NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 64
Tuesday 29 November 2022

1. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Mark Monaghan, presided.

2. **PRAYERS**
Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Mr Paech delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **VISITORS**
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed students and staff from YouthWorX NT present in the gallery.

5. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS**
The Speaker made a statement regarding the Members' Satisfaction Survey 2022.

The Speaker advised that the Member for Mulka would be attending via videoconference.

6. **TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD AND RAIL LEGISLATION (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 70)**
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Edgington, Ms Lawler, Mr Paech (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time.

7. **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 65)**
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Burgoyne, Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Young.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 9 students and teachers from Woodroffe Primary School present in the gallery.

MeB

Mr Maley.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.00 and 14.00.

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8. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the presence of media personnel in the Chamber.

9. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 75).
2. Ms Boothby will move on the next General Business Day that the Fyles Labor Government recognise the opportunity that the Racing Industry provides for the Territory economy in Darwin and our regions.

10. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.04 Mr Young to Ms Fyles
14.08 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.12 Mr Bowden to Mr Paech
14.16 Mr Burgoyne to Mrs Worden
14.19 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.23 Mrs Hersey to Ms Moss
14.26 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.30 Mr Yan to Mrs Worden
14.34 Mr Yan to Mrs Worden – Supplementary
14.35 Mr Potter to Ms Lawler
14.38 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.41 Mr Costa to Ms Moss
14.45 Ms Boothby to Mrs Worden
14.48 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.52 Mr Edgington to Mr Paech

Proposed censure

Pursuant to Standing Order 67, Mr Edgington sought to move:

That this Assembly censures the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice for his failure to properly reflect community expectations by providing an adequate legislative framework to establish proper consequences for those committing crimes in the community.

The Government did not accept the proposed motion.

14.53 Mr Young to Mrs Worden
14.57 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler

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

11. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 65)

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

Mr Maley (continuation of remarks), Mr Guyula.

Paper Tabled: Mr Guyula, by leave, tabled: Letter to Hon. Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister, Appeal to act with greater urgency to protect children and young people currently in youth detention, from Mr Guyula and other Aboriginal and justice stakeholders (Paper 736).

Mrs Worden, Ms Purick, Ms Moss, Mrs Lambley, Mr Edgington, Ms Uibo, Mrs Hersey, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Bowden, Mr Paech (in reply).

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Deputy Speaker welcomed the Yapas and Wawas soccer teams present in the gallery.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 16	**Noes 8**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mrs Lambley
Ms Lawler	Mr Maley
Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands as printed.

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Clause 4 considered.

On the question that clause 4 stand as printed.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 16	**Noes 8**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mrs Lambley
Ms Lawler	Mr Maley
Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Question agreed to.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 16	**Noes 8**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mrs Lambley
Ms Lawler	Mr Maley
Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Question agreed to.

MeB

Bill agreed to.

Mr Paech (Attorney General and Minister for Justice), moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 16	**Noes 8**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
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Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
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Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

12. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled: Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office, November 2022 Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 737).

Ms Uibo (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) tabled: Annual Report 2021–2022, Closing the Gap NT Implementation Plan (Paper 738).

Ms Uibo moved that the Assembly note the report.

Question put and passed.

Ms Uibo (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) tabled: Everyone Together, Aboriginal Affairs Strategy Progress Report, November 2022 (Paper 739).

Ms Uibo moved that the Assembly note the report.

Question put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Manison (Minister for Tourism and Hospitality) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Mr Bowden, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Manison, Mr Maley, Ms Lawler, Mrs Hersey, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Turner, Mr Kirby, Mr Yan, Ms Uibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 22.04 until Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2021–2022

Commissioner of Superannuation (Paper 734)
Desert Knowledge Australia (Paper 730)
Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission (Paper 733)
National Health Funding Pool (Paper 728)
Public Guardian and Trustee (Paper 732)

Coroner's Act 1993

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of the Coroner's findings and recommendations regarding the death of Ms Roberta Judy Curry (also known as Currie), dated 15 November 2022, *Coroner's Act 1993*, section 46B (Paper 731)

Desert Knowledge Australia Act 2003

Northern Territory Auditor-General's Report to the Minister for Desert Knowledge Australia on Desert Knowledge Australia's 2021–2022 Financial Statement (Paper 729)

Paper

Everyone Together, Aboriginal Affairs Strategy Progress Report, November 2022 (Paper 735)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

Mr Guyula attended via videoconference.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly