NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 44
Thursday 31 March 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 Yan delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 6 students from Bees Creek School, accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. SOLAR PROJECT (AUSTRALIA-ASIA POWER LINK) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 47)

Mr Gunner (Minister for Major Projects and Territory Economic Reconstruction), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the development of a solar generation plant and power link to Asia.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Gunner moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 525).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. WEEDS MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 46)

Ms Lawler (Minister for Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Weeds Management Act 2001* and the Weeds Management Regulations 2006.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 526).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. **PERSONAL INJURIES (LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 48)**

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act 2003.*

Bill read a first time.

Ms Uibo moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 527).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. **VISITORS**

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of guests from the Australian International Islamic College, Darwin Campus, Ziyath and Razak.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

9. **SURROGACY BILL 2022 (SERIAL 50)**

Ms Fyles (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to regulate surrogacy arrangements and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time, and delivered a second reading speech.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 6 students from Bees Creek School, accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Fyles tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 528).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

10. **ASSOCIATIONS AND LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 49)**

Ms Fyles (Minister for Alcohol Policy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Associations Act 2003* and the *Liquor Act 2019.*

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 529).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

11. **JUSTICE AND LICENSING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 43): BILL AGREED TO**

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

Mr Edgington, Ms Uibo.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clauses 5 to 7 considered.

Clauses 5 to 7 stand as printed.

Clause 8 considered.

Clause 8 stands as printed.

Clauses 9 and 10 considered.

Clauses 9 and 10 stand as printed.

Clause 11 considered.

Clause 11 stands as printed.

Clauses 12 and 13 considered.

Clauses 12 and 13 stand as printed.

Clause 14 considered.

Clause 14 stands as printed.

Clause 15 considered.

Clause 15 stands as printed.

Clause 16 considered.

Clause 16 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Uibo (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 11.56 and 14.00.

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12. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly:
    - calls on the Gunner Labor Government to urgently address the population crisis in the Northern Territory, highlighted by the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics growth survey
    - condemns the Gunner Labor Government for failing in its promise to grow our population
    - demands the Gunner Labor Government immediately demonstrate how it will stop the decline in the Territory's population
    - calls on the Gunner Labor Government to recognise the link between community safety, crime, anti-social behaviour, the health crisis and population decline.
2. Mr Maley will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly calls on the Gunner Government to immediately review and reassess the need for additional emergency shelters in rural and regional areas of the Territory, in light of recent flooding and threatening weather events, so that Territorians can be comforted in the fact that they can shelter closer to home in the event of a natural disaster.
3. Mr Edgington will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly condemns the Gunner Labor Government for its failure to implement meaningful economic and red-tape reforms that are holding back the mining, agriculture and gas industries in the Northern Territory, leading to viable projects experiencing delays and setbacks that jeopardise their ability to be delivered in this jurisdiction.

13. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.02 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.07 Mr Maley to Mr Gunner
14.07 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss
14.13 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
14.14 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.17 Mr Burgoyne to Mr Gunner
14.17 Mr Costa to Mrs Worden
14.22 Mr Edgington to Mr Gunner
14.24 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.27 Mr Guyula to Mrs Worden
14.31 Mrs Hersey to Mr Gunner
14.32 Mr Bowden to Mr Paech
14.36 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner
14.39 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Manison
14.43 Mr Burgoyne to Mr Gunner
14.47 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler
14.55 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.58 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary

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

14. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the birth of the Member for Blain's child.

15. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: COVID-19 NOTED

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

Mr Monaghan, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

16. PAPER TABLED: COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES, REPORT ON A REFERRAL REGARDING THE MEMBER FOR BARKLY NOTED

Ms Fyles (Chair of the Committee of Privileges) tabled Committee of Privileges, Report on a Referral Regarding the Member for Barkly (Paper 530) and made a tabling statement.

Ms Fyles moved that the Assembly note the Report.

Mr Maley, Mrs Lambley.

Mr Paech 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 and passed.

17. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: RURAL AND REMOTE EDUCATION EQUALITY

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

That the Northern Territory Government has failed to provide equity in education for rural and remote students and their families.

Having received the necessary support, discussion ensued.

Ms Purick, Ms Moss, Mrs Hersey, Mr Kirby, Mrs Lambley, Mr Guyula, Mr Edgington, Ms Lawler.

Discussion concluded.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Fyles, Mr Edgington, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31 the Speaker determined certain words may be highly disorderly and may order they not be published in the Parliamentary Record.

Ms Lawler, Mrs Lambley, Mr Turner, Ms Moss, Mr Yan, Mrs Hersey, Mr Maley, Ms Boothby, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Uibo, Mrs Manison.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.05 until Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MARIANNE CONATY
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly