Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 32
Thursday 4 September 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 Sanderson Middle School present in the gallery.

3. **MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
Pursuant to Standing Order 224, J Davis moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to K McNamara due to illness.

Question put and passed.

4. **POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 39)**
Mrs Finocchiaro (Minister for Police), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act 1978*, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 384).

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be declared be urgent.

Ms Uibo, Mr Maley, Mr Paech, Mr Yan, J Davis, Ms Boothby, Mr Young, Mr Edgington, Mr Brown, Mr O'Gallagher.

Paper Tabled: Mr O'Gallagher, by leave, tabled: Newsletter, Karama News, Issue 3 July 2025, Electorate Newsletter, Mr Brian O'Gallagher (Paper 388).

Visitors: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Sanderson Middle School present in the gallery.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Howe, Ms Uibo, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Guyula.

Debate interrupted.

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

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5. QUESTIONS

2.00 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.03 Mr Howe to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.07 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.11 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro – Supplementary
2.12 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Yan
2.16 Mr Young to Mr Yan
2.20 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley
2.24 Mr Brown to Mr Charls
2.27 Dr Rahman to Mr Charls
2.31 Ms Uibo to Mr Maley
2.36 Mr Kerle to Mrs Hersey
2.40 J Davis to Ms Boothby
2.42 Mrs Zio to Ms Boothby
2.46 Mr Paech to Mr Maley
2.50 Mr Patel to Mr Charls
2.53 J Davis to Ms Cahill
2.57 Mrs Carlson to Mr Edgington

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

6. PAPER TABLED

Mrs Finocchiaro (Chief Minister) tabled: Report, Review into the Structural Models for Statutory Integrity Offices (Paper 390) and, by leave, made a short statement.

7. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 39)

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Guyula (continuation of remarks), J Davis, Mr Patel, Mrs Zio, Mr Paech, Mrs Finocchiaro (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 7 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to, 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			

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

Question agreed to.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

8. MINISTERIAL REPORT: SILKWOOD

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the report be noted.

Mr Maley.

On the motion of Mr Edgington the debate adjourned.

9. MOTION: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly now move to the Matter of Public Importance.

Question put and passed.

10. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: METHANE LEAK AT THE DARWIN LIQUIFIED GAS PLANT

The Speaker advised the Assembly that J Davis had proposed a Matter of Public Importance in the following terms:

> That urgent action must be taken to ensure Santos immediately addresses an ongoing methane leak at the Darwin Liquified Gas plant, in order to protect our environment and to ensure all companies operating in the Northern Territory are accountable to our community and our environment.

The proposal did not receive the necessary support.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr Rahman, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Paech, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Uibo, Mr Charls, Mrs Finocchiaro, J Davis, Mrs Carlson, Mr Edgington, Ms Boothby, Mr Mackay, Mrs Hersey, Mr Howe, Mr Kerle.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 6.47 pm until Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Children's Commissioner Act 2013

Report, Services Provided by Territory Families Housing and Communities, Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory, *Children's Commissioner Act 2013,* 9 May 2025 (Paper 389)

***Professional Standards Act 1994* (NSW)**

The CPA Australia Professional Standards Scheme, *Professional Standards Act 1994* (NSW) (Paper 386)

Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation No. 9 of 2025, Land Title and Registration Amendment Regulations 2025 (Paper 385)

Surveillance Devices Act 2007

Annual Report, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Surveillance Devices Annual Report – 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* (Paper 387)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting, except K McNamara on leave.



RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly