NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 62
Wednesday 23 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

Ms Lawler delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Bakewell Primary School present in the gallery.

5. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POLICE WELLBEING AND RESOURCES

Mrs Finocchiaro, pursuant to notice, moved that this Assembly:

> Appoints a Select Parliamentary Committee to hold a full public inquiry into police wellness, resourcing, morale and retention in the Northern Territory, as well as any other specific topics which the Committee deems necessary.
>
> The Committee will be comprised of three (3) Government members, two (2) Opposition members and one (1) Independent Member, to be nominated in writing to the Speaker by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member.
>
> The Committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly within 90 days, with specific recommendations to address the ongoing crisis in policing.

Mrs Manison.

Mrs Manison moved that the question be put.

Ayes 12	**Noes 10**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Ms Moss	Mr Maley
Mr Potter	Mr Turner
Ms Uibo	Mr Yan

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Mrs Worden
Mr Young

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion to appoint the select committee be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 10	**Noes 13**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mr Guyula	Mr Kirby
Mrs Hersey	Ms Lawler
Mrs Lambley	Mrs Manison
Mr Maley	Mr Monaghan
Mr Turner	Ms Moss
Mr Yan	Mr Potter
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

6. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) moved, without notice, that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as is necessary to allow the immediate introduction of the Assembly Members' Remuneration Determination (Basic Salary) Bill 2022, and the passage of the Bill through all stages in the November and December Meetings of the Assembly.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley.

Question put and passed.

7. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' REMUNERATION DETERMINATION (BASIC SALARY) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 73)

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister), pursuant to the foregoing motion, presented a Bill for an Act to vary a determination of Assembly members' entitlements to basic salary made by the Remuneration Tribunal.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 703).

Papers Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled: Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 1 of 2022, Salaries and Other Entitlements of Assembly Members (Paper 705) and Letter to Mr Michael Martin OAM, Chair of the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal, Requesting that the Tribunal considers maintaining the current Members' basic salary, from the Hon. Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister, dated 20 October 2022 (Paper 704).

Ms Boothby moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 71)

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

Mr Yan, Mr Kirby.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Bakewell Primary School present in the gallery.

Mr Maley, Mr Guyula, Ms Uibo (in reply).

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.58 and 14.00.

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9. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 9 students and teachers from the Indigenous Education Unit at Haileybury Rendall School present in the gallery.

10. NOTICE

The following notice was given:

Mrs Worden (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Police Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 72).

11. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.02 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.05 Mr Maley to Ms Moss
14.06 Mr Young to Ms Lawler
14.10 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Worden
14.11 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.15 Mr Potter to Mr Kirby
14.18 Mr Edgington to Ms Uibo
14.19 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.23 Mr Yan to Mrs Manison
14.24 Mr Costa to Ms Moss
14.27 Mr Guyula to Ms Uibo
14.31 Mr Young to Ms Ah Kit
14.34 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.36 Mr Bowden to Mrs Worden
14.39 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles

Proposed censure

Pursuant to Standing Order 67, Ms Boothby sought to move:

That this Assembly censures the Government for its failure to publicly condemn former Labor Party secretary, head of Caucus and senior government adviser Kent Rowe, who was convicted 84 days ago for child sex offences.

The Government did not accept the proposed motion.

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14.41 Mr Young to Ms Fyles
14.44 Mr Potter to Ms Lawler
14.48 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.52 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.56 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.59 Mr Potter to Ms Lawler

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

12. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker advised pursuant to Standing Order 219, the Member for Fannie Bay has been appointed as an Acting Deputy Speaker.

13. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (AGE OF RETIREMENT) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 63)

Mr Turner, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act 1978*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Turner moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 720).

Mr Turner moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

14. MOTION: CENSURE OF THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mrs Finocchiaro moved, pursuant to notice, that this Assembly censure the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services for her failure to support police, tackle crime and keep Territorians safe.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre Make Your Mark Program students from Milikapiti, accompanied by parents, teachers and staff, present in the gallery.

Mrs Worden, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Manison, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Moss, Mr Yan, Mr Edgington, Mr Kirby, Mrs Hersey, Ms Uibo, Mrs Finocchiaro (in reply).

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 7	**Noes 15**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Mr Maley	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech

MWB

Mr Potter
Mr Turner
Ms Uibo
Mrs Worden
Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

15. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled: Schedule of Government Responses to Committee Reports, November 2022 (Paper 721).

16. FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 71)

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

Ms Uibo (continuation of remarks in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 3 considered.

Clauses 1 to 3 stand as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Clause 7 considered.

Clause 7 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Uibo (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Mr Maley, Mr Kirby, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Lawler, Ms Boothby, Mr Potter, Mrs Hersey, Mrs Worden, Mrs Manison, Ms Uibo, Mr Monaghan.

The Assembly adjourned at 21.08 until Thursday 24 November at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

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Annual Reports 2021–2022

Annual report of Inspector pursuant to Section 137 of the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* of evaluation of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption pursuant to Section 136 of the Act, September 2022 (Paper 706)
Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (Paper 718)
Department of Treasury and Finance (Paper 707)
Essential Services Commission of South Australia (Paper 712)
Indigenous Essential Services (Paper 709)
Jacana Energy (Paper 710)
Licensing NT (Paper 714)
Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (Paper 717)
Northern Territory Planning Commission (Paper 716)
Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (Paper 713)
Power and Water Corporation (Paper 708)
Territory Generation (Paper 711)
Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory, Annual report on material instances of non-compliance with the port access policy and determinations, *Ports Management Act 2015,* section 121(1) (Paper 715)

Subordinate Legislation 2022

No. 16 of 2022, Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation (Judbarra / Gregory National Park Carbon Emissions Reduction Project) By-Laws 2022 (Paper 719)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

Ms Purick attended via videoconference.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly