NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 27
Tuesday 21 September 2021

1. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit, presided.

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Mrs Lambley delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**
The Speaker made a statement regarding Chamber clocks.

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**
The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 310):

Message Number 9

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, VICKI O'HALLORAN AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, of the assent to the following proposed laws:

31 August 2021
Statute Law Amendment (Territory Economic Reconstruction) Act (Act Number 19 of 2021)

Dated 7 September 2021.

6. **SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS**
The Speaker announced the receipt from Her Honour the Administrator a Commission to administer to Members oaths or affirmations of allegiance and of office, which was laid upon the Table (Paper 311).

7. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**
The Speaker made a statement regarding media presence in the Chamber and the presence of dancers from the Electorate of Daly participating in the Member for Daly's Chamber entrance.

8. RETURN TO WRIT

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly tabled the Writ for the election of the Member for Daly elected on 11 September 2021, dated 19 August 2021 and returned to Her Honour the Administrator on 14 September 2021 (Paper 312).

9. MEMBER SWORN

The Member for Daly, Mr Dheran Young, was admitted to the Chamber, made and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance and of Office, and was conducted by his sponsors the Member for Fannie Bay and the Member for Arnhem, to his place in the Chamber (Paper 314).

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 10.11 and 10.26.

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10. PAPER TABLED: SHADOW PORTFOLIO ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, tabled: Shadow Portfolio Arrangements (Paper 313).

11. PAROLE AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 27)

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mrs Lambley, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Edgington, Mr Maley.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.01 and 14.00.

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12. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Guyula (Member for Mulka) gave notice that on the next General Business Day he will move that failings in remote education are acknowledged by the Legislative Assembly as a current crisis that requires significant redesign through genuine consultation with local communities, and that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to ensure that:

    - All remote communities are properly consulted through a process that contracts community development workers to facilitate lengthy discussions over many days with local teachers, elders, leaders and community members in local languages.
    - This process gives authority to communities so they can self-determine and propose education strategies, policies and programs that will benefit their children.
    - This process acknowledges diversity across our communities and that different strategies are needed in different communities.

2. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Liquor Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 29).
3. Ms Lawler (Minister for Environment) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 28).
4. Ms Lawler (Minister for Essential Services) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Electricity Reform Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 30).

13. PETITION

Mr Guyula, by leave, presented Petition Number 10 from 11,750 petitioners requesting the Government stop the expansion of Don Dale Youth Detention Centre and reverse the laws that are sending more children to prison (Paper 328).

Petition read.

14. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mrs Manison
14.06 Mr Costa to Mr Gunner
14.09 Mr Burgoyne to Mrs Manison
14.15 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.19 Ms Boothby to Mrs Manison
14.24 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Manison
14.28 Mr Edgington to Mrs Manison
14.32 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.36 Mr Maley to Mrs Manison
14.41 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss

Exclusion from Chamber: The Speaker ordered Mrs Lambley to leave the Assembly for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 49.

14.45 Ms Purick to Mrs Manison
14.49 Mr Maley to Mrs Mansion referred to Mr Gunner
14.52 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.56 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Manison
15.00 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

15. PAROLE AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 27): BILL AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Maley, Ms Purick, Mr Yan, Ms Uibo.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 4 considered.

Clauses 1 to 4 stand as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Question put that clause 5 stands as printed.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 15	Noes 8
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mr Maley
Ms Lawler	Ms Purick
Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Clauses 7 to 9 considered.

Clauses 7 to stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill as stands agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

16. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: CLOSING THE GAP

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding Closing the Gap.

Mr Gunner moved that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mrs Lambley.

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) debate was adjourned.

17. PAPERS TABLED

The Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, Report to the Legislative, August 2021 (Paper 329).
2. Correspondence between the Speaker and Chair of the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal, Seeking an Apology from Tribunal, regarding privilege, 6 August 2021 and 17 September 2021 (Paper 330).

Mr Bowden (Chair of the Public Accounts Committee) tabled the following papers and made a statement:

1. Annual Report 2020-2021, Public Accounts Committee (Paper 331).
2. Associated Minutes of proceedings, Annual Report 2020-2021, Public Accounts Committee (Paper 332).

Mr Bowden moved that the Assembly note the Report.

Question put.

Report noted.

18. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: SCHOOL BASED POLICING

The Speaker advised the Assembly that Ms Purick had proposed a Matter of Public Importance in the following terms:

That the NT Government reinstates NT Police school based police constables into middle, senior high schools, colleges and associated public educational institutions. The safety and personal wellbeing of students, teachers and the education community is paramount and requires strong NT Government support and resource commitment.

Having received the necessary support, discussion ensued.

Ms Purick.

Papers Tabled: Ms Purick, by leave, tabled the following papers:

1. Election Ask 3, School Based Police Programs, Expansion in Primary and Secondary Schools (Paper 333)
2. Article, NT, News, Dropping the ball on school cops (Paper 334)
3. Email to Mr Michael Gunner, Chief Minister, from Ms Beverley Ratahi, Chair of the Taminmin College Board, School Based Constables, dated 14 June 2021 (Paper 335)
4. Letter to Mr Michael Gunner, Chief Minister, from Mr Mark Ferguson, Chair of Sanderson Middle School, School Based Constables, dated 22 June 2021 (Paper 336)
5. Letter to Ms Beverley Ratahi, Chair of the Taminmin College Board, from Ms Lauren Moss, Minister for Education, dated 12 July 2021 (Paper 337)

Mrs Manison, Mrs Hersey, Ms Moss, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Maley.

Discussion concluded.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Young, Ms Uibo, Mr Paech, Ms Boothby, Mr Kirby, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Lambley, Mr Monaghan, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Turner.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.30 until Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following papers were deemed tabled:

Annual Reports 2019-2020

Board of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (Paper 321)

Annual Reports 2020

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Paper 322)
Charles Darwin University, Year in Review (Paper 324)

Annual Reports 2020-2021

Northern Territory Police, Assumed Identities, *Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015* (Paper 315)

Northern Territory Police, Banning Notices and Exclusion Orders in Designated Areas, *Liquor Act 2019* (Paper 318)
Northern Territory Police, *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004* (Paper 317)
Northern Territory Police, Number of Suspensions Imposed by the Commissioner of Police and a Police Officer *Liquor Act 2019* (Paper 316)
Northern Territory Police, *Terrorism (Emergency Powers) Act 2003* (Paper 320)
Northern Territory Police, Witness Identity Protection, *Police (Social Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015*, (Paper 319)

Financial Statements
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Paper 323)
Charles Darwin University and its Controlled Entities (Paper 325)

Remuneration Tribunal
Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 2 of 2021 Entitlements for Electorate Office Staff of Members of the Legislative Assembly – Parental Leave and Relief Arrangements (Paper 327)

Subordinate Legislation 2021
No. 13 of 2021, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Regulations 2021 (Paper 326)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.



RUSSELL KEITH
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly