



Extract of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-2025

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 29* – 11 September 2025

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

12. Annual Reports 2024 – 2025 public hearings

12.1. The Committee resolved [TOUGH] to consider the draft schedule for the Annual Reports hearings between 10 and 21 November 2025 out of session.

12.2. The Committee resolved [TOUGH] that the Committee authorise its portions of the Annual Reports hearing schedule to be circulated to other standing committees as required

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 30* – 16 October 2025

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

9. Annual Reports 2024 – 2025 public hearings

9.1. The Committee noted that a draft schedule of hearings was close to being finalised and would soon be circulated for the Committee's consideration and agreement out of session.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 33* – 6 November 2025

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

13. Annual Reports 2024 – 2025 public hearings

13.1. The Committee noted the public hearing schedule for this inquiry.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 34* – 10 November 2025

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough

MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-2025

2.1. The following witnesses from the Suburban Land Agency came to the table and were examined:

- Mr Adam Davey, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Joey Lee, Executive Group Manager, Place Delivery
- Mr Tom Gordon, Executive Group Manager, Land Supply Group
- Mr Nicholas Holt, Executive Group Manager, Thriving Communities Group

2.2. The following witnesses from the City Renewal Authority came to the table and were examined:

- Mr Craig Gillman, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Lucy Wilson, Executive General Manager, Urbanisation and Renewal.

2.3. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 35* – 12 November 2025

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

Visitors: Mr Mark Parton MLA

Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-2025

2.1. The following witnesses from the City and Environment Directorate came to the table and were examined:

- Mr Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development and Minister for Heritage
- Mr Ben Green, Executive Group Manager, Planning and Urban Policy
- Mr Nick Lhuede, Executive Branch Manager, Construction and Planning Regulation
- Mr Bren Burkevics, Executive Group Manager, Environment, Heritage and Parks
- Mr George Cilliers, Executive Group Manager, Statutory Planning

- Mr James Bennett, Executive Branch Manager, Building, Design and Projects, Planning and Urban Policy
 - Mr Sam Engele, Deputy Director-General
 - Ms Sanzida Akhter, Executive Group Manager, Development and Implementation
 - Mr Dave Pepper, Director-General
 - Ms Melissa Tetley, Deputy Chief Finance Officer.
- 2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.
- 2.3. The Committee suspended proceedings between 11.00am and 11.15am.
- 2.4. The following witnesses from the City and Environment Directorate, came to the table and were examined:
- Ms Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services
 - Mr Dave Pepper, Director-General
 - Mr Sam Engele, Deputy Director-General
 - Mr Bren Burkevics, Executive Group Manager, Environment, Heritage and Parks
 - Dr Mary Clare Swete Kelly, Senior Director, ACT Heritage
 - Ms Michaela Watts, Executive Branch Manager, Parks and Conservation Service
 - Ms Melissa Tetley, Deputy Chief Finance Officer
 - Mr Matthew Kamarul, Executive Branch Manager, Environment, Land and Technical Regulation, Access Canberra

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 36 – 17 November 2025*

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough

MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

Visitors: Ms Laura Nuttall MLA

Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-2025

2.1. The following witnesses from the City and Environment Directorate came to the table and were examined:

- Ms Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water
- Mr Dave Pepper, Director-General
- Mr Sam Engele, Deputy Director-General
- Mr Bruce Fitzgerald, Deputy Director-General
- Ms Fiona Wright, Executive Group Manager
- Mr Keiran Lawton, Executive Branch Manager, Office for Water
- Ms Bethel Sendaba, Executive Branch Manager, Climate Change and Energy Policy
- Ms Ros Malouf, Executive Branch Manager, Climate Change and Energy Programs

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.3. The Committee suspended proceedings between 10.32am and 10.44am.

2.4. The following witnesses from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, and the Suburban Land Agency came to the table and were examined:

- Ms Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs
- Mr Russ Campbell, Under Treasurer, CMTEDD
- Ms Elizabeth Hall, Executive Group Manager, Economic and Financial Group, CMTEDD
- Ms Penny Shields, Executive Group Manager, CMTEDD
- Adam Davey, CEO, Suburban Land Agency

2.5. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.6. The Committee suspended proceedings at 11.44am and moved to a private meeting.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 37* – 18 November 2025

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

2. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-2025

2.1. The following witnesses from the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment came to the table and were examined:

- Dr Maxine Cooper, Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment
- Ms Miranda Gardner, Director Complaints and Investigations
- Mr Sean Grimes, Director, Sustainability, Environmental Assessments and Reporting

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 47* – 19 February 2026

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

10. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

10.1. The Committee considered a timeline for the completion of this inquiry and agreed to provide the secretariat with draft recommendations for consideration at its next private meeting on 5 March 2026.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 48* – 5 March 2026

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

11. Inquiry into annual and Financial reports 2024-2025

11.1. The Committee discussed the timeline for the completion of this inquiry, and for providing recommendations to the Secretariat.

11.2. The Committee agreed to consider a consolidated list of recommendations at its next private meeting.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 51* – 2 April 2026

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

10. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 10.1. The Committee discussed timelines for the completion of the Committee's report.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 52* – 23 April 2026

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

8. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 8.1. The Committee discussed timelines for the completion of the Committee's report.
- 8.2. The Committee resolved [CLAY] to schedule an additional meeting at 11.00 am on Friday 8 May 2026 to consider the report.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 55* – 30 April 2026

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

7. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

- 7.1. The Committee noted that it has a meeting scheduled for Friday 8 May 2026 to consider a draft report.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 56* – 8 May 2026

Members present: Ms Jo Clay MLA (Chair), Ms Fiona Carrick MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Mr Peter Cain MLA

4. Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-2025

- 4.1. The Committee noted the Chair's draft report was circulated on 7 May 2026.
- 4.2. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.
- 4.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by exception.
- 4.1. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:
- Recommendation 7: Amended
 - A new paragraph 3.76: Inserted
 - A new Recommendation 20: Inserted
- 4.2. The Committee resolved [CLAY] to adopt the Chair's draft report, as amended.
- 4.3. The Committee resolved [TOUGH] to adopt Appendices A, B and C.
- 4.4. The Committee resolved [CARRICK] 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.
- 4.5. Noting that the Assembly requires the inquiry to be concluded by 12 May 2026, the Committee agreed that the Chair would table the report on out of session on 8 May 2026, and table the report in the Assembly on the next sitting day, which is 26 May 2026.
- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 4.8. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 4.9. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee resolved [TOUGH] to adopt the media release.

All minutes are signed by the Chair.

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Nicola Straker
Acting Committee Secretary
21 May 2026