



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Estimates Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

2019 Estimates Committee

Report

June 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Estimates Committee MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

11.00 am, Monday, 20 May 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, Member for Spillett (substitute member for Mr Higgins)
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain
Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair

Ms Ah Kit nominated Mrs Worden to be Chair of the Committee. Mr Paech seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mrs Worden to be elected Chair of the Committee.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Wood nominated Mr Mills to be Deputy Chair of the Committee. Ms Ah Kit seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Mills to be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

3. MEDIA RELEASES

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded:

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

4. SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL APPEARANCES

The Committee discussed the appearance of the Speaker before the Estimates Committee despite the Budget responsibility formally resting with the Chief Minister. The Committee asked the Secretary to provide further information on this issue with a view to considering recommendations for next year's Estimates process.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded:

That the Committee agrees to adopt the Schedule of Ministerial Appearances by email, with the Opposition and Independent Members to provide a draft to the Committee Secretary by noon on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 for circulation to the Committee.

5. 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 his responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2008 be directed to him at that time.

6. UTILITIES COMMISSIONER

The Committee agreed that the Utilities Commissioner and representatives from the Commission will not be required to attend the Estimates Hearings.

7. OTHER INDEPENDENT OFFICERS

The Committee agreed that the Opposition and Independent Members will provide advice on whether all Independent Officers are required to be available to appear for questioning at the time with their respective Minister.

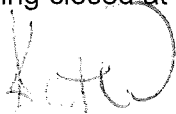
8. AGENDA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUTPUTS

The Committee agreed that the Opposition and Independent Members will provide advice on any changes to be made to the order of agency appearance in the Agenda and for the Agenda to be confirmed by email.

9. NEXT MEETING

8 am on Tuesday, 11 June 2019, unless convened earlier.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am



Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

2019 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Day No. 1 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)
Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Participating Members

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

1. Hon Kezia Purick MLA: Speaker

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Michael Tatham	Clerk	Dept of the Legislative Assembly
Marianne Conaty	Deputy Clerk	Dept of the Legislative Assembly
Diem Tang	Chief Financial Officer	Dept of the Legislative Assembly

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
1-1	1-2	Mr Higgins	Total cost of Drysdale electorate office relocation	
1-2	1-3	Mr Mills	Assessment and response to request for solar panels on Parliament House	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
1-1	1-1	Independent Research Service
1-2	1-2	Electorate offices – annual rent
1-3	1-3	Parliament House functions – fees forgone

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Treasurer

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Craig Graham	Under Treasurer	Treasury and Finance
Catherine Weber	Deputy Under Treasurer	Treasury and Finance
Tim McManus	Assistant Under Treasurer (Finance)	Treasury and Finance
Sarah Rummery	Assistant Under Treasurer (Economic)	Treasury and Finance
Mick Butler	Assistant Under Treasurer (Revenue)	Treasury and Finance
Alex Pollon	General Manager	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended from 12.00 to 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2-1	1-1	Mr Higgins	\$1.3 billion increase to net debt	
2-2	1-1	Mr Higgins	GST projections	
2-3	1-1	Mr Higgins	GST prediction comparisons	
2-4	1-1	Mr Higgins	Economic stimulus program evaluations	
2-5	5-1	Mr Higgins	Weighted average capital cost of power	
2-6	6-1	Mr Higgins	FOI requests	
2-7	6-1	Mr Higgins	Engagement of interstate legal counsel	
2-8	6-1	Mr Higgins	Use of interstate rather than local legal firm	
2-9	6-1	Mr Higgins	Use of interstate consultants	
2-10	8	Mr Higgins	Private investment in NT bonds	

3. Hon Nicole Manison MLA: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Reece P Kershaw APM	Commissioner for Police and CEO of Fire & Emergency Services	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Michael Nelson Willis	Executive Director Operational Support Directorate	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Paul Kelly	Chief Finance Officer	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
David Willing	Executive Director Northern Territory Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2-11	Opening Statement	Mr Higgins	Funding of FTE positions	
2-12	9-1	Mr Higgins	Number of constables	
2-13	9-1	Mr Higgins	Police staffing separations	
2-14	9-1	Mr Wood	Mounted police unit operational costs	
2-15	9-1	Mr Mills	Police responsibility for electronic monitoring devices	

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
2-16	9-1	Mr Higgins	Breach of bail apprehensions	
2-17	10-1	Mr Higgins	Assaults on police auxiliary liquor inspectors	
2-18	10-2	Mr Higgins	Police assigned to Palmerston and Strike Force Trident	
2-19	10-2	Mr Higgins	Infringement notices	Yes
2-20	10-2	Mr Wood	Hooning offences	
2-21	10-3	Mr Higgins	Police prosecution budget and expenditure	
2-22	10-3	Mr Higgins	Prisoner transport services expenditure	
2-23	12-1	Mr Higgins	Fire service overtime expenditure	Yes
2-24	12-1	Mr Wood	Firebreak infringement notices and gamba grass	

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 5.30 pm until 12 June 2019 at 8.00 am.



Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

2019 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Day No. 2 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)

Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama

Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly

Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Participating Members

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

1. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Chief Minister

Witnesses

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

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Iain Loganathan	Electoral Commissioner	NT Electoral Commission

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ken Fleming QC	Commissioner	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
Matthew Grant	General Manager	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
Kylie Davis	Business Manager	Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

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

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jodie Ryan	Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister
Andrew Cowan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister
Maria Mohr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister
Bridgette Bellenger	Senior Executive Director	Dept of the Chief Minister
Robert Csar	Chief Finance Officer	Dept of the Chief Minister

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3-1	Whole of government	Mr Mills	Funding for remote electorate education programs	
3-2	10-1	Mr Higgins	Final cost of Pepper Inquiry	
3-3	10-1	Mr Higgins	Status report on Pepper Inquiry recommendations	
3-4	10-1	Mr Higgins	Baseline data for Alice Springs cycle of crime	
3-5	10-1	Mr Higgins	Letter from Remuneration Tribunal regarding wage freeze	
3-6	10-1	Mr Collins	NT News advertising expenditure	
3-7	10-2	Mr Higgins	Barkly services mapping exercise	
3-8	11-1	Mr Higgins	Community liaison and engagement officers	
3-9	11-1	Mr Wood	Ministerial and Leader of the Opposition staffing	
3-10	11-1	Mr Mills	Employment of Lynne Walker	
3-11	12-1	Mr Higgins	Funding agreements	
3-12	12-1	Mr Higgins	Protocol purchase of alcohol	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
3-1	10-2	Northern Territory Treaty Commissioner - Terms of Reference
3-1	10-2	Yolnu Region Local Decision Making Partnership Commitment

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended from 12.10 to 12.40 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Michael Gunner MLA: Minister for Trade and Major Projects and Minister for Business and Innovation

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Shaun Drabsch	Chief Executive Officer	Trade, Business and Innovation
Sibylle Brautigam	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Trade, Business and Innovation
Lisa Strohfeltd	Chief Financial Officer	Trade, Business and Innovation
Luke Bowen	General Manager Northern Australia Development and Trade	Trade, Business and Innovation
Anne Tan	General Manager Strategic Infrastructure and Projects	Trade, Business and Innovation

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
3-13	15-1	Mr Higgins	Small business in the Territory	
3-14	15-1	Mr Higgins	Small business champions budget	
3-15	15-1	Mr Higgins	Businesses opened and closed	
3-16	15-1	Mr Higgins	Business champions' experience in business	
3-17	15-1	Mr Higgins	Department interactions with small businesses	
3-18	15-1	Mr Wood	Aboriginal Business Development Program	
3-19	15-1	Mr Higgins	Home renovation scheme	
3-20	15-2	Mr Guyula	Expenditure on promotion and facilitation of fracking industry	
3-21	17-1	Mr Higgins	Report by Port Jackson Partners	

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm until 13 June 2019 at 8.00 am.



**Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

2019 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Day No. 3 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am Thursday, 13 June 2019

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)
Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

1. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Greg Shanahan	Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Meredith Day	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Jacqueline Dowling	Chief Finance Officer	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Craig Smyth	Acting Executive Director Legal Services	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Leanne Liddle	Director Aboriginal Justice Unit	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Ros Chenoweth	Director Crime Victims Services Unit	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Scott McNairn	Commissioner Northern Territory Correctional Services	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Chris Cox	Executive Director Courts and Tribunals	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Jack Karczewski QC Gary Clements	Director Commissioner	Director of Public Prosecutions Northern Territory Consumer Affairs
Jim Laouris	Registrar-General and Public Trustee for the Northern Territory	Registrar-General's Office

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Colleen Gwynne	Commissioner	Office of the Children's Commissioner
Sally Ozolins	Acting Director-General of Licensing Licensing NT	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
Alecia Brimson	Executive Director Corporate and Strategic Services	Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended from 12.00 to 12.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4-1	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Legal actions against NT government and employees	
4-2	1-1	Mr Wood	Timber Creek native title claim	
4-3	1-1	Mr Wood	Legal costs for Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children	
4-4	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Submissions on sex industry regulatory reforms	
4-5	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Submissions on victims of crime reforms	
4-6	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Submissions on civil litigation reforms	
4-7	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Applications to Safe at Home and Safe at Home Clean Up Grants	
4-8	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Victims of crime register	
4-9	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	CatholicCare NT counselling services for victims of crime	
4-10	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Victims of crime conferencing	
4-11	1-4	Mrs Finocchiaro	Banned drinkers charged and or taken into police custody	
4-12	2-1	Mrs Lambley	Cost of prisoners in hospital	
4-13	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Sentence to a Job program funding	
4-14	2-1	Mr Wood	Sale of horticultural produce from prisons	
4-15	2-1	Mr Wood	Holtze prison bakery	
4-16	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Funding for therapeutic services to prisoners	
4-17	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of prisoners on parole	
4-18	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Abatement charges	
4-19	2-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost of rectifying faults at Holtze prison	
4-20	3-3	Mr Wood	Outstanding fines	
4-21	5-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Regulatory offences by retailers in relation to fuel prices	
4-22	6-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Staffing for the BDR	
4-23	6-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breakdown of BDR funding	
4-24	6-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Term of lease for BDR technology	
4-25	6-1	Mr Wood	Restricted private premises	
4-26	6-1	Mr Wood	Gaming machine profits	
4-27	6-2	Mrs Lambley	Annual cost of workers' compensation	

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Minister for Health

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Prof Catherine Stoddart	Chief Executive	Health
Tamara Biro	Acting Chief Finance Officer	Health

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dr Maggie Jamieson	Deputy Chief Executive Health Policy and Strategy	Health
Michelle McKay	Chief Operating Officer	Top End Health Service
Sue Korner	Chief Operating Officer	Central Australia Health Service
A/Prof Dianne Stephens	Medical Director National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre	Health
Dr Hugh Heggie	Chief Health Officer	Health
Cecilia Gore	Senior Director Alcohol and Other Drugs	Health

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
4-28	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breakdown of budget savings	
4-29	10-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost of detox services at Stringybark	
4-30	10-1	Mr Wood	Number of people on BDR that completed treatment	
4-31	14	Mr Wood	Facilities for dementia patients	

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Natasha Fyles MLA: Minister for Arafura Games

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Tim Watsford	General Manager	Northern Territory Major Events Company

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Gerald McCarthy MLA: Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Jamie Chalker	Chief Executive Officer	Local Government, Housing and Community Development
Jim Bamber	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Housing Services, Local Government and Community Development	Local Government, Housing and Community Development
Dwayne McInnes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Remote Program Delivery Office and Community Services	Local Government, Housing and Community Development
Keith Fernandez	Executive Director Corporate Services	Local Government, Housing and Community Development
Ken Tinkham	Chief Financial Officer	Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended from 6.10 to 6.40 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
5-1	Opening statement	Mr Higgins	Remote housing review	Yes
5-2	1-1	Mr Higgins	Commonwealth funding cuts	
5-3	1-1	Mr Higgins	Annual turnovers	
5-4	1-1	Mr Higgins	New public housing	Yes
5-5	1-1	Mr Higgins	Transfers in Batchelor	
5-6	1-1	Mr Higgins	Public housing properties in Palmerston	
5-7	1-1	Mr Higgins	Cost of public housing properties in Palmerston	
5-8	1-1	Mr Higgins	New public housing properties in Palmerston	
5-9	1-2	Mr Higgins	Breakdown of housing upgrades	
5-10	1-2	Mr Higgins	Contracts awarded	
5-11	1-2	Mr Higgins	Government employee houses	
5-12	1-2	Mr Higgins	Housing maintenance officers	
5-13	1-3	Mr Higgins	Aboriginal interpreters	
5-14	1-4	Mr Higgins	Local government entity grant reductions	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
5-1	Opening statement	Remote Housing Review
5-2	1-2	Town Camps Northern Territory; Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes
5-3	1-2	Town Camps Futures - Summary of Expenditure by Town Camp and Provider by Year
5-4	1-2	Since coming to Government, we have improved Remote Housing
5-5	1-3	Lake Evella and Ngukurr subdivisions
5-6	1-4	Homelands Services Program Funding

Hearing concluded.

5. Hon Gerald McCarthy MLA: Minister for Public Employment

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
David Braines-Mead	Acting Commissioner for Public Employment	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Cheryl Winstanley	Director Employee Relations	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
Robert Csar	Chief Finance Officer	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 8.30 pm until Monday, 17 June 2019.



**Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

2019 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Day No. 4 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Monday, 17 June 2019

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)

Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama

Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly

Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Participating Members

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

1. Hon Paul Kirby MLA: Minister for Primary Industry and Resources

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Alister Trier	Chief Executive Officer	Primary Industry and Resources
Rod Applegate	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Primary Industry and Resources
Desiree Ng	Chief Financial Officer	Primary Industry and Resources
Phil Hausler	Executive Director Agriculture Division	Primary Industry and Resources
Ian Curnow	Executive Director Agriculture Division	Primary Industry and Resources
Ian Scrimgeour	Executive Director Northern Territory Geological Survey	Primary Industry and Resources

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
6-1	1-1	Mr Higgins	Electronic library facility	Yes
6-2	1-2	Mr Higgins	Kakadu Plum Powder	Yes
6-3	1-2	Mr Wood	Cucumber Green Mottled Mosaic Virus interest rate scheme	Yes

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
6-1	1-1	Berrimah Farm Redevelopment

Mrs Worden moved:

That tabled paper 6-1 regarding Berrimah Farm Redevelopment be kept confidential.

Question put and passed.

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

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Selena Uiibo MLA: Minister for Education

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Vicki Baylis	Chief Executive	Education
Brett Roach	Chief Financial Officer	Education
Leanne Nixon	Deputy Chief Executive	Education
	Education NT	
Tony Considine	General Manager	Education
	Engagement and Partnerships	
Susan Bowden	Executive Director	Education
	Education Policy and Programs	
Simon Scally	Acting General Manager	Education
	Planning and Infrastructure	

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
7-1	Opening statement	Mr Wood	ECO contract variations	Yes
7-2	Opening statement	Mr Mills	ECO contract renewals	Yes
7-3	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Families as First Teachers - operational costs	Yes
7-4	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Hearing health partnership sites	Yes
7-5	1-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Ministerial advisory council	Yes
7-6	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breaking the cycle of crime funding allocation	Yes
7-7	1-3	Mr Wood	Ludmilla Primary School – cost of fans	
7-8	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	School enrolments outside of catchment zone	
7-9	1-3	Mr Mills	Assaults on principals, teachers and support staff in primary schools	
7-10	1-3	Mr Mills	Expenditure on classroom support in primary schools	
7-11	1-3	Mr Mills	Vacant school counsellor and psychologist positions	
7-12	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Number of teachers in Katherine	
7-13	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Average time to recruit teachers in Katherine	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
7-1	1-1	Answer to QON 7-3
7-2	1-1	Answer to QON 7-5
7-3	1-3	Answer to QON 7-6

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 6.00 pm until 18 June 2019 at 8.00 am.



**Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

2019 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Day No. 5 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Tuesday, 18 June 2019

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)
Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)
Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (substituting for Mr Paech)

Participating Members

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

1. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Simonne Shepherd	Chief Executive Officer	Tourism, Sport and Culture
Joanna Frankenfeld	Chief Financial Officer	Tourism, Sport and Culture
Andrew Hopper	Deputy Chief Executive	Tourism, Sport and Culture
Susan Kirkman	Executive Director Strategic Services	Tourism, Sport and Culture
Phillip Leslie	Executive Director Community Participation, Sport and the Arts	Tourism, Sport and Culture
Mark Ashley	Executive Director Parks, Wildlife and Heritage	Tourism, Sport and Culture
Michael Wells	Director Heritage Branch	Tourism, Sport and Culture

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended between 11.55 am and 12.25 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8-1	1-1	Mr Higgins	Donghai Airlines tourist passengers numbers	Yes
8-2	1-1	Mr Higgins	Number of airline seats provided for Arafura Games	Yes
8-3	1-1	Mr Wood	Litchfield Community Library	
8-4	1-1	Mr Wood	Visitor numbers to NT parks	
8-5	1-1	Mr Paech	Finke community heritage listed buildings	Yes
8-6	2-1	Mr Higgins	Funding model for caravan and camping shows	
8-7	2-1	Mr Higgins	Travel expenditure for tourism agency staff	
8-8	2-1	Mr Higgins	Multi-year funding agreements	
8-9	2-1	Mr Higgins	FOI requests	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
8-1	1-1	International and Domestic Visitor Snapshot
8-2	1-3	Mapping the Future - Priority Areas 2018-22

Hearing concluded.

2. Hon Lauren Moss MLA: Minister for Corporate and Information Services

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Kathleen Robinson	Chief Executive	Corporate and Information Services
Chris Hosking	Deputy Chief Executive	Corporate and Information Services

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
8-10	Opening statement	Mr Higgins	Investment in training of IT professionals	
8-11	4-5	Mr Wood	Properties leased on Aboriginal land	

Hearing concluded.

3. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Minister for Environment and Natural Resources

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Joanne Townsend	Chief Executive Officer	Environment and Natural Resources
Cynthia Loganathan	Chief Financial Officer	Environment and Natural Resources
Luis Da Rocha	Executive Director Rangelands	Environment and Natural Resources
Dr Alaric Fisher	Executive Director Flora and Fauna	Environment and Natural Resources
Chris Shaw	Executive Director Onshore Gas Reform	Environment and Natural Resources
Christine Long	Executive Director Water Resources	Environment and Natural Resources

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Collene Bremner	Executive Director Bushfires NT	Environment and Natural Resources
Paul Purdon	Executive Director Environment Protection	Environment and Natural Resources
Karen Avery	Executive Director Environment Policy and Support	Environment and Natural Resources
Janet Hanigan	Executive Director Social, Economic and Environment Policy	Dept of the Chief Minister
Dr Benedict Scambary	Chief Executive Officer	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Alan Buckingham	Director Corporate Services	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9-1	1-1	Mr Guyula	Protection of native bee populations	Yes
9-2	1-2	Mr Wood	Decrease in repairs and maintenance expenditure	
9-3	1-3	Mr Higgins	Breakdown of bore construction permits	Yes
9-4	3-1	Mr Wood	NT EPA members and meeting attendance	

Tabled Papers

No.	Output	Title
9-1	1-1	Aboriginal Ranger Grants – Land Management Conservation Fund
9-2	1-3	Mapping the Future - Priority Areas 2018-22

Hearing concluded.

4. Hon Eva Lawler MLA: Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Andrew Kirkman	Chief Executive	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Fotis Papadakis	Chief Financial Officer	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
John Harrison	General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Louise McCormick	General Manager Transport and Civil Services	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Leah Clifford	Deputy Chief Executive Responsible for Lands and Planning	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Simon Saunders	Executive Director Transport Safety and Services	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Doug Lesh	Senior Director Planning	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Hearing commenced.

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended between 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
9-5	Opening statement	Mr Higgins	Multiple septic tanks on rural properties	
9-6	7-1	Mr Higgins	Reduction in DENR repairs and maintenance expenditure	

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 8.00 pm until 19 June 2019 at 8.00 am.



**Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

2019 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Day No. 6 of Estimates Hearings

8.00 am, Wednesday, 19 June 2019

Litchfield Room

Committee Members

Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson (Chair)

Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain (Deputy Chair)

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama

Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly

Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Participating Members

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

1. Hon Dale Wakefield MLA: Minister for Territory Families

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Ken Davies	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Families
Jeanette Kerr	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Families and Regional Services	Territory Families
Nicole Hurwood	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Organisational Services	Territory Families
Brent Warren	General Manager Youth Justice	Territory Families
Luke Twyford	Executive Director Strategy, Policy and Performance	Territory Families
Kim Charles	Chief Financial Officer	Territory Families
David Ah Toy	Executive Director Remote Management Office	Territory Families
Brent Warren	General Manager Youth Justice	Territory Families

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Output	From	Subject	Answered
10-1	Opening Statement	Mrs Finocchiaro	Seniors recognition scheme	
10-2	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Breakdown of child protection notifications	
10-3	1-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Child abuse hotline	
10-4	1-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Cost of to the department of out of Home Care	
10-5	1-3	Mr Wood	Assessment process for foster carers and kinship carers	
10-6	1-3	Mr Guyula	Out of home care placements	
10-7	1-4	Mr Mills	Data for youth program activities	
10-8	1-4	Mrs Lambley	Cost of maintaining Loves Creek facility	

Suspension of Hearing: The hearing of the Estimates Committee was suspended between 12.10 and 12.40 pm.

Hearing resumed.

Hearing concluded.

2. Power and Water Corporation

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
John Langoulant AO	Chair	Power and Water Corporation
Michael Thomson	Chief Executive	Power and Water Corporation
Tony Edmonstone	Chief Financial Officer	Power and Water Corporation
Peter Billing	General Manager Core Operations	Power and Water Corporation
Djuna Pollard	General Manager Power Services	Power and Water Corporation
Steven Porter	General Manager Water Services	Power and Water Corporation

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
11-1	Mrs Finocchiaro	Voluntary pay freeze letters to ECOs	
11-2	Mrs Finocchiaro	Underground power for schools	
11-3	Mrs Finocchiaro	Authorisation from Jacana Energy to reconnect power	

Hearing concluded.

3. Jacana Energy

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Noel Faulkner	Chairman	Jacana Energy
David Brown	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Jacana Energy
Andrew Lewis	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Manager Corporate Services	Jacana Energy
Kimberley Barton	Executive Manager	Jacana Energy

Hearing commenced.

Questions Taken on Notice

No.	From	Subject	Answered
12-1	Mr Wood	Cost of residential power if customer service obligation not supplied	

Hearing concluded.

4. Territory Generation

Witnesses

Name	Position	Agency
Dennis Bree	Chair	Territory Generation
Tim Duignan	Chief Executive Officer	Territory Generation
Maria Walters	Acting General Manager Finance & Corporate Services	Territory Generation

Hearing commenced.

Hearing concluded.

Adjournment of Hearing: The Estimates Committee adjourned at 7.20 pm.

The Committee met in private in the Ormiston Room

5. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mr Paech moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:
the Minutes of Meetings 1 to 6 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

6. Consideration of Draft Report

Mr Paech moved and Mr Wood seconded that:

The Committee adopt the *2019 Estimates Committee Report*

Question put and passed.

7. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Mrs Kate Worden MLA
Chair