NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 95
Wednesday 14 August 2019

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

4. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Costa due to personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

5. STATUTE LAW REVISION AND REPEALS BILL 2019 (SERIAL 99)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous minor amendments to various laws, to repeal legislation that is spent or no longer required and for related purposes and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1285) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1286).

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 Social Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 15 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 100)

Ms Lawler (Minister for Environment and Natural Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Water Act 1992* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1287) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1288).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 15 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 101)

Ms Moss (Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1289) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1290).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Moss moved that the Bill be referred to the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 15 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

8. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 92): BILL AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved the Bill be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Manison, Ms Lawler, Mr Collins, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 7 considered together.

Clauses 1 to 7 stand as printed.

Clause 8 considered.

Ms Fyles moved the following amendment:

Clause 8, proposed section 7A(1)(c) and (d), after "that has"

insert

expired or

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 8 as amended stands.

Remainder of Bill taken together.

Remainder of Bill stands as printed.

Bill as amended agreed to.

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 11.52 and 14.00.

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9. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) will move on the next Meeting Day:

That pursuant to Section 4 of the *Audit Act 1995*, the Assembly recommend to Her Honour the Administrator that she re-appoint Ms Julie Christine Crisp to hold the office of the Auditor-General of the Northern Territory.

10. PETITION

Mr Collins presented Petition Number 39 from 22 petitioners, not conforming with Standing Orders, relating to a request that a scrutiny committee investigate the transfer of the Darwin Waterfront Precinct land back to the council (Paper 1291).

Petition read.

11. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGREED TO

Mr Collins moved that Petition Number 39 be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee.

Question put and passed.

12. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Ms Vivian Dugan, Assistant Secretary of Together Queensland, and Mr Owen Dugan, State Secretary, Rail, Tram and Bus Union Queensland Branch.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison
14.08 Mr Higgins to Ms Uibo
14.09 Mr Higgins to Ms Uibo – Supplementary

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Ms Dawn McCarthy.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

14.13 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14.16 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Uibo
14.20 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
14.23 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler
14.27 Mr McConnell to Mr Kirby
14.30 Mr Mills to Ms Wakefield
14.34 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
14.38 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.42 Mr Collins to Ms Manison
14.46 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Wakefield
14.49 Mr Wood to Mr Kirby – Referred to Ms Lawler
14.53 Mr Collins to Mr Gunner
14.57 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.58 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner

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

13. MOTION: BUDGET REPAIR NOT AGREED TO

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

That this Assembly:

- recognises that the Territory's domestic economy continues to contract significantly;
- condemns the Government for its failure to implement the recommendations of the final Langoulant report to address the fiscal crisis and structural imbalance in the Territory economy; and
- notes that the Government continues to 'say one thing, but do another' when it comes to budget repair.

Mr Wood, Mr McConnell, Ms Manison, Mr Mills, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Higgins.

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled: Photograph of Darwin CBD House regarding the vacant property land tax (Paper 1295).

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 6	**Noes 14**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Higgins	Ms Fyles
Mr McConnell	Mr Gunner
Mr Mills	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Wood	Mr McCarthy
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

14. MOTION: CRIME CRISIS

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

That this Assembly:

- acknowledges the continuing crime crisis in the Northern Territory, including the dramatic increase of property crime under the current Government;
- calls on the government to place the interests of victims of crime over those of offenders;
- admonishes the Government to take action to decrease crime and offending today, rather than in a generation; and
- condemns the Government for allowing, through inaction, property crime to rise to historic levels in the Territory.

Ms Manison.

Debate suspended.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr McConnell, Ms Nelson, Ms Manison, Ms Moss, Mr Wood, Ms Uibo.

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled: Article, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair draws thousands as artists fight unethical dealers, by Kate Ashton (Paper 1296).

Mr Paech, Mr Kirby.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.12 until Thursday 15 August 2019 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2018

Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Education (Paper 1292)
Charles Darwin University (Paper 1293)

Financial Statements 2018

Charles Darwin University and its Controlled Entities (Paper 1294)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Costa.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly