



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Estimates Committee 2025

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 Estimates Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

12.05 pm, Tuesday 20 May 2025
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Caroline Williams, Executive Director Parliamentary Support
Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Mr O’Gallagher nominated Mr Howe to be Chair. Justine Davis seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Howe was declared to be Chair.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair. Mrs Zio nominated herself to be Deputy Chair. Mr O’Gallagher seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mrs Zio to be Deputy Chair.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noted.

4. MEDIA RELEASES

Mrs Zio moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

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

Question put and passed.

5. SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL APPEARANCES

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

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

Question put and passed.

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 all Independent Officers under output 5 of the Attorney-General be required to appear before the Committee.

9. MEDIA ACCESS

Mr Howe moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

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

Question put and passed.

10. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Noted.

11. NEXT MEETING

8.30 am, Tuesday 10 June 2025

Meeting closed at 12.37 pm.



**Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Day 1 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Tuesday 10 June 2025
Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Participating Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff

1. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Chief Minister

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jara Dean	Auditor-General	Northern Territory Auditor-General’s Office

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Kirsten Kelly	Electoral Commissioner	Northern Territory Electoral Commission

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.1	Opening Statement	Mr Howe	Voting hours in Wadeye	
1.2	Opening Statement	Mr Howe	Cost of additional hours by electorate for remote voting	
1.3	Opening Statement	J Davis	Expenditure for culturally appropriate voting materials	
1.4	Opening Statement	J Davis	Cost of translation and interpreter services	
1.5	3.1	Mr O’Gallagher	How-to-vote cards for Nelson electorate in Palmerston	
1.6	3.1	Mrs Zio	Costs of by-elections since 2020 election	

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Greg Shanahan PSM	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
1.7	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Number of findings of improper conduct	Yes
1.8	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Number of recommendations made and implemented	Yes
1.9	Opening Statement	J Davis	Deadline for the response to the recommendations from Operation Beaufort	Yes

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Candice McLean	Acting Ombudsman	Ombudsman's Office
Bronwyn Haack	Acting Deputy Ombudsman	Ombudsman's Office

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.10	Opening Statement	J Davis	Use of spit hoods by NT Police	
1.11	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Number of freedom of information requests rejected	
1.12	7.1	Mr Howe	Ratio of substantiated Police and Corrections complaints.	
1.13	9.1	Mr O'Gallagher	Complaints by Category	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Chief Minister; Territory Coordinator; Defence NT

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Luccio Cercarelli 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, Reform and Regions	Chief Minister and Cabinet
Stuart Knowles	Territory Coordinator	Chief Minister and Cabinet

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 1.00 pm and 1.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.14	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Cost of changes to Machinery of Government	Yes
1.15	13.1	Ms Uibo	Ministerial staff salaries by classification level	
1.16	13.1	Mr O'Gallagher	Staffing and costs provided to the Leader of the Opposition's office	

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA: Police

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Martin Dole	Acting Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
Matthew Hollamby	Deputy Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
Lisa Wilson	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Northern Territory Police Force
Emma O'Leary	Executive Director	Northern Territory Police Force
Michael While	Assistant Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
Janelle Tonkin	Assistant Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
James Allen O'Brien	Acting Assistant Commissioner	Northern Territory Police Force
John Atkin	Commander	Northern Territory Police Force

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1.17	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	NT Police incident data for Alice Springs	
1.18	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Number of graduate police officers sent to Katherine	Yes
1.19	Opening Statement	J Davis	Vacancies of sworn and unsworn police	
1.20	Opening Statement	Mr Brown	Sworn officers on extended sick leave	
1.21	Opening Statement	J Davis	Leave data	
1.22	Opening Statement	J Davis	Participation rate for exit interviews for sworn officers	
1.23	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Paying for the independent inquiry by Justice Blow	Yes
1.24	Opening Statement	J Davis	Recommendations from Inquest into the death of David Gurrappa	
1.25	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Breakdown of prisoners currently held in watchhouses	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
1.1	Opening Statement	NTPA Media Release

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.30 pm until 11 June 2025 at 9.00 am



Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Day 2 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Wednesday 11 June 2025
Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Substituting Members

Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Member for Fong Lim (for Mr O’Gallagher 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm)

Participating Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

1. Hon Bill Yan MLA: Treasurer

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tim McManus	Under Treasurer	Treasury and Finance
Mick Butler	Deputy Under Treasurer, Economics and Revenue	Treasury and Finance
Tiziana Hucent	Executive Director, Finance	Treasury and Finance
Tarrant Moore	Executive Director, Budget and Strategy	Treasury and Finance
Jason Robertson	Executive Director, Economics	Treasury and Finance

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.1	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Total costs of budget roadshows in 2025	Yes
2.2	Opening Statement	J Davis	Date of first payments for Home Grown and Fresh Start grants	Yes
2.3	Opening Statement	J Davis	Demographic or regional data of grant recipients	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Bill Yan MLA: Logistics and Infrastructure; Housing Construction

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Louise McCormick	Chief Executive Officer	Logistics and Infrastructure
Fotis Papadakis	Acting Chief Operating Officer	Logistics and Infrastructure
Adam Walding	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Logistics and Infrastructure
Clare Brown	General Manager, Transport and Civil and Infrastructure	Logistics and Infrastructure
Ryan Coppola	Acting General Manager, Housing and Land Servicing	Logistics and Infrastructure

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 1.00 pm and 1.30 pm

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2.4	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	List of projects discontinued	
2.5	Opening Statement	J Davis	Elcho Island aerodrome safety upgrades	Yes
2.6	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Projects to upgrade and seal priority access roads to communities	Yes
2.7	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Number and cost of departmental matters before the courts	Yes
2.8	10.1	Ms Uibo	Percentage of contractually committed funds	Yes
2.9	10.1	Ms Uibo	Status of Government projects in the pipeline	
2.10	10.1	J Davis	Cost of damage to Holtze Youth Detention Centre	
2.11	10.1	J Davis	Cost of construction for Holtze and Alice Springs Youth Detention Centres	Yes
2.12	10.1	Ms Uibo	Homeland learning centres infrastructure	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
2.1	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 2.5
2.1	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 2.6
2.3	Opening Statement	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 2.7
2.4	10.1	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 2.8
2.5	10.1	Answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 2.11

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.30 pm until 12 June 2025 at 9.00 am.



Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Day 3 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Thursday 12 June 2025

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Substituting Members

Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Member for Goyder (for Mr O’Gallagher 9.00 am to 12.30 pm)
Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina (for Mrs Zio 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm)
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mr Howe 4.00 pm to 10.00 pm)

Participating Members

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

1. Hon Gerard Maley MLA: Agriculture and Fisheries; Recreational Fishing

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jed Matz	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Agriculture and Fisheries
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Agriculture and Fisheries
Matt Osborne	Senior Executive Director Fisheries	Agriculture and Fisheries
Dr Muhammad Sohail Mazhar	Acting Senior Executive Director Agriculture	Agriculture and Fisheries

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.1	1.2	Mx McNamara	Projects related to building climate resilience	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Gerard Maley MLA: Mining and Energy; Renewables

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Alister Trier	Chief Executive Officer	Mining and Energy
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Mining and Energy

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ian Scrimgeour	Senior Executive Director Northern Territory Geological Survey	Mining and Energy
Joni Woollard	Acting Senior Executive Director Mining Development	Mining and Energy
James Pratt	Senior Executive Director Energy Development	Mining and Energy
Anne Tan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Mining and Energy

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.2	Opening Statement	Mx McNamara	Daly Waters travel expenses	
3.3	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Casing of a well on EP187	
3.4	Opening Statement	Mx McNamara	Anthony Lagoon Aquifer well casing	
3.5	Opening Statement	Mx McNamara	Nature of the incident at EP187	
3.6	3.4	Mr Paech	Batteries awarded to Central Australians	

Hearing concluded.

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

Hearing resumed

3. Hon Gerard Maley MLA: Corrections

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Mr Matthew Varley	Chief Executive Officer/Commissioner	Corrections
Ms Tracy Luke	Acting Deputy Commissioner Adult Operations	Corrections
Ms Alecia Brimson	Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Performance	Corrections
Ms Sasha Dennis	Acting Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice	Corrections
Mr Stephen Thacker	Chief Financial Officer	Corrections

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.7	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Female participation in education or rehabilitation programs	
3.8	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Lockdowns across correctional facilities	
3.9	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Correctional Services staff on extended sick leave	
3.10	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Staff on duty vs model operating numbers	
3.11	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Gender of individuals held on remand in a watch house	
3.12	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Correctional facility overcrowding data	
3.13	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Women currently sentenced and remanded	Yes

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3.14	Opening Statement	J Davis	Prisoner access to domestic violence-related programs	Yes
3.15	Opening Statement	J Davis	Video link calls at Holtze Youth Detention Centre	Yes
3.16	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Use of spit hoods in watchhouse cells	

Hearing concluded.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm

Hearing resumed

4. Hon Jinson Charls MLA: People, Sport and Culture; Disability; Arts; Youth, Seniors and Equality; Multicultural Affairs; Veterans

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Samantha Livesley	Chief Executive Officer	People, Sport and Culture
Deborah Butler	Acting General Manager, Community Participation and Inclusion	People, Sport and Culture
Mitchell Hardy	General Manager, Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure	People, Sport and Culture
Rachelle McMillan	General Manager, Corporate and Shared Services (DSPC and DCF)	Children and Families
Siobhan Okely	Executive Director, Social Inclusion	People, Sport and Culture

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
4.1	Opening Statement	Mr Young	Breakdown of FTE staffing by level	
4.2	1.1	Mr Brown	Meetings with ex-service organisations	
4.3	1.1	Mr Brown	Progress on Regional Action Plans	
4.4	1.1	Mr Young	Membership of Advisory Council	
4.5	1.3	J Davis	NT Concession Scheme data	
4.6	1.3	J Davis	Applications to the concession scheme	
4.7	1.3	J Davis	Timeframe for processing applications	
4.8	2.1	Mr Young	Consultation to guide program delivery	
4.9	3.1	Mr Young	Grants received by Arts organisations	
4.10	3.1	J Davis	Funding for Arts in regional and remote areas	
4.11	3.1	Mr Young	Funding for archiving and storage of art works	
4.12	3.2	J Davis	Regional Councils and wi-fi hotspots	
4.13	3.2	Mr Young	Allocation of funding for libraries	
4.14	3.2	Mr Young	Relocation costs of Library & Archives NT	
4.15	3.2	J Davis	Public access requests to Archives NT	

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 10.00 pm until 16 June 2025 at 9.00 am

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**Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Day 4 of Estimates Hearings
9.00 am, Monday 16 June 2025
Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Substituting Members

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja (for Mr Brown 9.00 am – 9.30 pm)
Mr Mathew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mrs Zio 9.00 am – 12.00 pm)
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mr Howe 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm)
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Member for Goyder (for Mr Howe 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm)

Participating Members

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

1. Hon Marie-Claire Boothby MLA: Attorney-General

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Gemma Lake	Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General’s
Leonique Swart	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Attorney-General’s
Brett Roach	Senior Director, Business and Enabling Services / Chief Financial Officer	Attorney-General’s
Ben Wild	Acting Executive Director, Legal Services	Attorney-General’s
Kathryn White	Director Crime Victims Services Unit	Attorney-General’s
Carolyn Whyte	Director Criminal Justice Research, Evaluation and Statistics Unit	Attorney-General’s
Janet Hanigan	Executive Director Strategic Policy Coordination	Attorney-General’s
Robert Pocock	Director Aboriginal Justice Unit	Attorney-General’s
Chris Cox PSM	Executive Director Justice Services	Attorney-General’s
Jeswynn Yogaratham	Commissioner, Anti-Discrimination Commission	Attorney-General’s

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
5.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	The definition of 'incite' under changes to the Anti-Discrimination Act	
5.2	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Number of matters before the Anti-Discrimination Commission	
5.3	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	People released on bail since new bail laws commenced	
5.4	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Number of people facing violent offence charges.	
5.5	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Number of operational committees, meeting frequency, quorums	
5.6	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Date of last Child Deaths Review Committee meeting	
5.7	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Prison time served versus time served on remand	
5.8	Opening Statement	J Davis	Number of guilty pleas before trial from October to June across 2023-2025	
5.9	1.1	Mr Paech	Matters briefed out to Maleys Barristers & Solicitors	
5.10	2.1	Mx McNamara	Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government combined spending on legal services	
5.11	3.2	J Davis	Funding for legal services and commencement of grants per Action Plan 2	
5.12	3.2	Mr Kerle	Number of coronial inquiries completed and cost of inquiries	
5.13	5.1	Mrs Zio	Costs involved in cases that do not progress	

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm

Hearing resumed.

2. Hon Jo Hersey MLA: Education and Training; Early Education

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Susan Bowden	Chief Executive Officer	Education and Training
Paul Van Holsteyn	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Schools	Education and Training
Aderyn Chatterton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Early Years and School Services	Education and Training
Tony Considine	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Strategic and Business Services	Education and Training
Jasmin Aldenhoven	Chief Financial Officer	Education and Training
Cathy White	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Skills, Pathways and Quality	
Adam Walding	General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts	Logistics and Infrastructure

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
6.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	Number of students on intensive support roll without funding	Yes

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6.2	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Enrolment number in youth detention centre	Yes
6.3	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Katherine Teachers in receipt of 12 month \$4,500 bonus	
6.4	1.1	Mr Paech	Early Childhood Education and Care Services	Yes
6.5	2.3	Mr Mackay	VET Certificates used to achieve an NTCET	Yes

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Jo Hersey MLA: Public Service

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Nicole Hurwood	Commissioner for Public Employment	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Brad Jackson	Senior Director Employee Relations	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Hayley Green	Senior Director Strategic Workforce Planning and Development	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Ursula White	Director Aboriginal Employment and Career Development	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Courtney Mabey	Senior Director Public Sector Grievances and Appeals	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6.6	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	OCPE \$20M budget cut	
6.7	Opening Statement	Ms Uibo	Incentives to purchase footwear other than personal protective equipment	

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 9.30 pm until 17 June 2025 at 9.00 am



Mr Clinton Howe MLA

Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Day 5 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Tuesday 17 June 2025

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)

Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura

Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama (Appointed as Deputy Chair from 3.30 pm – 9.30 pm)

Substituting Members

Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly (for Mr Brown 9.00 am to 12.00 pm)

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja (for Mr Brown 12.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

Mr Mathew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mrs Zio 9.00 am – 6.30 pm)

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mr Howe 3.30 pm – 9.30 pm)

Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina (for Mrs Zio 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm)

Participating Members

Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

1. Hon Steve Edgington MLA: Health; Mental Health; Alcohol Policy

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Chris Hosking	Chief Executive Officer	Health
Angela Brannelly	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Regional Health Service	Health
Cecilia Gore	Deputy Chief Executive Commissioning and System Improvement	Health

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	Opening Statement	J. Davis	Total days above capacity at Royal Darwin Hospital	
7.2	Opening Statement	Mr Guyula	Security at Gove Hospital	Yes
7.3	Opening Statement	J Davis	Number and working hours of interpreters in hospitals	Yes

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.4	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Remote nursing employment data	Yes
7.5	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Tender (AGC21-0265) - Safe Drinking Water	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Steve Edgington MLA: Housing, Local Government and Community Development; Essential Services

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Amelia Vellar	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Brent Warren	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Corporate, Strategic and Enabling Services	Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Courtney Warr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Delivery and Regional Priorities	Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Tamara Biro	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Michelle Walker	General manager Programs, system Improvement and Reform	Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7.6	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Number of Aboriginal staff and type of employment	Yes
7.7	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Reprioritisation of local government grants	
7.8	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Number of Evictions and Matters before NTCAT	
7.9	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Vacancy Rates by Region	
7.10	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Timeframes for Urban and Remote Repairs and Maintenance	
7.11	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Date Department Expended its Repairs and Maintenance Budget	
7.12	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Cancelled or Deferred Urban Housing Redevelopments	

Hearing concluded.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimate Committee was suspended between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room

Mr Howe moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 10(3), the Committee elect Mr O’Gallagher as Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee for the period 3.30 pm to 9.30 pm, Tuesday 17 June 2025.

Question put and passed

Meeting closed at 3.12 pm

Hearing resumed

3. Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA: Trade, Business and Asian Relations; Workforce Development; Advance Manufacturing; Internation Education, Migration and Population

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Hayley Richards	Chief Executive Officer	Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Kelly Ralston	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Jake Quinlivan	General Manager	Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Luis Da Rocha	General Manager	Trade, Business and Asian Relations
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Trade, Business and Asian Relations

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8.1	Opening Statement	J. Davis	Surveyors approved in the reporting period	
8.2	1.2	Ms Uibo	Migration during the financial year	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
8.1	Opening Statement	Northern Territory and Australian Governments sign new Designated Area Migration Agreement

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA: Children and Families; Child Protection; Prevention of Domestic Violence

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Karen Broadfoot	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Children and Families
Rachelle McMillan	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Strategy, Programs and Enabling Services	Children and Families
Cynthia Loganathan	Chief Financial Officer	Children and Families
Seranie Gamble	Executive Director Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Prevention	
Nhi Tran	Acting Executive Director, Families Programs	Children and Families

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
8.3	Opening Statement	Mr Guyula	Circuit Breaker Program	Yes
8.4	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	Average time between notification and response	Yes

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 9.30 pm until 18 June 2025 at 9.00 am

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**Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Day 6 of Estimates Hearings

9.00 am, Wednesday 18 June 2025
Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Substituting Members

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri (for Mrs Zio 9.00 am – 12.00 pm)
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mr O’Gallagher 9.00 am – 12.00 pm)
Mr Andrew McKay MLA, Member for Goyder (for Mr O’Gallagher 12.30 pm – 3.00 pm)
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mrs Zio 12.30 pm – 3.00 pm)

Participating Members

Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

1. Hon Josh Burgoyne MLA: Lands, Planning and Environment; Water Resources

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Joanne Townsend	Chief Executive Officer	Lands, Planning and Environment
Leah Clifford	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Lands, Planning and Environment
Mr Paul Purdon	Executive Director Environment and Heritage	Lands, Planning and Environment
Desiree Ng	Chief Financial Officer	Lands, Planning and Environment
Doug Lesh	Senior Executive Director Planning and Development	Lands, Planning and Environment
Maria Wauchope	Executive Director Rangelands	Lands, Planning and Environment
Mark Meldrum	Executive Director Land Services and Building Advisory Services	Lands, Planning and Environment
Sally Strohmayer	Acting Executive Director Environment Regulation	Lands, Planning and Environment
Alaric Fisher	Executive Director Flora and Fauna	Lands, Planning and Environment
Nerida Beard	Executive Director Water Security	Lands, Planning and Environment

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
9.1	Opening Statement	Mr Paech	NT Cattlemen's Association emission reduction funding KPIs	
9.2	Opening Statement	Mx McNamara	Costs of monitoring the clearing of vegetation	Yes
9.3	1.1	Mx McNamara	Bulk fuel storage facility water samples	Yes
9.4	2.4	Mr Kerle	Options for tyre recycling in the private sector	
9.5	3.1	Mx McNamara	Threatened species not covered or supported by Commonwealth recovery program	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
9.1	Opening Statement	Regulatory Statement: Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the NT
9.2	Opening Statement	NT Election – Environmental Policy Survey and Scorecard
9.3	1.1	Declaration of the Mataranka Water Allocation Plan 2024-20234

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Hannah Barraza	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Land Development Corporation
Carly Beh	Chief Financial Officer	Land Development Corporation

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
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 3.00 pm until 19 June 2025 at 8.30 am



Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

2025 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Day 7 of Estimates Hearings

8.30 am, Thursday 19 June 2025

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale (Chair)
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay (Deputy Chair)
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama

Substituting Members

Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain (for Mr Howe 9.00 am – 1.30 pm)

Participating Members

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff

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

Hearing commenced.

No.	From	Subject	Answered
10.1	Ms Uibo	Interstate and External Employees – Meter to Cash Program	
10.2	Ms Uibo	Cost of Meter to Cash Program	
10.3	Ms Uibo	Employees and contractors engaged to replace meters	
10.4	Ms Uibo	Reactor bank project in Alice Springs	
10.5	Ms Uibo	Trevor Horman Zone Substation	
10.6	Ms Uibo	Consultancy costs more than \$5000	
10.7	Mx McNamara	Renewable versus gas levelized cost of electricity	
10.8	Mr Guyula	Disconnections in remote communities	
10.9	Mr Guyula	Prepayment and post-payment tariffs	
10.10	Mr Kerle	Reconciliation Action Plan	
10.11	Mr Kerle	Retail pipes replacement policy	

Hearing concluded.

2. Jacana Energy

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Trevor James	Chair	Jacana Energy
Rod Hayes	Chief Executive Officer	Jacana Energy
Jo Conway	Chief Customer Officer	Jacana Energy
Marco Di Somma	Chief Financial Officer / Executive Manager Corporate Services	Jacana Energy

Hearing commenced.

No.	From	Subject	Answered
11.1	Ms Uiibo	Average quarterly power bill	
11.2	Ms Uiibo	Customers currently in default	
11.3	Ms Uiibo	Clarification of premium FIT or network peak	
11.4	Ms Uiibo	Public housing customers online as part of trial	
11.5	Ms Uiibo	Investment in the modern management system	
11.6	Ms Uiibo	Customer Complaints Response Times	
11.7	Ms Uiibo	Electricity procurement from renewable generators	
11.8	Ms Uiibo	Renewable Energy Certificates purchased	
11.9	J. Davis	Changes to the way GST is charged	

Hearing concluded.

3. Territory Generation

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dennis Bree	Chair	Territory Generation
Gerhard Laubscher	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Generation
Minh Tran	General Manager Assets and Engineering	Territory Generation
Tim Danby	General Manager Operations and Maintenance	Territory Generation
Joel Dwyer	Chief Financial Officer	Territory Generation
Rebecca McKenzie	General Manager Commercial and Business Development	Territory Generation
Hieu Nguyen	General Manager People and Governance and Company Secretary	Territory Generation

Hearing commenced.

No.	From	Subject	Answered
12.1	Ms Uiibo	Consultancy costs	
12.2	Ms Uiibo	System risk and non-reliability notices received	
12.3	Mx McNamara	End of life projections for TGen Assets	

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Robyn Lambley: Speaker

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Russell Keith	Clerk and Chief Executive Officer	Legislative Assembly
Diem Tang	Chief Financial Officer	Legislative Assembly

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
13.1	Opening Statement	J Davis	Security incidents in electorate offices	
13.2	Opening Statement	J Davis	Acquisition budget for the Parliamentary Library	Yes
13.3	Opening Statement	J Davis	Staff costs associated with running Estimates	
13.4	Opening Statement	Mr Brown	Funding for Parliamentary committees	
13.5	Opening Statement	Mr Brown	Increase in budget for Member Services	

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 1.30 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston room.

5. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mr O'Gallagher moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

the minutes of meetings 1 to 7 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

6. Consideration of Draft Report

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee adopt the *2025 Estimates Committee Report*

Question put and passed.

7. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 1.45 pm.

Mr Clinton Howe MLA
Chair