NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 72
Thursday 23 March 2023

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 Boothby 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 Haileybury Rendall School present in the gallery.

5. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE SHIP LIFT PROJECT
Mr Maley, pursuant to noticed, moved:

That this Assembly:

Appoints a select committee to conduct an inquiry into and examine the Ship Lift Project in detail and recommend options to ensure strong government oversight and financial management of the project with special regard to:

1. The $400 million budget blow-out since 2016;
2. The impact of the entrance into administration of Clough Group;
3. The circumstances necessitating the award of an additional technical design consultancy tender just two weeks ago;
4. The expected significant delay in delivery of the project as a result of recent events;
5. The ability of the government to accomplish the stated goals of the project; and
6. The economic viability of the project and ability to deliver a return on investment and value for money for Territorians.

The committee is to be composed of three (3) members of the Government, two (2) members of the Opposition and one (1) nominated by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member in writing to the Speaker.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days, with specific recommendations to address this issue of paramount importance to Territorians.

MCB

Ms Lawler.

Ms Lawler moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

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

Motion agreed to.

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

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 10	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Brown
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mr Guyula	Mr Kirby
Mrs Hersey	Ms Lawler
Mrs Lambley	Mrs Manison
Mr Maley	Mr Monaghan
Ms Purick	Mr Paech
Mr Yan	Mr Potter
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

6. MINISTERIAL REPORT: NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO FLOODING

Mrs Worden (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) delivered a report regarding the Northern Territory Government's Response to Flooding.

Mrs Worden moved that the Assembly note the report.

Mr Edgington.

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

MeB

Ms Fyles, Mr Yan, Mr Paech, Mrs Hersey, Mr Young.

Question put and passed.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.59 and 14.00.

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7. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker advised the Assembly that media would be present in the Chamber for the duration of Question Time.

8. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.04 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.07 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles

Visitors: On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed His Excellency Alarico de Rosário, the Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Employment from the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, accompanied by a ministerial delegation, present in the gallery.

14.12 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.15 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.16 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler
14.21 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
14.24 Mr Brown to Ms Uibo
14.28 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles
14.32 Mr Potter to Mr Kirby
14.35 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14.39 Mr Brown to Mr Paech
14.43 Mr Yan to Ms Fyles
14.46 Mr Bowden to Ms Ah Kit
14.50 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles
14.53 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14.55 Mr Potter to Mrs Worden
14.58 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
15.00 Mr Bowden to Mr Paech

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

9. TRESPASS BILL 2023 (SERIAL 79)

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

Mr Edgington, Ms Fyles, Mrs Manison, Ms Boothby, Mr Guyula, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Potter, Mrs Lambley, Mr Kirby, Mrs Worden (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

MLB

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands 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.

Clause 8 considered.

Clause 8 stands as printed.

Clause 9 considered.

Clause 9 stands as printed.

Clause 10 considered.

Clause 10 stands as printed.

Clause 11 considered.

Clause 11 stands as printed.

Clause 12 considered.

Clause 12 stands as printed.

Clause 13 considered.

Clause 13 stands as printed.

Clauses 14 to 17 considered together.

Clauses 14 to 17 stand as printed.

Clause 18 considered.

Clause 18 stands as printed.

Clause 19 considered.

Clause 19 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs Worden (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Ms Uibo, Ms Boothby, Mr Kirby, Mrs Lambley.

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

Ms Lawler, Mrs Hersey, Mr Potter, Mrs Worden, Mr Bowden, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.23 until Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPER

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed tabled:

Erratum

Annual Report 2021–2022, National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information Commissioner, Privacy Commissioner & Ombudsman (Paper 816)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Moss on leave.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly