NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 88
Wednesday 15 May 2019

1. MEETING
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT
The Speaker made a statement regarding Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

5. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO
Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Vowles and Mr Costa due to personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR BILL 2019 (SERIAL 95)
Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to govern the sale, supply, service, promotion and consumption of all forms of liquor and alcohol products for the purpose of minimising their associated harm and for related purposes and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1190) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1191).

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 92)
Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Act 2004*, the *Community Justice Centre Act 2005* and the *Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Regulations 2005* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1192) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1193).

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

8. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 75): BILL AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved the Bill to be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Wakefield, Mr Sievers.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Henbury School accompanied by Special Education Support Officer Doug Kinter and teacher Paul Drewitt.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.51 and 14.00.

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9. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. By leave, Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) gave notice of a motion without reading it out.

   Ms Fyles will move:

   This Assembly resolves that:

   1. There be appointed an Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the Committee) for the purposes of examining and reporting on the:

      (a) estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill (the Appropriation Bill) and related budget documents, and

      (b) activities, performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy and Territory Generation, with reference to those corporations' Statements of Corporate Intent 2019-20.

   2. The membership of the Committee will be four Government Members, one Opposition Member and two non-party aligned Members to be nominated

in writing to the Speaker by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member.

3. The total time for hearings of the Committee may not exceed 60 hours.
4. The maximum time of the appearance of each of the Chief Minister and the Treasurer shall be 8 hours, and for each other Minister and the Speaker shall be 7 hours.
5. The Committee will publish a schedule of the days and times of hearings, and the times allotted for hearing from Ministers, the Speaker and Board Chairs provided by 24 May 2019. The Committee may only amend the published schedule with the consent of the Leader of Government Business.
6. The Committee shall examine the proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill by portfolios in accordance with an agenda published by the Committee and the proposed expenditure shall be considered on an output by output basis for each portfolio unit.
7. All hearings of the Committee are to be open to the public unless the Committee orders otherwise.
8. All questions should conform to Standing Order 109 and answers will be concise and directly relevant to the question asked.
9. Answers to questions taken on notice during the hearings, or additional information about an answer given by or on behalf of a Minister, the Speaker or Board Chair, are to be written and given to the First Clerk Assistant by 11 July 2019. Answers or additional information so received are authorised for publication.
10. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is authorised to publish a transcript of the Committee proceedings, whether or not it has been edited, as soon as practicable.
11. Evidence taken in public by the Committee and documents presented to the Committee are deemed to be authorised for publication by the Committee, unless the Committee orders otherwise.
12. At a hearing of the Committee, the Chair may, after a warning, order any Member of the Assembly whose conduct, in the opinion of the Chair, continues to be disorderly or disruptive to immediately withdraw from the Committee for a period of 1 hour.
13. Following its second reading, the Appropriation Bill stands referred to the Committee for report by 20 June 2019.
14. When the Committee's report on the Appropriation Bill is presented, the Assembly shall immediately consider the question:

    that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill stand as part of the Bill, and the report of the Estimates Committee be noted.

15. The following time limits shall apply to the debate on this question:
    - Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Ministers: 20 minutes;
    - Any other Member: 10 minutes;
    - The maximum period for consideration shall be 5 hours.

16. When the question on the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation Bill is agreed to, the following question is proposed and put immediately:

    that the remainder of the Bill stand as part of the Bill.

17. When the Appropriation Bill has been agreed to by the Assembly, the third reading may be taken into consideration immediately.

18. This resolution shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing and Sessional Orders.

2. Ms Uibo (Minister for Education) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 93).

3. Mr Kirby (Minister for Primary Industry and Resources) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Hemp Industry Bill 2019 (Serial 91).

4. Ms Lawler (Minister for Environment and Natural Resources) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Environment Protection Bill 2019 (Serial 94).

10. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.05 Mr Higgins to Ms Lawler
14.09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.13 Mr Higgins to Mr Kirby
14.14 Mr Higgins to Mr Kirby – Supplementary
14.19 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.22 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14.26 Mr Guyula to Mr Kirby
14.29 Mr Collins to Ms Fyles
14.33 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.36 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14.40 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler
14.43 Mr Wood to Ms Wakefield
14.47 Mr Collins to Ms Manison
14.51 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.55 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler

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

11. MOTION: MARKETING THE TERRITORY NOT AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

- notes the Gunner Labor Government's failure to adequately market the Northern Territory as a destination to live and work; and
- condemns the Government for wasting taxpayers' money on ineffective marketing campaigns and gimmicky slogans.

Mr McConnell, Ms Moss, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Higgins.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 7	**Noes 14**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Ms Fyles

Mr Higgins	Mr Gunner
Mrs Lambley	Mr Kirby
Mr McConnell	Ms Lawler
Mr Mills	Mr McCarthy
Mr Wood	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

12. MOTION: ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, moved:

That the NT Government commence planning to build a new Alice Springs Hospital at a new site by 2030.

Ms Fyles.

Ms Fyles moved the following amendment:

Remove all words after 'that' and replace with:

The Northern Territory Government completes the Strategic Infrastructure Planning process to guide future development for Alice Springs Hospital.

Mr McConnell, Ms Wakefield, Mr Paech, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Mrs Lambley.

Question, that the amendment be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 12	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Fyles	Mr Higgins
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Wood
Mr McCarthy	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Ms Uibo	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

Question, that the motion as amended be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 12	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Fyles	Mr Higgins
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Wood

Mr McCarthy
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Mr Paech
Ms Uibo
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Motion agreed to.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Gaetano Gugliotta and his family and friends.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Moss, Ms Uibo.

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled: NT News Article, Mr G, one of the Territory's most loved teachers, retires after 37 years, dated 24 April 2019 (Paper 1194).

Ms Lawler, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Wood, Mr Kirby, Ms Fyles.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles, by leave, tabled: 2019 NT Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards Finalists (Paper 1195).

The Assembly adjourned at 20.02 until Thursday 16 May 2019 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Vowles and Mr Costa.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly