 10 October 2017

Meeting closed at 1.16 pm



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
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**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 15**

12.00 PM, Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett

**Apologies** Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Ms Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF MEETING 14**

Mr Wood moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 14 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the correspondence.

**3. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION**

The Committee agreed to refer the relevant legal advice dated 27 September 2017 for comment to the:

1. Minister for Housing and Community Development regarding the Litchfield Council (Dog Management) By-Laws 2017 [No 12 of 2017], and the
2. Minister for Health regarding the Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Regulations [No 201 of 2017].

The Committee agreed to write to Minister for Environment and Natural Resources regarding the Bushfires Management (General) Regulations to:

- Welcome the Minister's intention to remove serious offences from the schedule providing for infringement notices
- Note its concern about the 12 month timeframe and seek the Minister's commitment to amending the Regulations within 3 months
- refer the Committee's legal advice dated 10 October 2017 and recommend the adoption of guidance for infringement notices similar to that put out by the Victorian Attorney-General

- ask the Minister to indicate her response to the Committee by 16 October 2017 as the Committee will need to determine whether a notice of motion to disallow the Regulations will be required.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The Committee agreed to defer consideration till its next meeting.

**5. COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAM**

The Committee agreed to write to the Auditor-General to arrange a meeting at the earliest convenient time after the current sittings to discuss:

- Her August report and discuss options for its work program
- The extent to which the Infrastructure Strategy addresses the recommendations of her June 2016 audit of the Palmerston Regional Hospital
- The forthcoming audit program
- Potential issues for a formal inquiry by the Committee, such as the management of major projects.

The Committee agreed to:

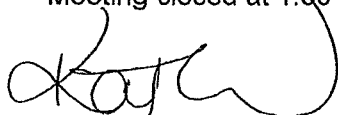
- Invite the Electoral Commissioner to brief the Committee on his 2016 Election Report at a date to be determined
- Write to Correctional Services requesting a written update on their progress towards the recommendations in the Ombudsman's Women in Prison II Report by the end of January 2018.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The Committee agreed to tentatively schedule meetings for lunchtime on sitting Tuesdays, and as required have meetings on Wednesday mornings if the Assembly is meeting at 2 pm.

12 noon, Tuesday, 17 October 2017

Meeting closed at 1.30 pm



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA**  
Chair



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

**Public Accounts Committee**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 16**

12.00 PM, Wednesday, 17 October 2017

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
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**1. MINUTES OF MEETING 15**

Mr Wood moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 15 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the correspondence.

The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources to thank her for her letter and note that it addressed its concerns.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The Committee considered the draft report.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

12.30 pm, Thursday 26 October 2017

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm

Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair



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

**Public Accounts Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 17**

12.00 PM, Thursday, 25 October 2017

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett (via telephone)  
Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain

**Guest:** Ms Julie Crisp, NT Auditor-General

**Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant and Committee Secretary  
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
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**1. AUDITOR-GENERAL BRIEFING**

The Auditor General briefed the Committee on her August 2017 report and her forthcoming audit program.

The Chair advised the Committee that her husband had worked as a subcontractor to a business receiving an Indigenous Employment Provisional Sum and this may be a relevant conflict of interest if the Committee were to give any consideration to that scheme.

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING 16**

Mr Wood moved and Mr Mills seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 16 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the correspondence.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT- INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

The Committee considered the draft report.

**5. COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAM**

Mr Wood moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded:

The Committee agreed to hold public briefings on 22 November 2017 about the following matters:

- (1) Warren Park rugby league stadium with the Department of Tourism and Development
- (2) Room to Breathe program with the Department Housing and Community Development

Question put and passed.

**6. REFERRAL OF UNPUBLISHED EVIDENCE TO DIPL**

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Mills seconded:

That the Committee advise the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics of the portions of unpublished legal advice and private hearings it is considering including in its report and ask whether it had any objections to the publication of the material.

Question put and passed.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held as soon as convenient following revision of the draft report and then public briefings from 10am on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm



**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA  
Chair**



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13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Public Accounts Committee**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 19**

2.00 PM, Wednesday, 15 November 2017

Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mrs Kate Worden, MLA, Chair, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Tony Sievers, MLA, Member for Brennan (via telephone)  
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson (via telephone)  
Mr Paul Kirby, MLA, Member for Port Darwin  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, MLA, Member for Spillett (via telephone)
- Apologies:** Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
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**1. MEETING**

Mr Mills was an apology

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES MEETINGS 17 AND 18**

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting Number 17 and 18 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION**

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded:

Proposed resolution:

That the Committee note the advice on Regulations 27, 28 and 543 of 2017.

Question put and passed.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT - INQUIRY INTO TAXI LICENSING AND SUBLEASING**

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Wood seconded:

That the Committee adopts the Inquiry into Taxi Licensing and Subleasing Report.  
Question put and passed.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Public briefing Thursday 23 November 2017 at 12 pm.

Meeting closed at 2.10pm

**Mrs Kate Worden, MLA**  
**Chair**