Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 15
Thursday 20 March 2025

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1. **MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**
The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Robyn Lambley, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

2. **VISITORS**
On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Sattler Christian College present in the gallery.

3. **MINISTERIAL REPORT: PUBLIC HOUSING REFORM IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**
Mr Edgington (Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development) delivered a report regarding Public Housing Reform in the Northern Territory and moved the report be noted.

Mr Paech, Mr Howe, Mrs Zio, Mr O'Gallagher.

Visitors: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed young adults from YouthWorX and students and teachers from Project 21 present in the gallery.

Mr Patel, Mr Kerle, J Davis, Mrs Carlson, K McNamara, Mr Charls, Mr Mackay.

Question put and passed.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00 pm.

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4. **MOTION: REORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**
Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved that Government Business Order of the Day Number 2 relating to the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 have priority over Order of the Day Number 1.

Question put and passed.

Paper Tabled: Ms Boothby (Attorney-General) tabled: Report to ICAC, Operation Sirocco, section 31(1) of the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017*, Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Paper 230), and gave a statement by leave.

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5. QUESTIONS

2.05 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.09 Mrs Zio to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.13 Mr Young to Mrs Hersey
2.18 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Maley
2.22 Mr Brown to Mrs Hersey
2.25 Mr Kerle to Mr Edgington
2.29 Ms Uibo to Mrs Hersey
2.31 Mr Mackay to Mr Yan
2.35 K McNamara to Mr Maley
2.40 Mr O'Gallagher to Ms Boothby
2.44 Mr Guyula to Mr Maley
2.48 Mr Kerle to Mr Yan
2.51 J Davis to Mr Maley
2.55 Mr Mackay to Mr Burgoyne
3.01 Mr Paech to Mrs Hersey
3.04 Mr Howe to Mr Edgington

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

6. EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 14)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 14).

Mrs Hersey (Minister for Education and Training) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Ms Cahill, Mr Paech, K McNamara, Mrs Zio, Mr Young, Dr Rahman, Mr Guyula, Mr O'Gallagher, Ms Uibo, Mrs Carlson, Mr Charls, Mr Brown, J Davis, Mrs Hersey (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 16 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

Mrs Hersey moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Dr Rahman	Mr Yan
Mrs Zio			

Noes 7

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	K McNamara
Mr Paech	Ms Uibo	Mr Young	

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

7. **FISCAL INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 15)**

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 15).

Mr Yan (Treasurer) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Ms Uibo, Mr Maley, J Davis, Mr Kerle, Dr Rahman, Mr Yan (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 6 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

Mr Yan moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Dr Rahman	Mr Yan
Mrs Zio			

Noes 6

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	Mr Paech
Ms Uibo	Mr Young		

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Paech, Dr Rahman, K McNamara, Mr Burgoyne, J Davis, Mr Mackay, Ms Uibo, Mr Howe.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 10.18 pm until Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006

Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 1 of 2025 on the Entitlements of Local Court Judges - Salaries (Paper 226)

Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation No. 2 of 2025, Supreme Court Amendment (Forms) Rules 2025 (Paper 228)

Subordinate Legislation No. 28 of 2024, West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-Laws 2024 (Paper 229)

Surveillance Devices Act 2007

Report to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Compliance by Northern Territory Police Force with *Surveillance Devices Act 2007*, Ombudsman NT, December 2024 (Paper 227)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly