NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 25
Tuesday 9 May 2017

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

2. PRAYERS

3. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT
The Speaker made a statement regarding National Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week.

4. JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 12): BILL AGREED TO
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Nelson, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

5. LIMITATION AMENDMENT (CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 16)
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Worden, Mr Wood, Ms Nelson, Ms Lawler, Ms Wakefield, Ms Manison, Ms Uibo.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of home-school students and their parents and families.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr McCarthy.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.55 and 14.00.

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6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Alcohol Harm Reduction Bill 2017 (Serial 25).
2. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Liquor Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 24).
3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Supreme Court Amendment (Associate Judges) Bill 2017 (Serial 26).

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Stage 1 Legal Studies students from The Essington School Darwin.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

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4. Ms Manison (Treasurer) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 23).
5. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day:

   That:

   - this Assembly recognises that growth in the population of the Northern Territory is essential for a strong economy and prosperous community; and
   - calls on the Government to work with the Parliament as a whole to develop strategies and initiatives to grow the population of the Northern Territory.
6. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly calls on the Government to take action to address the lack of business confidence in the Territory.
7. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly acknowledges the significant role that the Local Government sector plays in communities across the Northern Territory.
8. Mr Guyula will move on the next General Business Day:

   That:

   - the Northern Territory Government notes the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and
   - using this Declaration as a basis, legislate a Bill of Rights for Northern Territory Indigenous Peoples.

7. PETITIONS

Ms Nelson presented Petition Number 11 from 1173 petitioners praying that there be a moratorium on all unconventional oil and gas mining in the NT Division of Lingiari for seven years (Paper 289).

Petition read.

8. QUESTIONS

14:05 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14:08 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14:10 Mr Sievers to Ms Manison
14:13 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14:18 Mr Paech to Ms Manison
14:21 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14:25 Mr Kirby to Mr Gunner
14:28 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14:32 Ms Uibo to Mr McCarthy
14:35 Mr Mills to Ms Wakefield
14:39 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
14:43 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14:45 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:49 Mr Costa to Ms Fyles
14:52 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:56 Mr McConnell to Ms Lawler
14:59 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

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

Mr Higgins, Pursuant to Standing Order 114, asked the Speaker to write to various Ministers seeking reasons for their delay in responding to written questions.

9. LIMITATION AMENDMENT (CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 16): BILL AGREED TO

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

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

10. MOTION: REORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved that Government Business Order of the Day Number 4 be called on.

Question put and passed.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EDUCATION STATEMENT NOTED

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr Costa, Ms Fyles, Ms Lawler.

Question put and passed.

12. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled:

1. 2016 Territory Election Report (Paper 290).

13. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE, SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Report.

Mrs Worden, Mr Higgins, Mr Paech, Mr Wood, Ms Ah Kit, Mr McCarthy, Ms Fyles.

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the motion be amended by inserting after the word "report": The Assembly adopts recommendations 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25 and 30, and refers recommendations 1, 2, 4, 19, 23, and 26, to the Standing Orders Committee for inquiry and report on procedural matters.

Mr Wood, Mr Collins.

Question, that the amendment moved by Ms Fyles be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Higgins
Mr Costa	Mrs Lambley
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Gunner	Mr Wood
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Amendment agreed to.

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

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
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Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion as amended agreed to.

14. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE AND AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

1. *Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, March 2017* (Paper 245). Deferred.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Ms Wakefield, Ms Moss, Mrs Worden, Mr Sievers, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Kirby.

The Assembly adjourned at 19:12 until Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

There were no deemed papers.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

Michael Tatham

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly