

Northern Territory Cabinet Records

History

In 1942 the threat of Japanese invasion led to the evacuation of Darwin's civilian population and the imposition of military rule in the Northern Territory. With the end of the Second World War and the return of the civilian administration and population, support grew for the political advancement of the Northern Territory. In 1947, the Chifley Federal Government amended the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910 (Commonwealth)* to create the Northern Territory Legislative Council. There were 13 members appointed to the first Legislative Council in December 1947. The head of the Legislative Council was the Administrator of the Northern Territory, who was appointed by the Commonwealth.

Following negotiations with the Whitlam Federal Government, a general election was held on 19 October 1974 to establish a fully-elected Legislative Assembly and replace the Legislative Council. The Legislative Assembly had 19 elected members, limited powers, and its leader was known as the Majority Leader.

In 1977, the Commonwealth Government began transferring executive powers to the Legislative Assembly in preparation for Northern Territory self-government. On 1 January 1977, the Northern Territory Public Service was created and administrative powers relating to a number of State functions such as police, fire brigades, local government, and correctional services were transferred from the Commonwealth to the Northern Territory. Other functions such as health and the Supreme Court were progressively transferred from the Commonwealth to the Northern Territory Government.

Once the Fraser Federal Government enacted the *Northern Territory (Self Government) Act 1978 (Commonwealth)* the Northern Territory was established under the Crown with limited state-like powers with effect from 1 July 1978. The Act extended the powers of self-government in the Northern Territory by providing for the Legislative Assembly and the appointment of an Administrator, and establishing the Executive Council consisting of the Ministers of the Northern Territory Government.

The major state powers retained by the Commonwealth in the Northern Territory include Aboriginal land rights, the mining of uranium and other prescribed substances, industrial relations and control of Commonwealth national parks. For inter-governmental financial purposes the Northern Territory has been regarded by the Commonwealth as a State since 1 July 1988.

Members of the Northern Territory Cabinet in 1977

Dr GA Letts, MLA (Majority Leader)
Mr GEJ Tambling, MLA
Miss EJ Andrews, MLA
Mr R Ryan, MLA
Mr IL Tuxworth, MLA
Mr MB Perron, MLA
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NORTHERN TERRITORY CABINET RECORDS 1977 – NTRS 2575/P1

Volume 1

Meeting dates: 27 January 1977 – 15 March 1977

MEETING NO.	MEETING DATE	SUB NO.	DEC NO.	TITLE AND PURPOSE/DETAILS
1	27/1/1977	1	1	<p>NT PUBLIC SERVICE - DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80</p> <p>To consider draft estimates of expenditure and advise of any alteration to be made in Departments including the Civil Works Program. Deferred.</p>
		2	2	<p>1977 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME DRAFTING PRIORITIES</p> <p>To endorse the proposed 1977 Legislative Programme Drafting Priorities.</p>
		3	3	<p>CHARGES FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CONTROL</p> <p>To propose an increase in fees for weights and measures testing, and further amendments.</p>
		4	4	<p>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AND NEW YEAR HONOURS</p> <p>No papers filed with Decision. Decision related to nomination procedure and seeking details of any special medals to be granted by the Queen during her visit.</p>
		5	5	<p>REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - CABINET MEMBERS' FEES AND ALLOWANCES</p> <p>No papers filed with Decision. Submissions by the Minister for Administrative Services and the Speaker to be passed to the Remuneration Tribunal as a matter of urgency.</p>
		6	6	<p>DEPARTMENT OF THE NT ATTITUDE TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PUBLIC SERVICE</p> <p>No papers filed with Decision. Decision deferred.</p>
		7	7	<p>WORKMENS COMPENSATION BENEFITS</p> <p>To introduce a new scale of benefits under the Workmens Compensation Ordinance.</p>

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		8	8	<p>WORKMENS COMPENSATION (I.L.O. AMENDMENT)</p> <p>To amend the Workmens Compensation Ordinance to ensure the legislation conforms with an I.L.O. Agreement ratified by Australia in 1959.</p>
2	1/2/1977	9	9	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Hospital Advisory Boards (Tennant Creek); Consumer Protection.</p>
		10	10	<p>PUBLIC SERVANTS - AIR FARES AND LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS</p> <p>To consider airfare and additional annual leave entitlements for public servants in the Northern Territory.</p>
		11	11	<p>DEPARTMENT OF THE NT ATTITUDE TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PUBLIC SERVICE</p> <p>No papers filed with Decision. Decision noted that any specific difficulties of communication to be advised to the Director-General. Decision No. 6 refers.</p>
3	17/2/1977	12	12	<p>JABIRU TOWN PLAN</p> <p>To respond to concern expressed about time delays in commencing construction at Jabiru should uranium mining proceed by referring the present Jabiru Town Plan to the Town Planning Board, together with other interested parties, for comment.</p>
		13	13	<p>TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE NT</p> <p>To decide on a Legislative Assembly nominee for the Federal Minister for Education's Technical and Further Education Council for the Northern Territory.</p>
		14	14	<p>APPRENTICES BOARD</p> <p>To consider transferring the Apprentices Board to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly (Transport and Industry portfolio).</p>
		15	15	<p>EXECUTIVE MEMBER ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER</p> <p>To determine the circumstances and manner in which an Executive Member of the Legislative Assembly may act on behalf of another Executive Member in respect of statutory functions.</p>

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		16	16	<p>CABINET HANDBOOK</p> <p>To endorse a Cabinet Handbook (setting out Cabinet procedures, security and handling of documents, preparation of submissions).</p>
		17	17	<p>ABSCONDING DEBTORS</p> <p>To consider legislation to provide for the arrest of debtors about to abscond from the Northern Territory.</p>
		-	18	<p>OUTSTANDING PAPERS</p> <p>No papers filed with Decision. Decision was to bring forward a paper on outstanding Cabinet items.</p>
4	23/2/1977	18	19	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Details not filed with Decision. Decision does not identify nature of matters considered except appointment of Mr Bruce McRae (position not detailed).</p>
		19	20	<p>AMENDMENT TO MOTOR VEHICLES ORDINANCE</p> <p>To change the requirement in the Motor Vehicles Ordinance for trailer brakes, from a factor determined by the length of the trailer to one related to weight.</p>
		20	21	<p>HOUSING POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OF NTPS</p> <p>To establish a policy in respect of the provision and management of housing for employees of the Northern Territory Public Service. Deferred.</p>
5	1/3/1977	20	22	<p>HOUSING POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OF NTPS</p> <p>As per Submission No. 20 above.</p>
6	2/3/1977 and 3/3/1977	25	23	<p>NORTHERN TERRITORY PUBLIC SERVICE - DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE</p> <p>To endorse amended forward estimates. <i>Note: Filed out of order.</i></p>
		21	24	<p>ANNUAL RENT REVIEW FOR HOUSING COMMISSION DWELLINGS IN THE NT</p> <p>To re-determine rents of existing Housing Commission dwellings for application until the next review, and to determine the rents of Housing Commission dwellings completed prior to the next review.</p>

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		22	25	CABINET HANDBOOK - SECTION 3 - PREPARATION OF CABINET SUBMISSIONS To approve guidelines to assist departmental officers preparing Cabinet Submissions.
		23	26	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SITTINGS To endorse 1977 sitting dates for the Legislative Assembly.
		24	27	CABINET MEETINGS To note scheduled dates for Cabinet meetings in 1977.
7	15/3/1977	26	28	PHARMACY ORDINANCE To amend the Pharmacy Ordinance to enable a pharmacy to remain open during absences of the Pharmacist in certain circumstances.
		27	29	PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND - AGRICULTURAL LEASE NO. 178 – KOOLPINYAH To seek approval to proceed with a proposal for the acquisition of Agricultural Lease No. 178, adjacent to the Gunn Point Prison farm.
		28	30	POLICE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS To determine whether or not members of the Northern Territory Police Force should wear numbers on their uniforms.
		29	31	INSTRUCTIONS FOR A BILL TO ENABLE CERTAIN COMPANIES TO ACT AS TRUSTEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES To embrace in legislation the right of a person in the Northern Territory to appoint a company as an executor of his will.
		30	32	CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY To endorse a submission by the Director-General to the Interdepartmental Committee on Constitutional Development (including a timetable for the transfer of functions, matters for decision and views on appropriate arrangements).
		31	33	TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE To have the Traffic Ordinance included in the functions of the Department of Transport and Industry with executive responsibility being with the Cabinet member for Transport and Industry.

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		32	34	<p>INCREASE IN MOTOR REGISTRATION, DRIVER LICENSING AND ASSOCIATED FEES</p> <p>To update the increases in Motor [Vehicle] Registration, Driver Licensing and associated fees originally recommended in the detailed report given previously [no record in this Volume].</p>
		34	35	<p>ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTHERN TERRITORY HEALTH COMMISSION</p> <p>To endorse a proposal by the Commonwealth Government to establish a Northern Territory Health Commission by Northern Territory ordinance.</p>

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Meeting dates: 28 March 1977 – 17 May 1977

MEETING NO.	MEETING DATE	SUB NO.	DEC NO.	TITLE AND PURPOSE/DETAILS
8	28/3/1977	40	36	CIVIL WORKS PROGRAMMES 1977/78 To determine a priority listing of items being sponsored on behalf of the Legislative Assembly on the 1977/78 Civil Works Programme.
		44	37	FORWARD ESTIMATES - 1977/78 To review forward estimates of expenditure for 1977/78 in accordance with a request from the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
9	5/4/1977	33	38	AMENDMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES ORDINANCE (THIRD PARTY INSURANCE AND NOMINAL DEFENDANT SYSTEM) To amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance in relation to the issue of third party insurance cover and matters relating to the Nominal Defendant system.
		36	39	AMENDMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE To repeal the Weights and Measures Ordinance and replace it with revised legislation entitled "Trade Measurement Ordinance".
		37	40	1977/78 ACQUISITION PROGRAM To identify items that can be withdrawn from the programme, and indicate relative priority Cabinet attaches to the remaining programme (request from Federal Cabinet).
		38	41	JABIRU TOWN PLAN To decide on further action in relation to the proposed township in the East Alligator region.
		39	42	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS Proposals in relation to the Darwin Community College Council and applications for rezoning land in Alice Springs.

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		41	43	<p>TRADE MEASUREMENT (PREPACKED ARTICLES) ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS</p> <p>To correct the terminology of the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Ordinance in accordance with recommendations by the National Standards Council; to re-name the Ordinance; and to repeal the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations and replace them with new Trade Measurements (Prepacked Articles) Regulations.</p>
		42	44	<p>EGG PRODUCTION CONTROL</p> <p>To approve the issue of drafting instructions for legislation to provide for Egg Production Control in the Northern Territory [due to overproduction of eggs and resultant hen quotas and cost increases in the States].</p>
		43	45	<p>AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE - RECOUNTS IN ELECTIONS</p> <p>To provide a legislative procedure covering recounts in council elections.</p>
		45	46	<p>AMENDMENT OF THE ARCHITECTS ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend the Architects Ordinance to enable registration of architects without the requirement for specific regulations.</p>
		46	47	<p>OFFERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - KATHERINE AND TENNANT CREEK</p> <p>To approve the release of draft offers of local government status for Katherine and Tennant Creek to the respective Town Management Boards and other interested persons and organisations.</p>
		47	48	<p>REMUNERATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER</p> <p>To decide on an approach to be adopted for determining the remuneration of the permanent Public Service Commissioner.</p>
		49	49	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE WORKMENS COMPENSATION ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend the Workmens Compensation Ordinance to provide that lump sum benefits and weekly benefits are not mutually exclusive.</p>
		50	50	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Papers not included. Proposals in relation to: Control of Roads (road closures); Crown Lands (pastoral lease of uneconomic areas); Fisheries Inspectors; Hospital Advisory Boards; Housing (economic rents); Lottery and Gaming applications; Appointments to Northern Territory Reserves Board; Public Service – appointments of CEOs; Membership of Radiographers Board; Soil Conservation - area of erosion hazard at Undoolya); Public and Bank Holiday – 21 March 1977; Alice Springs Town Planning Scheme; Trustees of the Fred's Pass Recreation Reserve; Appointment of a Chief Magistrate and Stipendiary Magistrates; Appointment of an Acting Stipendiary Magistrate.</p>

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10	18/4/1977	48	51	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE SMALL CLAIMS ORDINANCE</p> <p>To legislate to provide that the Court shall publish at six monthly intervals in the Gazette and specified newspapers the details of claimants, respondents, nature of dispute and Court orders in relation to Small Claims matters.</p>
		51	52	<p>AMENDMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE - GENERAL POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND BY-LAWS</p> <p>To approve the preparation of legislation to differentiate between and consolidate powers and functions of councils and provide councils with a strengthened by-law making capacity.</p>
		52	53	<p>DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR SUBSIDIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES</p> <p>To establish policy on payment of dollar for dollar subsidies to Corporations established under a Local Government Ordinance. <i>Note: Filed out of order.</i></p>
		53	54	<p>AMENDMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS: FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>To gain approval to amend the Local Government Regulations which contain outdated monetary ceilings, performance requirements and superseded requirements. <i>Note: Filed out of order.</i></p>
		54	55	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE - INCLUSION OF DEFENCE RESERVES IN MUNICIPALITIES</p> <p>To authorise amendments to the Local Government Ordinance to allow the existing discretion of the Administrator in Council to include Defence areas in municipalities to be exercised without creating confusion over the rateability of such areas and the exercise of Council power. <i>Note: Filed out of order.</i></p>
		-	56	<p>LOAN TO HOME FINANCE TRUSTEE</p> <p>Without Submission. Criteria for the proposed arrangements for a loan to the Home Finance Trustee from the Housing Commission. <i>Note: Filed out of order.</i></p>
11	3/5/1977	61	57	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>List of Business Paper Numbers - no copies of Submissions or details of proposals. <i>Note: Filed out of order.</i></p>
		57	58	<p>ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</p> <p>To recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of one of its members as an observer to the meetings of the Council for Inter-Governmental Relations.</p>

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		55	59	<p>NORTHERN TERRITORY INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL</p> <p>To propose that liaison be established between the NT Industries and Commerce Development Council and the Legislative Assembly through Cabinet.</p>
		56	60	<p>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER - BY-LAW MAKING POWERS</p> <p>To agree to a proposal to make a by-law enabling implementation of the recent National Wage Increase for NT Public Service employees and to decide whether or not it is desirable to limit the future exercise of by-law making powers by the Commissioner.</p>
12	17/5/1977	58	61	<p>PASTORAL LEASES OVER FORMER ABORIGINAL RESERVES</p> <p>To remove doubt over the validity of Pastoral Lease Nos. 727 and 793 which arose due to inadvertent failure by Government to excise two Aboriginal reserves.</p>
		59	62	<p>1977/78 ACQUISITION PROGRAMME - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (ORIGINAL SUBMISSION NO. 37)</p> <p>At the request of Federal Cabinet, to identify any items that can be withdrawn from the programme and indicate relative priority of the remaining programme.</p>
		60	63	<p>AMENDMENTS - ANNUAL HOLIDAY ORDINANCE</p> <p>To correct anomalies in the legislation re the definition of employer and employee, casual and part-time employees, holiday pay calculations, pro-rata leave entitlements and other matters.</p>
		62	64	<p>NT POLICE TRANSPORT SYSTEM</p> <p>To consider a proposal that NT Police maintain an autonomous fleet of vehicles.</p>
		64	65	<p>AIRFARE AND LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS OF NT PUBLIC SERVANTS - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION</p> <p>To note comment by the Public Service Board and Public Service Commissioner on the issue of tropical leave and airfare entitlements.</p>
		65	66	<p>AMENDMENTS - CHURCH LANDS LEASES ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend the Ordinance to provide for the granting of leases of Crown land for the purposes of a mosque.</p>

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		66	67	<p>BUILDING SOCIETIES</p> <p>To update the legislation governing the registration of building societies regarding minimum capital requirements.</p>
		67	68	<p>MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - INCREASE IN FEES</p> <p>To propose an increase in motor vehicle registration and associated fees (Decision 34 relates).</p>
		68	69	<p>NT POLICE ASSOCIATION - ON DUTY PRIVILEGES</p> <p>To recommend a grant of extension of on-duty privileges to members of the Executive of the NT Police Association attending quarterly meetings held in Alice Springs.</p>
		69	70	<p>PAROLE OF PRISONERS ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend the legislation to transfer powers from the Administrator in Council and the Administrator to the Executive Member and by providing a power of delegation.</p>
		70	71	<p>BAN ON SMOKING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT</p> <p>To seek approval to investigate a proposal to ban smoking in public transport for a trial period of six months.</p>
		71	72	<p>MINING BILL (NO. 2) 1977</p> <p>To provide that a mining development lease holder have prior rights over any other interest for the grant of a mining lease, and to permit discussion with industry.</p>
		63 & 72	73	<p>ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1977/78 REDUCTION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION</p> <p>To replace some details of estimated expenditure in Submission No. 63.</p>

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MEETING NO.	MEETING DATE	SUB NO.	DEC NO.	TITLE AND PURPOSE/DETAILS
13	7/6/1977	73	74	<p>DARWIN TOWN AREA LEASES ORDINANCE – AMENDMENTS</p> <p>To provide that leases issued before February 1961 are subject to forfeiture if covenants are not complied with by 1 July 1978.</p>
		74	75	<p>LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING PROGRAMME – PRIORITIES</p> <p>To determine an order of priorities for legislative drafting tasks.</p>
		75	76	<p>INCREASE IN FEES FOR HIRE CARS</p> <p>To recommend an increase in fees chargeable for the use of hire cars.</p>
		76	77	<p>MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - RESTRICTED PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF INTERSTATE OR OVERSEAS REGISTRATIONS</p> <p>To recommend legislation be introduced restricting the period a motor vehicle registered interstate or overseas may be used in the Territory before being registered locally.</p>
		77	78	<p>MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE - THIRD PARTY INSURANCE AND NOMINAL DEFENDANT SYSTEM (SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO SUBMISSION NO. 33)</p> <p>To provide further information in respect of this proposal.</p>
		78	79	<p>EXTENSION OF TAXI METERED AREAS</p> <p>To extend taxi metered areas for the purposes of the Hire Car Regulations to include Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.</p>
		79	80	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE</p> <p>To validate town planning decisions made by the Darwin Reconstruction Commission.</p>

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		80	81	<p>EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLASS 2, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</p> <p>To transfer Mr WJ Coburn from the Department of the Northern Territory to the NT Public Service to fill the above vacancy, and to create a position of Departmental Head for the Department of Community Services and make an appointment to that position.</p>
14	14/6/1977 and 15/6/1977	82	82	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Public Service; Town Planning; Caravan Parks; Control of Roads; Crown Lands; Darwin Community College; Fisheries; Holidays; Hospital Advisory Boards [Tennant Creek]; Licensing; Lottery and Gaming; Mining; Parole of Prisoners; Trustee Act; Disposal of Uncollected Goods.</p>
15	5/7/1977	35	83	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SUBSIDIES - PAYMENT IN ADVANCE</p> <p>To allow payment of subsidies in advance to provide flexibility in programming works by Corporations.</p>
		81	84	<p>EXPLOSIVES ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend this Ordinance and Regulations in relation to matters such as bringing gunpowder and fireworks within the scope of the legislation, excluding mines from the provisions of the legislation and establishing grades of Shotfirers Certificates.</p>
		83	85	<p>AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE (FURLOUGH ENTITLEMENTS)</p> <p>To provide furlough entitlements to Northern Territory public servants.</p>
		84	86	<p>AMENDMENT OF POLICE REGULATIONS</p> <p>To enable promotions to First Class Constable and Senior Constable to be brought into line with other police forces.</p>
		85	87	<p>BY-LAW MAKING POWERS OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER</p> <p>To clarify Cabinet Decision No. 60 whereby it was decided the approval of the Executive Member is to be a prerequisite to the making of by-laws by the Public Service Commissioner.</p>
		86	88	<p>SUBSIDY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE-BREAKS - ALICE SPRINGS</p> <p>To approve a subsidy of up to \$1000 per property in the Alice Springs area for the construction and maintenance of fire breaks.</p>

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		87	89	<p>AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE</p> <p>To provide for a CEO in departments or units without such an officer and to provide for an appropriate authority in the NT Public Service for the appointment of persons on transfer from the Commonwealth Public Service.</p>
		88	90	<p>FIRE PROTECTION - ABORIGINAL AREAS</p> <p>To provide for organised fire protection in Aboriginal townships and areas by recruiting and training an Aboriginal division within the NT Fire Brigade.</p>
		-	91	<p>200 MILE FISHING ZONE</p> <p>Without Submission. Decision: that the Northern Territory should support Queensland and Western Australia in having the Commonwealth Government declare the 200 mile fishing zone immediately.</p>
		-	92	<p>HONOURS AND AWARDS</p> <p>Without Submission. Decision: The Director-General to determine the appropriate procedure in respect of Imperial and Australian Honours, and submit a list of recommendations.</p>
		-	93	<p>FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS</p> <p>Without Submission. Decision: The Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Government to prepare a submission regarding financial delegations for Cabinet Members and the NT Public Service.</p>
16	19/7/1977	89	94	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Control of Roads; Lottery and Gaming; Licensing; Magistrates; Motor Vehicles; Police and Police Offences; Ports; Prisons; Public Service; Town Planning; Workmans Compensation; Crown Lands; Darwin Community College; Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation; Mining; Local Government. Also release of market garden blocks – Harrison Dam Area.</p>
		90	95	<p>NOTIFICATION OF STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>To advise on various statutory appointments made (Recreation Reserves, Local Government related appointments, Tourist Board, Building Board, Bushfires Council.</p>
		91	96	<p>DELEGATIONS - PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION</p> <p>To establish guidelines for the exercise of delegations under the Audit Act and Finance Regulations by Executive Members and CEOs.</p>

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		92	97	<p>ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1977/78</p> <p>To approve allocation of funds and to determine a policy in respect of additional estimates.</p>
		93	98	<p>DEPARTMENTAL JUSTIFICATION TO HOLD LAND</p> <p>To seek Cabinet's attitude towards a proposal that Government Departments annually justify their land holdings [e.g. vacant Crown land].</p>
		94	99	<p>BUILDING ORDINANCE</p> <p>To adopt the Building Manual 1975 (Darwin Area) with modifications, as a Building Manual for the Northern Territory and to approve an extension of control by the Building Board.</p>
		95	100	<p>NUMBER PLATES FOR VEHICLES USED BY THE CONSULAR CORPS</p> <p>To issue a special number plate for use on vehicles of accredited Consul and to remit the registration fees for such vehicles.</p>
		96	101	<p>ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL</p> <p>To incorporate the Road Safety Council by statute.</p>
		97	102	<p>ADVERTISING ON OMNIBUSES</p> <p>To amend the Motor Omnibus Regulations and the Traffic Regulations to provide for advertising on omnibuses.</p>
		98	103	<p>STRAW COMPANIES</p> <p>To legislate to overcome the evasion of road maintenance charges by the setting up of "straw companies" in the Northern Territory.</p>
		99	104	<p>PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE - APPLICATION TO MEMBERS OF THE NT POLICE FORCE</p> <p>To remove the Northern Territory Police Force from the Public Service of the Northern Territory.</p>
		100	105	<p>POLICE ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE</p> <p>To repeal and replace administrative and employment sectors in the overall program of updating the Police and Police Offences legislation.</p>

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		101	106	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend the Traffic Ordinance to include vehicles owned by municipal councils or certain contractors to be included in the exemption provisions of section 26 (offences regarding obstructing or endangering of traffic).</p>
		-	107	<p>COMPANIES ORDINANCE</p> <p>Without Submission. Decision: The Director-General was requested to ascertain the transfer date of the Companies Ordinance.</p>
17	2/8/1977	102	108	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Companies; Crown Lands; Lottery and Gaming; Police and Police Offences; Ports; Public Service; Town Planning.</p>
		103	109	<p>NOTIFICATION OF STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>To advise of statutory appointments made (NT Consumer Protection Council, Medical Board of the NT).</p>
		104	110	<p>AMENDMENT TO MOTOR VEHICLES ORDINANCE</p> <p>To amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance to provide that a Learner's Permit for a learner enrolled in a Student Driver Education Course be issued for a period of up to three months in lieu of the current 28 days.</p>
		-	111	<p>PORT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TENDER FOR ADDITIONAL LAND</p> <p>Without Submission. Decision: The Port Authority to be advised that it would be impractical for the Authority to make an offer in the terms proposed as Cabinet could not make the necessary financial arrangements under those terms.</p>
18	7/9/1977	105	112	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Town Planning; Motor Vehicles; Fisheries; Wildlife Conservation and Control; Lottery and Gaming; Place Names; Police and Police Offences; Prisons; Public Service; Control of Roads; Trustee Act; Darwin Community College; Territory Parks and Wildlife; Crown Lands; Companies, Darwin Town Area Leases; Explosives; Hospital Advisory Boards; Moneylenders; Soil Conservation and Control.</p>

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Volume 4

20 September 1977 – 1 December 1977

MEETING NO.	MEETING DATE	SUB NO.	DEC NO.	TITLE AND PURPOSE/DETAILS
19	20/9/1977	106	113	<p>APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY</p> <p>To consider the appointment of a Public Service Commissioner for the Northern Territory.</p>
		107	114	<p>NT BUDGET SPEECH</p> <p>To consider a proposed Budget Speech (1977/78).</p>
20	27/9/1977	108	115	<p>THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PREMIUMS</p> <p>To consider the adoption of a report by the Australian Government Actuary in relation to increases in third party insurance premiums in the Northern Territory.</p>
		109	116	<p>FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</p> <p>To confirm functional responsibilities of Executive Members and endorse responsibilities for Ordinances for respective Executive Members.</p>
		110	117	<p>NORTHERN SUBURBS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRY AND DRIVER TRAINING CENTRE</p> <p>To seek approval in principle to continue with plans for the construction of and negotiation for suitable land for a northern suburbs motor vehicle registry complex and an advanced driver training centre.</p>
		111	118	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Darwin Town Area Leases; Hospital Advisory Boards (Darwin); Lottery and Gaming; Motor Vehicles; Crown Lands; Public Service; Town Planning; Control of Roads; Darwin Community College; Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation; Police and Police Offences. Also Heavitree Gap housing and camping land for Aboriginal people.</p>
21	10/10/1977	112	119	<p>COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS AND ATTENDANCE CENTRES</p> <p>To provide legislation to enable more sentencing alternatives for criminal offenders.</p>

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		113	120	<p>NT LIBRARY SERVICES</p> <p>To consider provision of additional floor space for the Central Library Operation.</p>
		114	121	<p>COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME</p> <p>To establish general policy guidelines for assistance under the Community Grants Scheme, and approve distribution of funds set aside for grants-in-aid in 1977/78.</p>
		115	122	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE - NUMBER OF ALDERMEN REPRESENTING A WARD</p> <p>Item deferred – no papers filed with this Decision.</p>
		117	123	<p>ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIREMENTS - DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND HEALTH</p> <p>Item deferred – no papers filed with this Decision. Decision approved some positions as an interim measure.</p>
		118	124	<p>NT GOVERNMENT GAZETTE – CHARGES</p> <p>To obtain approval for increases in charges for NT Gazette sales – subscriptions and insertions.</p>
		119	125	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Lottery and Gaming; Town Planning; Motor Vehicles; Public Service; Crown Lands; Control of Roads; Freehold Titles.</p>
		120	126	<p>TERRITORY REVENUE RAISING CAPACITY</p> <p>Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision (although see typed note dated 7 October 1997 to Director-General– last folio for this meeting).</p>
		116	127	<p>LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME – PRIORITIES</p> <p>Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.</p>
22	22/10/1977	115	128	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE - NUMBER OF ALDERMEN REPRESENTING A WARD</p> <p>To amend the Local Government Ordinance to provide flexibility in the number of aldermen representing a ward of a municipality.</p>

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		116	129	<p>LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME – PRIORITIES</p> <p>Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.</p>
		117	130	<p>ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIREMENTS - DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND HEALTH</p> <p>To consider additional staff for the Policy/Project Unit and the Executive/Management Unit of the Department.</p>
		120	131	<p>TERRITORY REVENUE RAISING CAPACITY</p> <p>No papers filed with this Decision. Decision: To write to Minister for the Northern Territory seeking assistance in terms of project officers and draftsmen to enable proposed increase in charges to be implemented and to review the individual items.</p>
		121	132	<p>URANIUM MINING - NT POLICE STAFF REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>To seek approval for an increase in Police strength to meet threats of disruptive action and to establish a Police Station Complex at the mining townsite.</p>
		83	133	<p>AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE (FURLOUGH ENTITLEMENTS)</p> <p>To provide for furlough entitlements for NT Public Servants.</p>
		122	134	<p>FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</p> <p>To re-consider the decision (No. 116) to transfer responsibility for the Co-Operative Trading Societies (Loan Guarantee) Ordinance from the Executive Member for Transport and Industry to the Executive Member for Law.</p>
		123	135	<p>CABINET MEETINGS</p> <p>To determine dates (and locations) for Cabinet meetings for the remainder of 1977.</p>
		124	136	<p>PAROLE BOARD MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>To consider the appointment of Member of the Northern Territory Parole Board.</p>
		125	137	<p>NORTHERN TERRITORY DISASTERS ORDINANCE</p> <p>To clarify certain personnel matters relating to the Northern Territory Disasters Ordinance.</p>

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		126	138	AUCTIONEERS ORDINANCE To amend the legislation to remove the prohibition on auctions on Sundays.
		127	139	PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ESTIMATES Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		128	140	DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE To select a person for appointment to the position of Senior Executive Officer Level 1 in the Territory Parks and Wildlife Commission.
		129	141	LOTTERY AND GAMING ORDINANCE Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		130	142	LEGAL AID ORDINANCE Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		131	143	APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL HEAD - DEPARTMENT OF LAW To obtain endorsement of an appointee to the position of Departmental Head of the Department of Law and the engagement of the same person as Counsel to the Northern Territory Executive pending creation of an office of Solicitor for the Northern Territory.
23	31/10/1977	116	144	LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME – PRIORITIES To determine an order of priorities for implementation of the legislative programme.
		127	145	PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ESTIMATES To seek approval for the Executive Member for Finance and Planning to determine procedures to be adopted in the preparation and submission of estimates for the Government of the Northern Territory.
		129	146	LOTTERY AND GAMING ORDINANCE To introduce turnover tax and opening fees (licensed bookmakers).
		130	147	LEGAL AID ORDINANCE To consider legislation to establish a Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission.

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		131	148	PROVISION OF TOURIST CAMPING IN DARWIN Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		132	149	REMUNERATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF NORTHERN TERRITORY BETTING CONTROL BOARD Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		133	150	NURSING AIDES REGULATIONS – PROPOSED AMENDMENT Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		134	151	AMENDMENT TO DENTAL SERVICE CHARGES AT GOVERNMENT DENTAL CLINIC Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		135	152	INCREASE IN THE HOUSING COMMISSION NORTHERN TERRITORY'S APPROVED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME To seek approval for the Housing Commission Northern Territory to increase its Capital Works Programme for 1977/78 by utilisation of funds currently held in the Commission's investment accounts, being unencumbered proceeds from insurance payouts or from sold houses damaged or destroyed in Cyclone Tracy.
		136	153	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision.
		137	154	AMENDMENT OF THE WORKMENS COMPENSATION ORDINANCE To give the Workmens Compensation Tribunal power to award costs.
		138	155	PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE To provide for administration within Public Service Departments (Departmental Heads and Chief Executive Officers).
		139	156	SALES OF NT LEGISLATION – CHARGES To consider an increase in prices for individual pamphlet copies of NT legislation and annual subscription charges.

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24	4/11/1977	136	157	<p>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS</p> <p>Proposals under the following legislation: Control of Roads; Place Names; Police and Police Offences; Ports; Public Sector; Town Planning; Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation; Lottery and Gaming; Darwin Community College; Crown Lands.</p>
25	11/11/1977	131	158	<p>PROVISION OF TOURIST CAMPING IN DARWIN</p> <p>Discussion Paper on the provision of facilities for tourist campers in Darwin (approval of site and responsibility for ownership/administration).</p>
		132	159	<p>REMUNERATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF NORTHERN TERRITORY'S BETTING CONTROL BOARD</p> <p>To review the rate and method of payment for the Executive Officers of the NT Betting Control Board.</p>
		133	160	<p>TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSING AIDES</p> <p>To amend the Nursing Aides Regulations in respect of conditions for the approval for institutions to be a training school for nursing aides.</p>
		134	161	<p>DENTAL SERVICE CHARGES AT GOVERNMENT DENTAL CLINICS</p> <p>Deferred item – no papers filed with this Decision – further details requested.</p>
		140	162	<p>COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME</p> <p>To establish a discretionary fund for distribution by the Cabinet Member to meet previously unforeseen requirements with power for on-the-spot commitment.</p>
		141	163	<p>ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL</p> <p>To approve the preparation of legislation to incorporate by ordinance the present non-statutory unincorporated Road Safety Council.</p>
		142	164	<p>ABATTOIRS AND SLAUGHTERING REGULATIONS</p> <p>To extend slaughtering controls to Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.</p>
		143	165	<p>WILLEROO PROJECT</p> <p>Deferred pending further information. No papers filed with this Decision (but see Decision 172).</p>

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		144	166	LICENSED GAME HUNTING IN THE NT To introduce licensed game hunting in the Northern Territory to enable management and conservation of wildlife stocks, and raising of revenue.
		145	167	SHOOTING OF BANTENG CATTLE ON THE MURGENELLA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY To consider the licensing of the shooting of Banteng cattle and related matters.
		146	168	COMMERCIAL CROCODILE FARMING To consider the establishment of a commercial crocodile farm.
26	23/11/1977	147	169	CROWN LANDS REGULATIONS To repeal and amend certain regulations relating to Occupation Licences.
		148	170	FISHERIES ORDINANCE To consider amendment of the Fisheries Ordinance in respect of management control of fisheries, powers to revoke licences and confidentiality of returns.
		149	171	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE – NUMBER OF ALDERMEN REPRESENTING A WARD No papers filed with this Decision. Decision: Not to approve the recommendation – Submission 115 relates, along with a later Decision.
27	1/12/1977	143	172	WILLEROO PROJECT To seek approval for the purchase of Willeroo and Dry River Stations to develop an agricultural project through the use of share farming with ultimate subdivision into private farms.

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