



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2018

June 2018



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No.19

1.00 pm, Thursday, 10 May 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 18 of 26 April 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

2. BILL REFERRAL INQUIRY PLAN

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that the Committee:

- a) Call for submissions to its inquiry into the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2018 to be received by Wednesday, 6 June 2018.
- b) Write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bill and inviting representatives from the Department to appear before the Committee at a public briefing at 9.00am on Monday 28 May 2018.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing: 9.00 am, Monday 28 May 2018

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 21 June 2018 unless convened earlier by the Chair.

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

9.00 am, Monday, 28 May 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

Apologies: Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

**Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture)
Bill Inquiry**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Robert Bradshaw: Director Policy Coordination, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Alison Hanson: Legislation Policy Officer, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

The Committee adjourned at 9.30 am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ngaree'.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

1.00 pm, Friday, 15 June 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 19 of 10 May 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 20 of 28 May 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OF PLACES OF DETENTION (OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE) BILL 2018

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Chair's draft report address issues raised in submissions and incorporate the proposed recommendation as agreed to by the Committee.

Question put and passed

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 21 June 2018

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

12.00 pm, Thursday, 21 June 2018

Ormiston Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 21 of 15 June 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OF PLACES OF DETENTION (OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE) BILL 2018 REPORT

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2018* as amended, to be presented to the Speaker on Monday 25 June 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 14 August.

Question put and passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2017-18*.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 23 August 2018

Meeting closed at 12.10 pm

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair