NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 37
Wednesday 16 February 2022

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1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr Monaghan delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. MINISTERIAL REPORT: ACHIEVING EQUALITY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) delivered a report on Achieving Equality in the Northern Territory.

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) tabled: Achieving Equality in the Northern Territory, Northern Territory Government, February 2022 (Paper 484).

Ms Uibo moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Mr Edgington, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Paech, Mr Yan, Ms Purick, Ms Moss, Mr Guyula, Mr Bowden.

Debate suspended.

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

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5. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 40).
2. Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Justice and Licensing Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 43).
3. Mr Paech (Minister for Local Government) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Local Government Legislation Amendment (Remuneration) Bill 2022 (Serial 41).

4. Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Statute Law Amendment (Territory Economic Reconstruction) Bill 2022 (Serial 42).

5. Mrs Lambley will move on the next General Business Day:

   That the Members of the NT Legislative Assembly support Parliament House be made an "alcohol free workplace".

   That the Members of the NT Legislative Assembly support that all work areas within Parliament House, specifically and only pertaining to the staff and Members of the NT Legislative Assembly, are to be alcohol free, including, the whole of Level 5; all other offices and work areas; conference rooms; Member suites; reception areas; and all verandas adjacent to offices and work areas.

   That the Members of the NT Legislative Assembly support that the service and consumption of Alcohol at Parliament House will be restricted to official and private functions in allocated function areas, and at the privately operated Speakers Corner cafe, should they choose.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement about the media gallery.

7. QUESTIONS

14.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.09 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.12 Mr Maley to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mr Monaghan to Mr Kirby
14.19 Mr Edgington to Mr Gunner
14.21 Mr Young to Mrs Worden
14.24 Mr Burgoyne to Mrs Manison
14.28 Mr Costa to Mr Paech
14.31 Ms Boothby to Mrs Worden
14.37 Mr Bowden to Mrs Manison
14.41 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.45 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
14.47 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.51 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Manison
14.54 Mr Young to Ms Lawler

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

8. MOTION: RANDOM DRUG TESTING NOT AGREED TO

Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

> That this Assembly call on the Chief Minister to adopt and take all necessary steps to implement a policy that all Members of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Staff are required to undergo periodic random drug testing as a condition of their employment.

Mr Kirby.

Mr Kirby moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 14	**Noes 9**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Burgoyne

Ms Fyles	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mrs Hersey
Ms Lawler	Mrs Lambley
Mrs Manison	Mr Maley
Mr Monaghan	Ms Purick
Ms Moss	Mr Yan
Mr Paech	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 9	**Noes 15**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Gunner
Mrs Lambley	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

Motion not agreed to.

9. MOTION: ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the NT Government take immediate action to start planning to build a new Alice Springs hospital at a new site by 2032.

Ms Fyles moved the following amendment:

> Omit all the words after 'that' and insert the following words:
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> this Assembly acknowledge the infrastructure developments at Alice Springs Hospital that have been delivered and those that are underway managed by the Northern Territory Labor Government.

Mr Yan, Mr Paech, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, tabled: Tender Details, Panel Contract for Supply and Delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests for a Period of 12 Months (Paper 493).

Mr Burgoyne, Ms Lawler, Mr Maley, Mrs Manison, Ms Boothby, Mr Bowden.

Debate suspended.

10. MINISTERIAL REPORT: ACHIEVING EQUALITY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NOTED

Resumption of debate on the question that the report be noted.

Mr Bowden.

Question put and passed.

11. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled: Speaker's Determination DLA04 of 2022, Media (Paper 494).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Bowden, Mrs Hersey, Mr Kirby, Mr Paech, Mr Turner.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.19 until Thursday 17 February 2022 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2020–2021

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (Paper 492)
Jabiru Town Development Authority (Paper 486)
National Rail Safety Regulator (Paper 490)

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

Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 1 of 2021 Entitlements for Community Housing Registrar (Paper 487)

Financial Management Act 1995

Investment Determination, dated 31 December 2021 (Paper 488)

Gaming Control Act 1993

Licence to Conduct Internet Gaming, Gaineroo Pty Ltd (Paper 489)

Professional Standards Act 2004 (SA)

Law Society of South Australia Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 491)

Interpretation Act 1978

Notification of the making of by-laws under *Local Government Act 2019*, Subordinate Legislation No. 24 of 2021 (Paper 485)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MARIANNE CONATY
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly