

## **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Friday, 24 October 2014 from 8.58 am to 3 pm.

The committee called the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and the Department of Health for examination of cross portfolio Indigenous matters.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- staffing numbers, voluntary redundancies, the spill-and-fill process and staff morale at PM&C
- the Remote Community Advancement Network
- the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, including the guidelines and grant assessment processes, new incorporation requirements and funding levels
- the Aboriginals Benefit Account, including the latest round of grants and the transparency of decision-making processes
- the Prime Minister's trip to Arnhem Land in September 2014
- the feasibility assessment of the recommendations of the Forrest Review
- the Municipal and Essential Services Program
- the Remote Jobs and Communities Program
- the Remote School Attendance Strategy and the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure
- Alcohol Management Plans
- the source of alternative funding to support sufferers of Machado Joseph disease and funding to reduce Indigenous chronic disease and smoking
- the Northern Territory supply base for Opal fuel.