



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Estimates Committee 2024

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

**Estimates Committee Report**

**2024**

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 Estimates Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 1

12.00 pm, Tuesday 21 May 2024  
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

<b>Present:</b>	Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Chair, Member for Nightcliff Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Ms Julia Knight, Acting First Clerk Assistant Ms Elise Dyer, Acting Committee Secretary

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#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Mrs Manison nominated Ms Fyles to be Chair. Mr Kirby seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Ms Fyles was declared to be Chair.

#### 2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair. Mr Kirby nominated Mrs Manison to be Deputy Chair. Ms Fyles seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mrs Manison to be Deputy Chair.

#### 3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noted.

#### 4. MEDIA RELEASES

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(4), the Committee agreed to authorise the Chair of the Committee to issue media releases and give briefings on matters relating to its inquiry.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL APPEARANCES

The Committee agreed to adopt the Estimates Schedule of Ministers as amended.

#### 6. AGENDA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUTPUTS

The Committee agreed to adopt the draft Agenda for the Consideration of Outputs.

#### 7. ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

The Committee agreed that the Electoral Commissioner will only be required to appear before the Committee during the Chief Minister's appearance and any questions relating to her responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2008* be directed to her at that time.

#### 8. OTHER INDEPENDENT OFFICERS

The Committee agreed that Members will advise the Secretariat of any Independent Officers under output 7 of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice that they do not have any questions for and do not require to appear before the Committee.

**9. MEDIA ACCESS**

The Committee agreed to allow accredited media camera operators to film the Estimates Committee proceedings.

**10. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Noted.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

8.30 am, Tuesday 11 June 2024

Meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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**Ms Natasha Fyles MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 2

#### Day 1 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka  
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

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#### 1. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Chief Minister

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Julie Crisp	Auditor-General	Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Kirsten Kelly	Electoral Commissioner	Northern Territory Electoral Commission
Wayne Harlock	Deputy Electoral Commissioner	Northern Territory Electoral Commission

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Naomi Loudon	Acting Independent Commissioner Against Corruption	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
Kathryn Clet	Director Corporate Services	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption

Hearing commenced.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.1	5.1	Mrs Lambley	Delays in producing Operation Jupiter Report	
1.2	5.1	Mrs Lambley	Absence of public hearings in Operation Jupiter	

Hearing concluded.

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Peter Shoyer	Ombudsman and Information Commissioner	Ombudsman's Office

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Chief Minister; Major Projects; Defence Industries

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ken Davies PSM	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jean Doherty	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Strategic and Corporate Services	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Tom Leeming	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Policy and Reform	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Dorrelle Napanangka Anderson	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Territory Regional Growth	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jason Schoolmeester	Major Projects Commissioner	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Kelly Ralston	Territory Investment Commissioner	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Alister Trier	Lead – Investment Territory and Chair Gas Taskforce	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Treasurer

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Craig Graham	Under Treasurer	Treasury and Finance
Catherine Weber	Deputy Under Treasurer Strategy and Governance	Treasury and Finance
Michael Butler	Deputy Under Treasurer Economics and Revenue	Treasury and Finance
Tim McManus	Deputy Under Treasurer Finance and Performance	Treasury and Finance

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.3	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Budget promotion advertising costs	Yes
1.4	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Projected revenue for 2028-29	
1.5	17.1	Mr Yan	Treasurer advances for legal costs - Chief Minister and Cabinet	
1.6	17.1	Mr Yan	Treasurer advances for legal costs - Health	
1.7	17.1	Mr Yan	Treasurer advances for legal costs - Territory Families, Housing and Communities	
1.8	17.1	Mr Yan	Treasurer advances for legal costs - Police, Fire and Emergency Services	
1.9	19.1	Mr Yan	Motor vehicle tax and revenue unit	
1.10	19.1	Mr Yan	Motor vehicle tax and motor vehicle registration	
1.11	21.1	Mr Yan	Licence fees paid by Eni for solar farms	

Hearing concluded.

#### 4. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Territory Development

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Kirkman	Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Louise McCormick	Deputy Chief Executive and Infrastructure Commissioner	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Fotis Papadakis	Chief Financial officer	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

#### 5. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Industry and Trade

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Luis Da Rocha	General Manager Strategy and Policy	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Scott Lovett	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Tourism, Services and Hospitality	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.12	Whole of Government	Mr Yan	Gaming machine manager licencing and processing	

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.00 pm until 12 June 2024 at 8.30 am.

  
**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 3

#### Day 2 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Wednesday, 12 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Substituting Members

Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 12.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

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### 1. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty; Local Government; Arts, Culture and Heritage

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tom Leeming	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Policy and Reform	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Anthony Shelley	Executive Director Strategic Aboriginal Policy	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Shaneen Tilmouth	Executive Director Office of Aboriginal Affairs	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Dorrelle Napanangka Anderson	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Territory Regional Growth	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Maree De Lacey	Executive Director Local Government	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Camille Lew Fatt	Senior Director Aboriginal Interpreter Service	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.1	1.1	Mr Edgington	Cost of Alice Springs and Darwin Symposiums	Yes
2.2	2.1	Mr Edgington	Current vacancies in the Aboriginal Interpreter Service	Yes
2.3	2.1	Mrs Hersey	Five year funding cycle	Yes
2.4	2.1	Mr Guyula	Defence discussions in relation to the Gove Peninsula	

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Attorney-General and Justice

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Gemma Lake	Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
Leonique Swart	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
Brett Roach	Chief Financial Officer	Attorney-General and Justice
	Senior Director	
	Strategic and Business Services	
Craig Smyth	Executive Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	Legal Services	
Erin McAuley	Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	Legal Policy	
Kathryn White	Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	Crime Victims Services Unit	
Carolyn Whyte	Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	Criminal Justice Research and Statistics Unit	
Robert Pocock	Acting Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	Aboriginal Justice Unit	
Matthew Varley	Commissioner	Attorney-General and Justice
	Northern Territory Correctional Services	
Chris Cox	Executive Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	Justice Services	
Peggy Cheong	Executive Director	Attorney-General and Justice
	NT WorkSafe	

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.5	4.2	Mr Edgington	Defendants in custody unrepresented	
2.6	4.3	Mr Edgington	New victim of crime applications	Yes
2.7	5.1	Mr Guyula	People held in separate confinement	
2.8	5.3	Mr Edgington	Total breaches of parole	Yes
2.9	6.1	Mr Edgington	Total adults granted bail	
2.10	6.1	Mr Edgington	Total adults refused bail	
2.11	6.1	Mr Edgington	Total adults charged with breach of bail	
2.12	6.1	Mr Edgington	Total adults on bail charged with serious violence offence	

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Chansey Paech MLA: Arts, Culture and Heritage

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Emma White	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Samantha Livesley	General Manager	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
	Community Participation and Inclusion	

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Rachelle McMillan	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Dr Benedict Scambary	Chief Executive Officer	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Cameron McInerney	Director Policy and Governance	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 3.45 pm until Thursday 13 June 2024 at 8.30 am.



**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 4

#### Day 3 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Thursday, 13 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Participating Members

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson  
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

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### 1. Hon Selena Uiibo MLA: Local Decision Making

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tom Leeming	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Policy and Reform	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Dorrelle Napanangka Anderson	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Territory Regional Growth	Chief Minister and Cabinet
John Gaynor	Senior Executive Director Southern Region – Territory Regional Growth	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jake Quinlivan	Senior Executive Director Northern Region – Territory Regional Growth	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.1	Whole of Government	Mr Edgington	Progress and costs of Julalikari Local Decision Making agreement	
3.2	1.1	Mr Guyula	Full-time positions in Local Decision Making in Yolngu- speaking areas	

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Selena Uiho MLA: Public Employment

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Nicole Hurwood	Commissioner for Public Employment	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Mark Hathaway	Manager Employee Relations	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Ursula White	Director Aboriginal Employment and Career Development	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Rachael Dunn	Senior Director Public Sector Appeals and Grievances	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Kalotina Halkitis	Senior Director Strategic Workforce Planning and Development	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.3	Opening Statement	Mr Yan	Fire and Rescue Service overtime audit	
3.4	2.2	Mr Yan	Employees subjected to assault or criminal behaviour	
3.5	2.2	Mr Yan	Time off work due to assault or criminal behaviour	
3.6	2.2	Mr Yan	Off-work days recorded due to assault or criminal behaviour	
3.7	2.2	Mr Yan	Employees on leave due to being assault or criminal behaviour	
3.8	2.3	Mr Yan	Grievances or appeals regarding special measures	

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Selena Uiho MLA: Remote Housing and Homelands

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Emma White	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Brent Warren	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Housing	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Dwayne Mcinnes	General Manager Housing Program Office	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Kim Charles	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Strategic and Enabling Services	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Rachelle McMillan	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.9	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Criminal damage to property reported to police	

**Questions Taken on Notice**

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.10	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Total dwellings damaged	
3.11	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Total dwellings damaged by criminal behaviour	
3.12	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Costs to repair housing damaged by criminal behaviour	
3.13	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Cost recovery in relation to criminal damage to property	
3.14	Opening Statement	Mr Maley	Delays in new builds relating to crime	
3.15	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Funding for Alice Springs town camps roads	Yes
3.16	3.3	Mr Maley	Ministerial travel costs to Ngukurr	
3.17	3.3	Mr Maley	Passengers on flight to Ngukurr from Katherine on 14 December	
3.18	3.3	Mr Maley	Elliot unit vacancies and properties allocated	Yes
3.19	3.3	Mr Maley	Number of complaints regarding anti-social behaviour	
3.20	3.3	Mr Maley	Number of evictions regarding anti-social behaviour	
3.21	3.5	Mr Guyula	Government employee housing in Galiwinku, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Yirrkala, Gunyangara and Gapuwiyak	

Hearing concluded.

**4. Hon Selena Uiho MLA: Health; Mental Health and Suicide Prevention**

**Witnesses**

Name	Position	Agency
Prof Marco Briceno	Chief Executive Officer	Health
Samantha Byrne	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Enabling Services	Health
Cecelia Gore	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Commissioning and System Improvement	Health
Catherine O'Connell	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer NT Regional Health Services	Health
Adj Prof Christine Connors	Chief Health Officer	Health

Hearing commenced.

**Questions Taken on Notice**

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.22	5.1	Mr Yan	Total people on the banned drinker register (BDR)	Yes
3.23	6.1	Mr Yan	Separation rate of staff in remote health	
3.24	6.1	Mr Yan	Agency nurses in remote clinics	Yes

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 3.45 pm until Monday 17 June 2024 at 8.30 am.



**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 5

#### Day 4 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Monday, 17 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Substituting Members

Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine (for Mr Yan 8.30 am – 3.45 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling  
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka (videoconference)

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### 1. Hon Kate Worden MLA: Renewables and Energy

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Anne Tan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
	Mining and Energy	
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Mathew Sargeant	Executive Director	Industry, Tourism and Trade
	Office of Sustainable Energy	

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4.1	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Breakdown of expenditure on hydrogen head start program	Yes
4.2	Opening Statement	Mrs Lambley	Percentage of electricity generated by renewables in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and the Top End	Yes
4.3	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Electric vehicles in Office of Sustainable Energy fleet	Yes

Hearing concluded

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

**2. Hon Kate Worden MLA: Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence; Essential Services; Sport**

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Emma White	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Fiona Ward	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Programs	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Kim Charles	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Strategic and Enabling Services	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Rachelle McMillan	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Seranie Gamble	Executive Director Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Brent Warren	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Housing	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Mitchell Hardy	General Manager Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure	Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Hearing commenced.

**Questions Taken on Notice**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered</b>
4.4	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Participation in men's behaviour change program	Yes
4.5	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Katherine Women's Crisis Centre staffing	Yes
4.6	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Number of beds in each of the facilities for domestic, family and sexual violence victims	
4.7	Opening Statement	Mr Burgoyne	Submission to access federal funding in regard to crime/antisocial behaviour	Yes
4.8	2.5	Mrs Hersey	Grants provided under action plan 2	
4.9	3.6	Mr Burgoyne	Power issues at Wandangula	Yes
4.10	4.3	Mrs Hersey	Travel costs to Tiwi Islands	Yes
4.11	4.3	Mrs Hersey	Outstanding grant acquittals	
4.12	4.3	Mrs Hersey	Location of school programs	

Hearing concluded.

**3. Hon Kate Worden MLA: Environment, Climate Change and Water Security**

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Joanne Townsend	Chief Executive Officer	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Rikki Lee Goldfinch	Chief Financial Officer	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Dr Alaric Fisher	Executive Director Flora and Fauna	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Collene Bremner	Executive Director Bushfires NT	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Amy Dennison	Executive Director Environment Regulation	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Paul Purdon	Executive Director Environmental Assessment and Policy	Environment, Parks and Water Security
Maria Wauchope	Executive Director Rangelands	Environment, Parks and Water Security

Hearing commenced.

**Questions Taken on Notice**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered</b>
4.13	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Volunteers involved in the emergency in the Barkly	
4.14	Opening Statement	Mrs Hersey	Hunting stakeholder reference group	

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 3.45 pm until Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 8.00 am



**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 6

#### Day 5 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Tuesday, 18 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Substituting Members

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson (for Mr Yan 8.00 am – 7.00 pm)

#### Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling  
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine

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## 1. Hon Brent Potter MLA: Alcohol Policy; Veterans' Affairs

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tom Leeming	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Policy and Reform	Chief Minister and Cabinet
David Ah Toy	Acting Senior Executive Director Priorities Delivery Unit	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Scott Lovett	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Tourism, Services and Hospitality	Industry, Tourism and Trade
James Bear	Senior Director DefenceNT	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Ray Martin	Director Defence Veterans Engagement	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Alister Trier	Lead – Investment Territory and Chair – Gas Task force	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.1	Whole of Government	Mr Maley	External costs of Liquor Act Review	
5.2	1.1	Mr Maley	Gove Peninsula liquor permit trial evaluation outcomes	

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.3	1.1	Mr Maley	Gove Peninsula liquor permit trial evaluation process	
5.4	1.1	Mr Maley	Gove Peninsula liquor permit trial evaluation cost	

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Brent Potter MLA: Major Events

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Scott Lovett	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
	Tourism, Services and Hospitality	

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.5	Whole of Government	Mrs Lambley	2024 Masters Games sports	
5.6	Whole of Government	Ms Boothby	Supercars flag display	Yes

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Brent Potter MLA: Police

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Michael Murphy APM	Commissioner	Northern Territory Police
Martin Dole	Deputy Commissioner	Northern Territory Police
Catherine Weber	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Northern Territory Police
	Corporate	
Paul Kelly	Chief Financial Officer	Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Lisa Wilson	Executive Director	Northern Territory Police
Michael White	Assistant Commissioner	Northern Territory Police

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.7	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Business, commercial and domestic break-ins	
5.8	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Triple zero call wait times	
5.9	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Triple zero calls not answered	
5.10	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Triple zero calls answered interstate	
5.11	Whole of Government	Mrs Lambley	Cost to NT Police on the Walker coronial inquest	

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.12	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Charges for criminal damage at Howard Springs quarantine facility	
5.13	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Domestic violence charges for incidents at Howard Springs quarantine facility	
5.14	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police assaulted	
5.15	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Police injuries and period of leave required	
5.16	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Charges related to assault on police	
5.17	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Damage to police vehicles	
5.18	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Vehicles stolen on police premises	
5.19	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth and adult bail	
5.20	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Youth diversions, verbal and written warnings	
5.21	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	On bail at the time of apprehension	
5.22	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breach of bail - adult offenders	
5.23	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	NT Police - where offenders were taken	
5.24	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Security upgrades to police stations across the Territory	

Hearing concluded.

#### 4. Hon Brent Potter MLA: Fire and Emergency Services

##### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Warton	Interim Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer	Fire and Emergency Services
Terry Trewin AFSM	Acting Chief Fire Officer	Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service
Fleur O'Connor	Director	Northern Territory Emergency Services
Paul Kelly	Chief Financial Officer	Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Hearing commenced.

##### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5.25	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Transition of shared services from NT Police and DCDD	
5.26	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of vacant positions within NT Fire	
5.27	Whole of Government	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost of overtime audit 2022-2023	

Hearing concluded.

**5. Hon Ngaree Ah Kit MLA: Territory Families; Urban Housing; Youth, Seniors and Equality; Multicultural Affairs; Disabilities**

**Witnesses**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Emma White	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Jeanette Kerr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Youth Justice	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Karen Broadfoot	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Regional Services and Communities	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Rachelle McMillan	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Kim Charles	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer Strategic and Enabling Services	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Sasha Dennis	General Manager Youth Justice	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Brent Warren	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Housing	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Samantha Livesley	General Manager Community Participation and Inclusion	Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Hearing commenced.

**Questions Taken on Notice**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered</b>
6.1	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Children deemed at high risk	
6.2	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Case worker workload	Yes
6.3	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Use of Saltbush facility in Alice Springs	
6.4	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Funding for youth services in Central Australia and the Barkly	
6.5	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Children removed from foster care and placed into kinship care	Yes
6.6	Whole of Government	Mr Maley	Movement of children between general care and kinship care.	Yes
6.7	Whole of Government	Mr Burgoyne	Cost of the Alice Springs curfew	Yes
6.8	1.1	Mr Maley	Country Connect program	Yes
6.9	1.2	Mr Burgoyne	Breakdown of child protection notifications	Yes
6.10	1.2	Mr Burgoyne	Length of time children stay in the Country Connect Program	
6.11		Mr Burgoyne	Young people engaged in the co-responder model	
6.12	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Youths undergoing compliance checks by Territory Families	
6.13	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Whereabouts of a young offender wearing an ankle bracelet	
6.14	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Information kept in relation to a young offender	Yes
6.15	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Instances of reoffending in relation to victim-offender conferences	Yes
6.16	1.4	Mr Maley	Cost of overtime incurred by youth justice staff	Yes
6.17	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Positions at the Saltbush Alice Springs youth justice facility	Yes
6.18	1.4	Mr Burgoyne	Youth justice officers on extended leave	Yes
6.19	2.1	Mr Maley	Amount spent on repairs and maintenance at Batten House	Yes
6.20	2.1	Mr Maley	Instances of crime at Batten House	Yes

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6.21		2.1 Mr Maley	Cost of criminal activity at Batten House	
6.22		2.1 Mr Yan	Alice Springs Visitor Park capacity	Yes
6.23		2.2 Mr Maley	Tenant damage expenditure	
6.24		2.2 Mr Maley	Compliance with NTCAT notices	Yes
6.25		2.2 Mrs Lambley	Installation of a gate at 4 Gnoilya Street, The Gap, Alice Springs	
6.26		2.2 Mr Maley	Overspending with regard to public housing safety officers	Yes
6.27		2.2 Mr Maley	Public housing safety officers	
6.28		2.2 Mr Maley	Public housing safety officers calling the police	
6.29		2.2 Mr Yan	Public housing dwellings beyond economic repair	
6.30		2.2 Mr Yan	Vacant public housing lots in Alice Springs	
6.31		3.4 Mrs Hersey	Delay in building licensed aged-care facility	
6.32		3.4 Mr Maley	Multicultural Affairs staffing and budget	Yes

### Tabled Papers

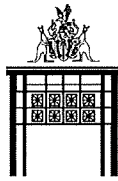
No.	Output	Title
6.1	1.1	Overall cost by Territory Families for Alice Springs Curfew
6.2	2.1	Answer to Question Taken on Notice 6.22 – Alice Springs Visitor Park Capacity
6.3	3.4	Multicultural Grants

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 10.30 pm until Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 8.00 am.



**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 7

#### Day 6 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Wednesday, 19 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Substituting Members

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson (for Mr Yan 8.00 am – 2.30 pm)  
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling (for Mr Yan 2.30 pm – 3.15 pm)  
Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly (for Mr Yan 3.15 pm – 10.30 pm)

#### Participating Members

Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan  
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling  
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine

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## 1. Hon Joel Bowden MLA: Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Kirkman	Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Leah Clifford	Deputy Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Adam Walding	General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Claire Brown	General Manager Transport and Civil Services	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Fotis Papadakis	Chief Financial Officer	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Dr David Ritchie	Chairman	NT Planning Commission

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.1	Whole of Government	Mrs Lambley	Infrastructure expenditure in Alice Springs	
7.2	Whole of Government	Mr Maley	Alice Springs Youth Justice Centre refurbishment completion date	

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.3	Whole of Government	Mr Maley	Darwin Youth Justice Centre completion date	
7.4	Whole of Government	Mr Maley	Berrimah Youth Justice Centre repairs and maintenance costs	
7.5	Whole of Government	Mr Maley	Berrimah Youth Justice Centre damage costs	Yes
7.6		1.1 Mr Maley	Certificates of occupancy and works on government buildings	
			Infrastructure upgrades to Mungkartia and Newcastle	
7.7		1.1 Ms Boothby	Waters Schools	
7.8		1.1 Mr Maley	Liberty Square project	
7.9		1.1 Mr Maley	State Square art gallery project	
7.10		1.1 Mrs Lambley	Federal funding allocated to housing	
7.11		1.1 Mrs Lambley	Taxi repairs	
7.12		1.1 Ms Boothby	Motor Vehicle Registry wait times	
7.13		1.1 Mr Maley	Legal costs regarding Arlparra	
7.14		1.1 Ms Boothby	Driver's licence renewal	

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Hon Joel Bowden MLA: Business and Jobs; Skills, Training and International Education; Tourism and Hospitality; Recreational Fishing

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Catherine White	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Business and Workforce	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Gae Mackay	Executive Director Business	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Jed Matz	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Agriculture, Fisheries and Biosecurity	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Matthew Osborne	Senior Executive Director Fisheries	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Scott Lovett	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Tourism, Services and Hospitality	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Valerie Smith	Executive Director Industry Development	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Hon Mark Monaghan MLA: Agribusiness and Fisheries; Mining

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Jed Matz	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Agriculture, Fisheries and Biosecurity	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Andrew Baylis	Acting Senior Executive Director Agriculture	Industry, Tourism and Trade

## Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Matthew Osborne	Senior Executive Director Fisheries	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Lorraine Corowa	Senior Executive Director Biosecurity and Animal Welfare	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Ian Scrimgeour	Senior Executive Director NT Geological Survey	Industry, Tourism and Trade
Denise Turnbull	Acting Senior Executive Director Mines	Industry, Tourism and Trade
James Pratt	Senior Executive Director Energy Development	Industry, Tourism and Trade

Hearing commenced.

**Suspension of Hearing:** The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

Hearing resumed.

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8.1	1.1	Mr Burgoyne	Mango twig tip dieback	
8.2	1.3	Mr Burgoyne	Animal welfare reports	
8.3	1.3	Mr Burgoyne	Animals seized	
8.4	1.3	Mr Burgoyne	Animal seizures without prosecution	
8.5	1.3	Mr Burgoyne	Numbers of animals euthanised	
8.6	2.1	Mr Edgington	Resourcing the Territory program	
8.7	2.1	Mr Edgington	Resourcing the Territory grant program	
8.8	2.1	Mr Edgington	Expenditure under the mine remediation fund	
8.9	2.1	Mr Edgington	Mine remediation fund	Yes
8.10	2.2	Mr Edgington	Longest time for approval of mineral title	
8.11	2.2	Mr Edgington	Longest timeframe of mining management plan	
8.12	2.2	Mr Edgington	Mining management plans	
8.13	2.2	Mr Edgington	Mining staff in the Northern Territory	
8.14	2.3	Mr Edgington	Exploration licence permits in the Northern Territory	

Hearing concluded.

## 4. Hon Mark Monaghan MLA: Education

### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Karen Weston	Chief Executive	Education
Jasmin Aldenhoven	Chief Financial Officer	Education
Saeed Amin	Deputy Chief Executive Regional Services	Education
Susan Bowden	Deputy Chief Executive Strategic Policy, Projects and Performance	Education
Kelly Cooper	Acting Executive Director Inclusion and Engagement Services	Education
Hayley Green	Acting Senior Director Education Leadership, Culture and Care	Education

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8.15	3.1	Mr Edgington	Length of time position has been vacant	
8.16	3.1	Ms Fyles	Breakdown of childcare subsidy	
8.17	3.3	Mrs Hersey	Cost of helicopters to transport teachers	Yes
8.18	3.4	Mrs Hersey	Number of school counsellors employed	Yes
8.19	3.4	Mrs Hersey	School counsellors leaving Department of Education	
8.20	3.4	Mrs Hersey	Retention rate of school counsellors	
8.21	4.1	Mrs Hersey	Deductions from independent schools funding	
8.22	5.1	Mrs Hersey	Property damage to schools	

### Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
8.1	Whole of Government	Central Australia Plan: Estimated 2024 funding

Hearing concluded.

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 10.30 pm until Thursday 20 June 2024 at 8.30 am.



**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## 2024 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 8

#### Day 7 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Thursday, 20 June 2024

Litchfield Room

#### Committee Members

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff (Chair)  
Mrs Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri (Deputy Chair)  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira  
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

#### Participating Members

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Brainting  
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

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### 1. Power and Water Corporation

#### Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Peter Wilson AM	Chair	Power and Water Corporation
Djuna Pollard	Chief Executive Officer	Power and Water Corporation
John Pease	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Graciano Chatikobo	Chief Financial Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Michael Besselink	Executive General Manager Core Operations	Power and Water Corporation
Belinda Small	Executive General Manager Power Services	Power and Water Corporation
Stephen Vlahovic	Executive General Manager Water Services	Power and Water Corporation

Hearing commenced.

#### Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
9.1	Mr Burgoyne	Cost of legal proceedings	
9.2	Mr Burgoyne	Breakdown of Power and Water employees by level	
9.3	Mr Burgoyne	Use of consultants and labour hire employees	
9.4	Mr Burgoyne	Interstate employees and contractors	
9.5	Mr Burgoyne	Cost of labour hire and consultants	
9.6	Mr Burgoyne	Expenditure on underground infrastructure	
9.7	Mr Burgoyne	Costs of undergrounding power in the Darwin region	

Hearing concluded.

## 2. Jacana Energy

### Witnesses

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Trevor James	Chair	Jacana Energy
Louisa Kinnear	Chief Executive Officer	Jacana Energy
Jo Conway	Chief Customer Officer	Jacana Energy
Marco Di Somma	Chief Financial Officer	Jacana Energy
	Executive Manager Corporate Services	

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

## 3. Territory Generation

### Witnesses

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Dennis Bree	Chair	Territory Generation
Gerhard Laubscher	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Generation
Joel Dwyer	Chief Financial Officer	Territory Generation
Rebecca McKenzie	General Manager Commercial and Business Development	Territory Generation
Minh Tran	General Manager Assets and Engineering	Territory Generation

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

<b>No.</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered</b>
11.1	Mr Burgoyne	BESS repairs and maintenance costs	Yes
11.2	Mr Burgoyne	Capital expenditure	Yes
11.3	Mr Burgoyne	Expenditure on contractors	

## 4. Hon Dheran Young MLA: Speaker

### Witnesses

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Mathew Bates	Clerk and Chief Executive Officer	Legislative Assembly
Diem Tang	Chief Financial Officer	Legislative Assembly

Hearing commenced.

### Questions Taken on Notice

<b>No.</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered</b>
12.1	Whole of Government	Mr Yan	Electorate Office security upgrades	
12.2	Whole of Government	Mrs Lambley	Electric vehicle charging station cost	
12.3	Whole of Government	Mrs Lambley	Fringe Benefit Tax	
12.4	Whole of Government	Mr Yan	Communication of threats within Parliament House	
12.5	Whole of Government	Mr Yan	Building management budget variance	

**Adjournment of Hearing:** The Estimates Committee adjourned at 1.10 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Omriston Room.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Mrs Manison moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

the minutes of meetings 1 to 7 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**6. Consideration of Draft Report**

Mr Kirby moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee adopt the *2024 Estimates Committee Report*.

Question put and passed.

**7. Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed at 1.20 pm.

**Natasha Fyles MLA**  
**Chair**