



Extracts of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 039* – Wednesday, 15 October 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

12. Commencement

- 12.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.04 am.

15. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 15.1. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to agree to consider a draft Annual Reports schedule out of session.
- 15.2. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to authorise its portions of the Annual Reports hearing schedule to be circulated to other Standing Committees as required.

16. Close

- 16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.00 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 041* – Wednesday, 5 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.10 pm.

4. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 4.1. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to inquire into the Annual Report of the Official Visitors.
- 4.2. The Committee noted that invitations to public hearings had been sent to the Minister for Corrections and Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Legal Aid, the Inspector of Custodial Services, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney-General and Minister

for Human Rights, the Solicitor-General, the Human Rights Commissioner, Official Visitors (Corrections), and the Public Trustee and Guardian on 30 October 2025.

- 4.3. The Committee agreed on a process for asking substantive and supplementary questions for the Committee and visiting Members.

12. Close

- 12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.50 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 042* – Monday, 10 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 1.46pm.

2. Inquiry into Annual Reports 2024-25 – public hearing

- 2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Legal Aid ACT:
- Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Mark Timbrell, Head Corporate

- 2.2. The Committee noted the following potential conflicts of interest:

- 2.2.1. The Chair was previously a colleague of Mr Timbrell
- 2.2.2. Mr Timbrell is a friend of the Secretary's husband

- 2.3. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

- 2.4. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- ACT Public Trustee & Guardian:
- Ms Robyn Hakelis, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Callum Hughes, Senior Director – Finance Unit
- Ms Danae Lacy, Senior Director – Client Services, via webex

4. Close

- 4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.43pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 043* – Tuesday, 11 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Visting Member: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 4.25 pm.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

2.1. The following witness came to the table and was examined:

- Mr Peter Garrison AM SC, ACT Solicitor General

2.2. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

3. Private discussion

3.1. The Committee resolved [RATTENBURY] to accept and publish the opening statement provided by the Director of Public Prosecutions for the public hearing on Wednesday 12 November 2025 for the *Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25*.

5. Close

5.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.10 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 044* – Wednesday, 12 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 4.35 pm.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Ms Victoria Engel SC, Director of Public Prosecutions
- Ms Melinda Graczol, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions

4. Close

4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.05 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 045* – Friday, 14 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair)

Visting member: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 10.10 am.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services officials:
- Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services
- Mr Sean Costello, Deputy Inspector of Custodial Services

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.3. The Chair suspended proceedings between 10.40 am and 2.02 pm.

2.4. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- ACT Human Rights Commission representatives:
- Dr Penelope Mathew, President and Human Rights Commissioner
- Ms Karen Toohey, Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner and Information Privacy Commissioner, via Webex
- Ms Margie Rowe, Acting Victims of Crime Commissioner

4. Close

4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.34 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 046* – Monday, 17 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Visting members: Ms Andrew Braddock MLA, Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 3.45 pm.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Minister for Corrections
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
- Mr Ray Johnson, Acting Director-General
- Ms Wilhelmina Blount, Acting Deputy Director-General
- Mrs Leanne Close, Commissioner, ACT Corrective Services
- Mr James Taylor-Dayus, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Custodial Operations, ACT Corrective Services

4. Close

4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.04 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 047* – Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Visting Members: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA, Ms Deborah Morris MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 3.45 pm.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- Infrastructure Canberra officials:
- Mr Ashley Cahif, Deputy Director-General
- Ms Hayley Bell, Executive Group Manager, Delivery – Health, Education and Justice

4. Close

4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.05 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 048* – Thursday, 20 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Visting Members: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA, Ms Fiona Carrick MLA, Mr Thomas Emerson MLA, Ms Deborah Morris MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.59 pm.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Ms Tara Cheyne MLA, Attorney-General and Minister for Human Rights
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
- Mr Ray Johnson, Acting Director-General
- Ms Dragana Cvetkovski, Chief Finance Officer, Corporate Services Group
- Mr Daniel Ng, Acting Executive Group Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs Division
- Ms Zoe Hutchinson, Executive Branch Manager, Human Rights Branch, Legislation, Policy and Programs Division
- Mr Benjamin Wickham, Chief Executive Officer, ACT Courts and Tribunal

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.3. The Chair suspended proceedings between 2.49 pm and 3.15 pm.

2.4. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
- Ms Wilhelmina Blout, Acting Deputy Director-General
- Mr Wayne Philips, Commissioner, ACT Emergency Services Agency
- Mr Rohan Scott, Chief Officer, ACT Rural Fire Service, ACT Emergency Services Agency
- Mr David Dutton, Chief Officer, ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Emergency Services Agency
- Ms Catherine King, Executive Group Manager, Security and Emergency Management Division

- Deputy Commissioner Scott Lee, Chief Police Officer for the ACT, ACT Policing
 - Commander Andrew Bailey, Commander of Investigations, ACT Policing
 - City and Environment Directorate official:
 - Mr Nicholas Daines, Senior Director, ACT Parks and Conservation
- 2.5. The Chair suspended proceedings between 3.55 pm and 4.00 pm.
- 2.6. The Chair resumed proceedings *in camera*. Witnesses present were:
- Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
 - Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
 - Mr Ray Johnson, Acting Director-General
 - Deputy Commissioner Scott Lee, Chief Police Officer for the ACT, ACT Policing
 - Acting Assistant Commissioner Paula Hudson, Acting Deputy Chief Police Officer, ACT Policing
 - Acting Commander Joseph Thorn, performing the duties of Commander of Operations, ACT Policing
 - Commander Andrew Bailey, Commander of Investigations, ACT Policing
- 2.7. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to view body-worn camera footage, to be provided by ACT Policing at a later date, in confidence.
- 2.8. The Chair suspended proceedings between 4.03 pm and 4.04 pm.
- 2.9. The Chair resumed the public hearing and witnesses resumed giving evidence.
- 4. Close**
- 4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.04 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 049* – Friday, 21 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Visting Members: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.54 am.

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 – public hearing

- 2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Official Visitors representatives:
- Mr Peter Muir, Official Visitors Board Chair (via Webex)
- Ms Clare Doube, Official Visitor for Corrections and Official Visitors Board member
- Ms Kim Webster, Official Visitor for Disability

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

3. Private meeting

- 3.1. The Committee discussed proposed times for viewing video footage to be provided by ACT Policing.
- 3.2. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to propose alternative times to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

5. Close

- 5.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.20 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 050* – Tuesday, 25 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 5.15 pm.

3. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25: Private briefing from ACT Policing

- 3.1. The Committee considered correspondence, received 25 November 2025, from ACT Policing regarding confidentiality of body-worn camera footage of the police incident discussed at the public hearing on Thursday 20 November 2025.
- 3.2. A response to the correspondence had been agreed out of session and provided to ACT Policing shortly before the meeting.
- 3.3. The Committee received a briefing regarding the incident and body-worn camera footage from:
 - 3.3.1. Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
 - 3.3.2. Deputy Commissioner Scott Lee APM, Chief Police Officer for the ACT
 - 3.3.3. Mr Peter Whowell, Executive General Manager, Corporate Services
 - 3.3.4. Mr Jorge Robinson, National Manager, Security and Integrity
 - 3.3.5. Mr Ben Case, Commander, Professional Standards

- 3.4. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to provide an assurance in writing to ACT Policing that it would keep the contents of body-worn camera footage of the incident confidential until the conclusion of an investigation by ACT Policing.
- 3.5. The Minister undertook to arrange a date and time agreeable to the Committee to see the footage in the near future.

6. Close

- 6.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.41 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 051* – Wednesday, 26 November 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02 am.

4. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 4.1. The Committee considered a draft response to ACT Policing's request for an assurance in writing that the Committee would keep the contents of body-worn camera footage of the incident confidential until fact-finding for investigations by ACT Policing and the Ombudsman had concluded.
- 4.2. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to send the response.
- 4.3. The Committee deferred consideration of recommendations for the inquiry report until a later date.

16. Close

- 16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.28 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 052* – Tuesday, 2 December 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.32 pm.

5. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 5.1. The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 5.1.1. Received 25 November 2025, letter from ACT Policing regarding the body-worn camera footage.
 - 5.1.2. Sent 25 November 2025, response to ACT Policing.
 - 5.1.3. Received 25 November 2025, second letter from ACT Policing regarding the body-worn camera footage.
 - 5.1.4. Sent 26 November 2025, further response to ACT Policing with agreement to request not to disclose or make public commentary or seek to engage with the family about contents of body worn camera footage.
- 5.2. Dr Marisa Paterson, MLA, and the following officials joined the meeting at 12.38 pm:
- 5.2.1. Deputy Commissioner Scott Lee APM, Chief Police Officer for the ACT
 - 5.2.2. Mr Jorge Robinson, National Manager, Security and Integrity, ACT Policing
 - 5.2.3. Mr Ben Case, Commander, Professional Standards, ACT Policing
 - 5.2.4. Detective Acting Sergeant Leigh Burton, ACT Policing
 - 5.2.5. Detective Acting Inspector Olivia Cruise, ACT Policing
 - 5.2.6. Commander Andrew Bailey, ACT Policing
 - 5.2.7. Mr Kane Loft, Police DLO
- 5.3. The Committee viewed body-worn camera footage as agreed during the in-camera session of the Committee on Thursday, 20 November 2025.
- 5.4. Police officials answered questions from the Committee.
- 5.5. Mr Robinson suggested to the Committee that ACT Policing could return to answer further questions once the Police Professional Standards inquiry had finalised its findings.
- 5.6. The visitors withdrew at 12.52 pm.
- 5.7. The Committee discussed the inquiry.
- 5.8. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] that the Chair write to the Minister, thanking her for the private briefing and requesting a further briefing once the formal investigation has concluded.
- 5.9. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the Chair write to the ACT Ombudsman, acknowledging his inquiry into the same incident and expressing interest in his findings.

8. Close

- 8.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.57 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 053* – Friday, 5 December 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 9.15 am.

6. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to adopt the draft letters to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and to the ACT Ombudsman regarding the incident of an Aboriginal teenage boy being incorrectly arrested.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.35 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 054* – Wednesday, 10 December 2025

Members present: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Apologies: Ms Chiaka Barry (Chair)

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.09 pm.

4. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

4.1. The Committee discussed the inquiry.

4.2. Members agreed to send recommendations to the Secretary. The Secretary will circulate the list of potential recommendations suggested by evidence at the hearings.

4.3. The Committee noted letters to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and the Ombudsman, sent on 8 December 2025 in relation to the ACT Policing incident involving mistaken identity of an Aboriginal teenager.

16. Close

16.1. The Deputy Chair closed the meeting at 12.41 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 056* – Wednesday, 21 January 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.06 am.

6. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 6.1. The Committee considered correspondence from Ms Leanne Close, Commissioner, ACT Corrective Services, providing clarification to evidence provided at the public hearing on 17 November 2025.
- 6.2. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to receive and authorise for publication the correction to evidence.
- 6.3. The Committee deliberated on proposed recommendations.

19. Close

- 19.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.27 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 058* – Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

9. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 9.1. The Committee noted the status of this inquiry.

13. Close

- 13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.29 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 060* – Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

8. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 8.1. The Committee noted the inquiry.

12. Close

- 12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.37 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 062* – Wednesday, 4 March 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02 am.

8. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

8.1. The Committee agreed to defer report consideration to its next private meeting.

11. Close

11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.03 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 064* – Wednesday, 11 March 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Apologies: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03 am.

5. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

5.1. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

5.2. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.

5.3. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

5.4. Chapter 1 – agreed to

Chapter 2 – agreed to

5.5. Chapter 3 – agreed to

5.6. Chapter 4 – agreed to

5.7. Chapter 5 – agreed to

5.8. Paragraphs 6.1 to 6.15 – agreed to

5.9. Recommendation 6 – amended and agreed to

5.10. Chapter 7 – agreed to

5.11. Chapter 8 – agreed to

5.12. Chapter 9 – agreed to

5.13. Chapter 10 – agreed to

- 5.14. Chapter 11 – agreed to
- 5.15. Chapter 12 – agreed to
Appendix A – agreed to
Appendix B – agreed to
- 5.16. Appendix C – agreed to
- 5.17. Appendix D – agreed to.
- 5.18. The Committee **resolved** [CHAIR] to adopt the report, as amended.
- 5.19. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Secretary be authorised to make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.
- 5.20. Noting that the order of the Assembly requires the inquiry to be concluded by 12 May 2026, the Committee agreed that the Chair would table the report during the sitting weeks commencing on 17 March 2026.
- 5.21. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided at least a day before tabling and they are not circulated to Members prior to tabling.
- 5.22. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 5.23. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 5.24. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to adopt the media release.

10. Close

- 10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.24 am.

All minutes are signed by the Chair, except for Meeting 64, which is certified correct by the secretary.

[CERTIFIED CORRECT]



Ms Kathleen de Kleuver
Committee Secretary
11 March 2026