



# A practitioner's guide to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WEBSITE - [HTTP://WWW.NT.GOV.AU/LANT/](http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/)  
– CONTAINS A RANGE OF RESOURCES FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MATERIALS BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY.

## A Bill currently before the Assembly

The 'Register of Legislation' database contains all Bills put forward for consideration by the Assembly, Acts resulting from these proposals and new and amending subordinate legislation.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Legislation > Register of Legislation > Bills before the Legislative Assembly

## Legislation currently in force

One of the most important resources for legal practitioners in Northern Territory is the 'Current Northern Territory Legislation' database, available on the website of the Department of the Chief Minister. All current in force consolidated Acts and subordinate legislation of the Northern Territory are located here and very easily accessed via a link from the Legislative Assembly website.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Legislation > Current Northern Territory Legislation (link to website for Department of Chief Minister)

## An Explanatory Statement

Explanatory statements can be accessed by searching for the relevant piece of legislation on the 'Current Northern Territory Legislation' database.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Legislation > Current Northern Territory Legislation (link to website for Department of Chief Minister) > Under 'Acts and Subordinate Legislation', choose a search option and select the piece of legislation. Explanatory memoranda and other documents accompanying the legislation will be listed where available.

## Second reading speech

Second reading speeches can be found in the *Daily Hansard*, which is the full and unedited proof of parliamentary proceedings for a particular day of sittings. It is arranged according to individual sitting days.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Hansard Debates and Minutes of Proceedings > Daily Hansard > Full Text Transcript





## A history of a piece of legislation

This database is useful where information is sought on the period when a particular Act or piece of subordinate legislation was in force, and any subsequent amendments or repeals.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Legislation > Northern Territory Legislation History

## A Tabled paper

The DLA does not yet maintain digitised versions of tabled papers. However, practitioners seeking copies of a tabled paper can locate the document name in the “Index to Minutes of Proceedings and Papers Tabled” on the Assembly website and contact the LA Table Office to organise access to a physical copy.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Index to Minutes

As documents are arranged according to an Assembly (e.g. 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly), it is useful to know the approximate date on which a paper was tabled when searching the index. The simplest way to track down the date is to access the ‘Index to Minutes of Proceedings and Papers Tabled’ on the LA website, search the document for ‘papers’ and locate the date on which the paper was tabled during sittings (see link right).



Link the ‘Index to Minutes of Proceedings and Papers Tabled’: –

[http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliamentary-business/INX\\_12th\\_ASSEMBLY.pdf](http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliamentary-business/INX_12th_ASSEMBLY.pdf)



Accessing a paper: –

Contact the Department of the Legislative Assembly on (08) 8946 1512 or via email to [LATABLEOFFICE@nt.gov.au](mailto:LATABLEOFFICE@nt.gov.au)

## Committee Materials

Committee reports, media releases and other publications may also be accessed via the LA website.



How to get there on the LA website: –

Parliamentary Business > Committees and Reports > Select a Committee and find relevant documents under ‘Inquiries’, ‘Reports’ or ‘Other Publications’.

## Contact

The LA Table Office may be contacted for any enquiries about legislative and other documents before the Assembly:



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